



## ADULT SOCCER PLAYER CONDUCT GUIDELINES

The following “Adult Soccer Player Conduct Guidelines” have been adopted by the Spanish Fork City Parks & Recreation Department. These rules of conduct will be strictly enforced in the Adult Recreation Soccer Leagues throughout the year. Penalties for conduct violations could carry over from sport to sport.

***It is the coaches’ responsibility to ensure all their players know and adhere to these rules.  
All Adult Soccer Player Conduct Guidelines are enforced before, during and after the game.***

1. **An official shall use YELLOW CARDS and RED CARDS** as a means to discipline players for misconduct during a game.
2. **YELLOW CARD** is shown by a referee to indicate that a player has been officially cautioned.
  - a) A player who has been yellow carded will sit for two minutes. No substitution may be made for the player during this time.
  - b) If a player receives a second caution in a match, they are ejected from the game (shown the yellow card again, and then a red card).
  - c) A player receives a yellow card for committing any of the following offenses:
    - i) Is guilty of unsporting behavior
    - ii) Shows dissent by word or action
    - iii) Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
    - iv) Delays the restart of play
    - v) Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner-kick, free-kick, or throw in
3. **RED CARD** is shown by a referee to signify that a player has been sent off (ejected) from the game. A player who has been sent off is required to leave the field of play immediately and must take no further part in the game.
  - a) A player who is sent off cannot be replaced by a substitute, forcing their team to play with one fewer player.
  - b) A player receives a red card for committing any of the following offenses:
    - i) Is guilty of serious foul play
    - ii) Is guilty of violent conduct
    - iii) Spits at an opponent or any other person
    - iv) Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his or her own penalty area)
    - v) Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player’s goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
    - vi) Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
    - vii) Receives a second caution in the same match
4. Any player that receives a red card (in addition to leaving the game immediately) will be suspended for the next scheduled game and will receive a letter from the program director placing the player on probation.
  1. Further yellow or red cards may result in suspension from the league at the discretion of the program director.
5. Players are prohibited from the use of drugs or alcohol anywhere on city property or any playing area. Players who in the opinion of the officials, site supervisor or director appear to have been drinking alcohol or taking drugs, shall be ejected from the game, placed on probation, must meet with recreation staff, and could include possible suspensions.
6. Teams are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. Failure to attempt to control disruptive spectators may result in a forfeit to your team.

7. Players not listed on the official roster (who have paid and signed the waiver form) will not be allowed to play! Do not try to play under an assumed name! Teams caught trying to cheat in this manner will forfeit the game where they were caught and be banned from postseason tournament play. If caught during the tournament, the team will be suspended from the tournament.
8. A game may be stopped at any time by the officials, site supervisor, director or program management staff, if the situation warrants.
9. The Recreation staff has final authority over all disputes!