



2020 Soccer Rules

REGISTRATION:

All players register to play at <http://hyp.cogran.com>. If a player has trouble registering online, they must contact sports@hyp.org prior to registration closing to join a team. Communication must be received no later than 11:59 P.M. on the date of registration closing to be considered. Players may not be added to a team after registration closes for any reason. (conflicts with late registration and illness/injury adds) Any team found to be playing with unregistered players will be subject to the forfeit of matches in which the unregistered player played.

DIVISION STRUCTURE:

Elite – The Elite Division is for skilled players with prior game experience looking for a more competitive game environment.

Elimination Playoffs (All-Teams Qualify) as it will be split between a Major and Minor Conference Playoff Bracket. Team trophies will be given out for the winner of each bracket as the Major Conference winner will receive a \$100 gift card to the league sponsors.

Casual – The Casual Division provides casual players with a recreational game experience, focusing on camaraderie and enjoyment more than winning or losing.

No playoffs as all teams will play an extra game after the Regular Season against a similarly ranked team for a Bowl Game.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY & SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

All participants must complete an HYP Sports League Waiver of liability form and Sportsmanship Policy. All participants in the league assume the risk of injury. HYP, its volunteers, and employees shall not be liable for injury to a person, loss or damage to personal property arising from, or in any way resulting from, participation in the league. *(Harrisburg Young Professionals is not responsible for any lost or stolen equipment, bottles, clothing, or etc.)*

TEAM ROSTERS

- There is no maximum number of team members
- Teams must have a **minimum of ten (13) players on a roster** – *NO EXCEPTIONS*
- Roster additions can be made after the close of registration in the event of a player's injury or illness or other unexpected reasons. The affected player must contact the Director of Sports and Fitness to make the necessary accommodations. The replacement of the injured player must be replaced with the same gender. The player who will not be on the roster anymore will be removed from the team roster and will be considered an ineligible player.
- Injury substitutions are permitted.
- Any unregistered player found by a pre-game roster check will not be allowed to play.
- A team captain may request a roster check at any time throughout the game, but not after the game.
- Any ineligible player found by an in-game roster check will result in a forfeit by the team for whom he or she is playing and scored 0-3, and the team's captain is suspended for 1 game.

Any person who has not registered, signed the waiver, and paid the fee to play in the league is not considered a team member. This is a liability for the organization as it is an unfair opportunity for other players in the league.

- **First offense:** Team forfeits the game and the team captain is suspended for (1) match.
- **Second offense:** Team forfeits the game and the whole team is suspended for (1) game which results being ineligible for the Postseason.

SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

- A team may pick up a max. of (3) players from another HYP Soccer team to reach a maximum of 10 players.
- A rostered player who arrives late must immediately replace any substitute players. Substitute players cannot be used in playoff games but can be used in Bowl Games.
- Teams may not use substitute players from another league (for example, a team may not pick up a player from volleyball to play soccer unless they play soccer also).

EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING

- **All players are required to wear their 2020 Spring HYP Soccer jersey during game play following the 2nd week of the season. Following the 2nd week of the season, for every player who does not have their jersey, (1) point will be given to the opposing team to start each match. If a player's jersey is lost or destroyed, he or she must contact HYP at sports@hyp.org or call the office at 717-831-0726 to purchase a replacement.**
 - Players **MAY NOT** switch jerseys after week 1.
- HYP will provide soccer balls for teams to use during games and to warm up before games. Players can bring their own soccer balls to play with - depending on the approval of their opponent and referee.
- All soccer balls will be size 5.
 - Teams may bring a soccer ball to play with if it is approved by opposing team and officials.
 - HYP will provide a ball to play with if no team supplies one.
- The goal size – 24 feet wide by 8 feet high.
- The field size – 40 yards wide by 60 yards long.
- **All players MUST wear rubber soled shoes / cleats.**
 - Metal cleats will NOT be permitted.
- Players with casts or braces will be permitted to play based on the referee's discretion.
- **All players MUST wear shin guards.**
 - This rule will be enforced by PIAA officials.

START TIME

Every effort will be made to ensure that matches begin promptly at their scheduled times. Teams that do not have the minimum (7) players at the start of the match are permitted a (10)-minute grace period. A team that still does not have the minimum number of players after the (10)-minute grace period forfeits the game 0-3. (Teams who are finished with their games are encouraged move away from the fields to ensure the next teams who are scheduled to play to have warm-up time before their scheduled game).

GAMEPLAY RULES

- Each game will consist of (2) halves, each 20 minutes in length with a 5-minute halftime.
- The clock will be continuously running throughout the game and there will be no stoppage time.
- All FIFA soccer rules will be followed to determine fouls, hand balls, corner kicks, free kicks, etc.
- The "away team" will get the ball first and the "home team" will pick which side they would like to start on.
- The ball may be played forward or backwards directly off the opening touch.
 - A goal may NOT be scored off the opening kick.

- **There will be NO OFFIDES.**
- A game is considered “official” after one half is played. If weather or other unforeseen circumstance occurs that prohibits the continuation of the game, the score will be final.
- In the case of serious injury where the injured player must remain on the field the following may occur:
 - o If injury is before halftime – the game will be cancelled and rescheduled.
 - o If injury occurs in 2nd half– the game will be final, and the score will count when the injury occurred.
 - Exceptions would be for playoff games.
- **At least 3 female players** must always be on the field.
 - o If only 2 female players are playing, the team must play 8 players (7 field and 1 goalie).
 - o If only 1 female player is playing, the team must play with 7 players (6 field and 1 goalie).
 - o No team may play with less than 7 players (6 field and 1 goalie).
- If a ball leaves the playing area, the following may occur:
 - o Throw in
 - o Goal kick
 - o Corner kick
- Both team benches will be on the same side of the field, at least 10 feet from either side of the mid-field line.
- Substitutions
 - o There will be unlimited subs allowed during a game.
 - o Subs must line up at the mid-field touchline.
 - o Subs may enter the game at any stoppage of play when permitted by the referee.
- Goalkeepers
 - o The ball must leave the goalkeepers hands within 6 seconds.
 - o **Goalkeepers MAY NOT punt or drop kick the ball.**
 - Doing so will result in an indirect free kick from where the ball was punted/drop-kicked.
- Cautions
 - o A yellow card will be given out as a warning.
 - A player must sit out 5 minutes and will be permitted back in play once that time has passed
 - 3 yellow cards in a season will result in a (1) game suspension.
 - o A red card results in an immediate ejection and will result in further punishment from HYP as we see fit.
 - (see HYP’s zero-tolerance policy)
 - A player must immediately leave the premises.
 - A second yellow card in the same game will also result in a red card.
 - His or her team must play a player down for the remainder of the game.

RULE CHANGES: Should circumstances justify a change to any rules or policies that will improve the game experience for all players, the Director of Sports and Fitness and Sports Committee reserve the authority to affect rule changes up until the start of second half of the season (Friday, May 15th, 2020). Proposed rule changes will be disseminated to team captains for comment, and if agreed upon, implemented by the following week.

REPORTING SCORES

- Officials and HYP staff will keep track of scores for soccer.
- 3 points will be awarded to the winning team.
- 1 point will be awarded to both teams if tied during the regular season.
- 0 points will be awarded to the losing team.

STANDINGS

- Scores will be posted on the GameOn Mobile app within 24 hours the day after games.
- Captains have 48 hours after the scores are posted to report any incorrect score. After 48 hours, all scores are final.

- Team Standings are determined by the following, in order:
 1. Overall winnings percentage
 2. Head-to-Head record
 3. Lowest points against allowed
 4. Least number of forfeits for the season
 5. Most points scored
 6. Coin toss

PLAYOFFS

- Only the Elite division will take part in HYP's soccer playoffs.
 - o The top 6 teams will be placed in the "Major" bracket and the bottom 4 teams will be placed in the "Minor" bracket.
 - o Playoff seeding will be based on the final regular season standings.
 - o Playoffs will be a single elimination format.
- All playoff games must have a winner
 - o If game ends in a tie at the end of regulation, there will be a 5-minute 'sudden death' overtime.
 - o If nobody scores after the 5-minute overtime, both goal keepers will be removed, and the game will continue until a goal is scored.
- All Casual teams will play an additional 'bowl game' at the end of the season.
 - o HYP will try its best to pair teams up who have not played each other and who also have a similar skill level.

CANCELATIONS AND MAKE-UP GAMES

Soccer games will be played in cold / hot temperatures, windy, and rainy weather. Games will be canceled if the weather is severe or if the City of Harrisburg does not allow permit holders to play. Please be prepared to play every game until an announcement has been made! Once a game begins it is up to the Director of Sports and Fitness to decide when a game should be called. The Director of Sports and Fitness will reach out to captains via email to inform them about future makeup games.

RULE ENFORCEMENT AND CONDUCT

- Players are responsible for understanding and abiding by the rules of the game.
- Unsportsmanlike behavior, such as taunting or antagonizing opponents and using foul or abusive language, will not be tolerated. Players who engage in such behavior will be subject to disciplinary action according to the guidelines set forth in the HYP Sportsmanship Policy.
- HYP staff members/court supervisors are authorized to remove any disruptive player or guest from the premises.
- **Harrisburg Young Professionals is committed to providing a safe environment for all sports participants, including players, guests, staff, and game officials. All participants are encouraged to report unacceptable conduct (including but not limited to verbal abuse, harassment on social media, and threatening language) to HYP's Board of Directors. Players who engage in such behavior may be suspended for the remainder of the season or longer where appropriate as determined by the Board.**

FACILITIES AND PARKING

It will be the players responsibility to obey to Harrisburg Cities parking laws enforced on City Island. Players may not park in the grass nor down next to the volleyball courts / soccer fields unless they have a permit to park there. HYP has no say with the City of Harrisburg, Harrisburg Senators, or any other organizations that enforce paying to park as it is out of HYP's control.

As a civic organization, Harrisburg Young Professionals encourages good citizenship of its representative members and sports league participants. Picking up trash (especially if it is not your own) helps create a more pleasant game experience for other league participants and promotes a more cooperative relationship between HYP and the community organizations with whom we partner.

HYP SPORTS ALCOHOL POLICY

Harrisburg Young Professionals strives to provide players and guests with a safe, alcohol-free game experience that is family-friendly, social, and competitive. HYP partners with sponsoring bars to provide a social environment for participants and guests to enjoy alcohol responsibly **after the game**. It is HYP's policy that all players and guests must comply with all applicable laws and ordinances regarding the possession and consumption of alcohol. [Harrisburg City Department of Recreation](#) prohibit the possession and consumption of alcohol on their respective premises. Failure to adhere to these policies jeopardizes HYP's access to those facilities, and anyone found to be in violation of this policy will be asked to leave the premises. Players and guests who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substance will similarly be asked to leave. Players who violate the HYP Sports Alcohol Policy may be referred to HYP's Board of Directors for additional sanction.