

# City of Newport

## INDOOR SOCCER RULES



In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the City's soccer programs, all teams and players agree to (1) release and hold harmless the City of Newport (City) and its organizers from any and all legal claims for personal injury while in the course of attending or participating in any soccer match related to or sponsored by the City of Newport, and (2) abide by the following City team rules, playing rules, and modifications to FIFA laws and Oregon Adult Soccer Association (OASA)'s Uniform Rules of Competition, for the current season:

PLAYER CARDS: City indoor games are **not** sanctioned by OASA or USSF. Therefore, FIFA player cards are not required for indoor games.

MEDICAL LIABILITY: Each adult player, or parent/legal guardian of a player who is a minor, shall sign a team waiver to release and hold harmless the City of Newport from any and all legal claims for personal injury while in the course of participating in any soccer game or practice related to the City. Each player must carry his or her own primary insurance. (OASA membership, which is required for only outdoor games sanctioned by OASA and USSF, provides eligible members with only a secondary limited medical insurance).

### City of Newport 5-v-5 Indoor Soccer Rules

1. The format will be 5-v-5. A minimum of four (4) players per side is required to play a league game. A team with less than four players at game time shall forfeit the game. The game may be played with a City "Combo" team, which is a combination of players from all the participating teams. "Combo" team wins or ties will be regarded as losses.
2. Each team **MUST** submit a completed roster by the beginning of the first scheduled game. Each player must sign the roster to be officially on the team. Failure to submit roster will result in forfeiture of game.
3. Games will consist of two 20-minute halves with 2-minute half-time.
4. Games will be officiated by currently certified referees or other experienced referees (certified within the past three years or have officiated a City game in the past year).
5. Shin-guards are mandatory for a player to participate.
6. FIFA laws will be used except where revisions are herein noted:
  - a. Unlimited substitution without stopping the game. Substitution will enter only after the other player has left the floor.
  - b. The offside rule is waived.
7. No dissent or abusive language is allowed.
8. To better protect players and increase league safety, players receiving a red card for violent or unsporting behavior that causes injury to an opposing player will receive the following,
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Automatic 4-game suspension (can carryover between seasons)
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Suspended for the remainder of the current season (can carryover to the next season)
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Suspended indefinitely from all indoor soccer play
9. Carding system: **BLUE CARD** = 2-MINUTE PENALTY; **YELLOW CARD** = (first) CAUTION & 2-minute penalty, (second) CAUTION plus full 3-minute penalty, (fourth) SEND-OFF plus full 5-minute penalty; **RED CARD** = SEND-OFF for the entire game. (*Red card may also warrant an additional suspension for offending player if it involves a violent or unsporting behavior*).
10. Points system: WIN = 3 POINTS; TIE = 1 POINT; LOSS = 0 POINTS  
Tie breaking formula: (1) TOTAL CALCULATED POINTS; (2) TOTAL GOAL DIFFERENTIAL; (3) TOTAL GOALS AGAINST

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION:** The City League Administrator or the Sports Program Supervisor shall have the authority to expel any participant from the league for committing a serious offense, such as fighting, intentionally causing injuries to another person, or any actions not suitable to the league or the Newport Recreation Center.