



OUTDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE RULES

Team Fees and Payments

All teams must have a valid and current credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover) stored securely on Pinnacle Sports' system prior to the first game of the session. Should a team fail to provide this credit card the team will not have completed registration and will not be permitted to play any games. A credit card can be provided by calling 330-239-0616 or stopping at the front desk on the first night of the session.

Teams must pay their entire league fee **BEFORE THE END OF THE SECOND GAME**. Team managers, players and coaches can make payments using a variety of methods.

- Online at <https://apps.dashplatform.com/dash/index.php?cid=pinnacle&action=Auth/start>
- By call 330-239-016
- In person at the front desk of Pinnacle

Payments can be made with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, check or cash.

A \$200 deposit will be charged upon team registration each session.

Failure to pay by the end of the second game of the session may result in the team not being scheduled for the remainder of the session and the deposit kept by Pinnacle for administrative costs and the cost of the first two games.

Late Cancellations and No Shows

We require a minimum of 48 hour notice if your team cannot play a scheduled game. FAILURE TO GIVE THIS AMOUNT OF NOTICE WILL RESULT IN A FINE EQUIVALENT TO THE FULL COST OF THE REFEREE FEE. For example, if the referee fee is \$16 per team the fine will be \$32.
The credit card on file will be charged immediately.

We do not guarantee that we will be able to reschedule any game that is cancelled regardless of whether we receive the 48-hour notice. This is due to limitations with field availability. Rescheduling the game may include playing the game on another day/night on the week based on field availability or as a double header wherever possible (two games played on the same night).

Preference will be given to the affected team and we will try to find another opponent for them to play at the time of the scheduled game. If this is not possible, we will do all we can to make this game up for the affected team. This may include playing a double header, playing on another day/night of the week or playing an extra game in a following session. Any team that "no-shows" will be charged \$32, automatically lose the game 0-5, and two no shows in the session will result in removal from the league with NO REFUND!



Rosters & Waivers

Without exception, all players must be registered online to the team that they are playing with. During this process you will be prompted to sign a waiver.

Player Registration instructions

The Team Manager is required to invite all players to join the team through our Pinnacle Sports Online registration system. To do so the team manager will follow the below steps

1. Login to their Pinnacle Sports Account [HERE](#)
2. Follow the instructions in this tutorial video [HERE](#)

After which, players will receive an email with a link to allow them to register and join the team

Referee fees

Each team is responsible for paying the referee fees (\$16.00 outdoor game, \$15 indoor game) per game directly to the referee. You **MUST** have the exact amount prior to the game

General Game Rules

All games will follow FIFA rules except for the modifications outlined within these rules.

Field Players

Open Men's Soccer League: Seven (7) outfield players plus one (1) goalkeeper. Minimum age is 16.

Open Co-Ed Soccer League: Seven (7) our field players, three (3) of which must be female, plus one (1) goalkeeper. Minimum age is 16.

Spectators

Only players and referees are permitted within the playing fields. **ALL SPECTATORS MUST WATCH FROM OUTSIDE THE FENCE.**

Coed Specific Rules

All free kicks and restarts in the attacking half of the field must be taken by a female. In game penalty kicks must be taken by a female.

Penalty kick shootout – Teams must alternate between male & female kickers ensuring that all females take a penalty kick before the penalty kick rotation starts over (meaning a female takes her second penalty).



Offside

There are no offsides in any league.

Length of Game

All games will be 52 minutes with a running clock.

There will be no half time.

Please remember there is no guaranteed warm-up space or time on the field prior to games.

Substitutions

All substitutions are on the fly. There are no guaranteed substitutions.

Slide Tackling

Slide tackling is not permitted. In the event of a player performing a slide tackle the opposing team will be award a direct freekick from where the slide tackle was performed.

If a player slides when no other players are around, for example, to keep a ball in play, it is up to the referee's discretion to award a free kick if they feel another player's safety for at risk.

Player's Equipment & Uniforms

Teams are required to wear the same color jersey/shirt. In the event of a jersey color conflict with another team the home team (first team listed on the schedule) is responsible for changing jersey color.

No jewelry such as chains/necklaces, bracelets, earrings etc., may be worn.

All players MUST wear shin guards. Referees are permitted to prevent players from playing without shin guards.

Proper footwear which, include tennis shoes, outdoor soccer turf shoes or cleats must be worn. NO METAL CLEATS PERMITTED.

Fouls/Misconduct/Penalties/Suspensions

We follow the same rules as FIFA regarding yellow and red cards with the following modifications:

When a player is shown a yellow or red card the player **must** provide the referee with their full name. This will be recorded on the game sheet and confirmed by the team manager after the game.

ANY PLAYER THAT IS EJECTED FROM A GAME (STRAIGHT RED OR 2 YELLOW CARDS) MUST LEAVE THE FIELD OF PLAY AND LEAVE THE FACILITY. THE TEAM MANAGER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE PLAYER LEAVES. FAILURE TO LEAVE MAY RESULT IN LONGER SUSPENSIONS, POINT DEDUCTIONS,



FORFIETS OR DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE LEAGUE. THE GAME MAY NOT RESTART UNTIL THE PLAYER HAS LEFT THE PREMISES.

Suspensions

A single player that receives **two (2) yellow cards** in the same game will be suspended for a **minimum of 1 game** (next scheduled game).

A single player that receives a **straight red card** will be suspended for a **minimum of 3 games** (next 3 scheduled games).

Any player shown a red card or found to be guilty of violent conduct may be suspended indefinitely from playing at Pinnacle Sports. This will be communicated between the league and the Team Manager.

There can be no appeals for ANY red or yellow cards regardless of the reason for receiving the card.

Pinnacle Sports may contact the Team Manager to inform them of any player suspensions prior to the next scheduled game. However, it is the **PLAYER** and **TEAM MANAGER** from the offending team to understand and ensure that they are suspended for the number of games as shown above. If there is reason to increase the suspension from the rules above, Pinnacle Sports will communicate this with the Team Manager. **The Team Manager is responsible for notifying the suspended player and ensuring that the player serves their suspension.**

Any player/team caught not serving his/her suspension will receive further suspensions and their team may be deducted points or disqualified.

A player that commits multiple yellow or red cards over the course of a season or commits a serious offence may be suspended indefinitely from playing at Pinnacle Sports.

Game Report Cards

After each game, the Team Manager or representative from each team **MUST** sign the referee's game report card. When doing so they must confirm any recorded information is correct including:

- Final result
- Name of any players shown a card
- Type of card/s shown

If the referee does not approach a member of the team to sign the report card the team is responsible for making sure a member of the team approaches the referee.

If the Team Manager/representative notices any incorrect information on the report card they must correct and clarify any changes with the referee and representative from the opposing team immediately. **ALL PARTIES MUST AGREE THAT ALL INFORMATION IS ACCURATE BEFORE SIGNING THE REPORT CARD.**



Failure to sign and confirm information on the game sheet and sign the sheet may result in forfeit, points deductions, suspensions, or disqualifications. This will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Punishment may be issued depending on the reason/evidence for not signing the report card.

Rules to Determine League Standings

WIN: 3 points TIE: 1 point LOSS: 0 points

Tie Breakers

- 1. Total points**
- 2. Head to head**
- 3. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals conceded)**
- 4. Most goals scored**
- 5. Least goals conceded**
- 6. Penalty kicks**

Play off Tie Breakers

In the event that a play-off or final game is tied after the regulation 52 minutes the game will have 10-minute overtime. The overtime period will be 8 v 8 and will have the golden goal rule in effect. If the game is still tied after overtime the winner will be determined by means of a penalty shootout. The shootout will follow regular FIFA ruling with 5 designated penalty takers and 1 designated goalkeeper per team. If the game is still tied after 5 penalty kicks per team the shootout will enter "sudden death" with teams alternating taking penalty shoots until one team scores and the other team does not.

Note for coed: If a coed game is tied and goes to penalty kicks, teams must alternate between genders, i.e. male, female, male female, etc. until all females have taken a penalty then the rotation starts over.

Rescheduling of games

If Pinnacle Sports cancels games due to unforeseen circumstances, for example weather and other "acts of God," we will reschedule the games for a later date. However, if a game gets cancelled during the game and more than 26 minutes of the game have elapsed there will be no reschedule. In this event the score at the time of the game being cancelled will be recorded as the result.

Where possible, we will offer alternative dates to reschedule a cancelled game. However, if a date and time cannot be agreed on between the two teams the league scheduler will determine the date of the reschedule. Where possible this will be scheduled as a double-header.

League Play, Playoff, Championship Games, Promotion and Relegation

The first "x" weeks/games of the session will be conducted as round robin play with the final play date of the session being used as finals. However, depending on the number of teams in the league there may be occasions where every team will not play every team. Points will be awarded as shown in the "Rules to Determine league Standings" section.



The final games of the session may be conducted as Finals. With each schedule the format for the playoffs will be shown. All teams will play in these weeks. Some sessions may also have promotion/relegation games to ensure the competitiveness of the league. The schedule for the final games will be based on league standings and follow the 1st v 2nd place teams playing for the “championship” and all remaining games following 3rd v 4th, 5th v 6th, etc.

The winner of the 1st v 2nd placed team game will receive a \$100 discount for its team to enter the soccer session immediately following the session that was just played. For example, the winner of fall session will receive a \$100 discount for the team to play in the Winter 1 session. Winning discounts WILL NOT BE CARRIED OVER if not used for the next following session. For example, the winner for fall session will not receive a discount if they do not play in the winter 1 session but do return for the winter 2 session.

From the Management at Pinnacle Sports:

“Please do not allow your players, parents, spectators, or yourself to get caught up in the game and forget the real reason why you are here. Let the players’ play and enjoy themselves! Sportsmanship and respect are a necessity in our minds and should be in yours. Good Sportsmanship and respect mean enjoyment for all. Best of luck to all teams!”

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Emergency Policies and Facility Requests

911 Policy

It is the Pinnacle Sports Policy

If there is an injury, please notify the Pinnacle Sports Staff immediately. Pinnacle Sports Staff will call for emergency service if necessary. If an ambulance is required (if under 18) the bill will be charged to the family of injured party or to the injured party if an adult (18+).

Facility Requests

Wear a change of shoes into facility to help the wear and cleanliness of the fields

Do not kick balls against any of the walls throughout the facility. Do not park in front of any entrance/exit ways. Do not disturb any other activities within the facility. Please help us maintain cleanliness by picking up after yourself