



Pinnacle Sports (Updated 01/01/2023) ADULT INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE “House Rules”

1. Team Fees and Payments

All teams must have a valid and current credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express) stored securely on Pinnacle Sports’ system at the time of registration of the session. Should a team fail to provide this credit card they will not have completed registration and will not be permitted to play any games. As you register, you can provide a credit card number by calling 330-239-0616 x101.

Teams must pay their entire league fee **BEFORE THE START OF THE SECOND GAME**. Team managers, players and coaches can make payments using a variety of methods. The first two weeks schedule will be made with team deposits of \$200 per team. However, until a team is paid in full by the second game, said team will not be included in the rest of the league schedule.

Payments can be made with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, check or cash. Failure to pay at the time of registration may result in your team not being added to the league.

- Online at <https://apps.daysmartrecreation.com/dash/index.php?Action=Auth/login&company=pinnacle>
- By calling us 330-239-0616 x101
- In person

2. Late Cancellations and No Shows

We require a minimum of 48 hours 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 league referee fee is \$15 per team the fine will be \$30. **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 if 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 of the week based on our availability or as a double header wherever possible.

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.



3. Rosters & Waivers

The team manager is responsible for inviting all players to join their team through our online system. There is an instructional video on how to do this which can be found at the link below:

<https://youtu.be/IWHkAXj3jZU>

Completing this process will send an invitation email to all of your players. Each player must then complete their own registration, which includes signing an online waiver, before they play their first game.

4. Referee fees

Each team is responsible for paying the referee fees (\$16.00 outdoor game, \$15.00 indoor game) per game directly to the referee. You **MUST** have the exact amount prior to the game.

5. COVID-19 Policies

We will continue to follow CDC Guidelines as well as any mandates or recommendations set forth by the State of Ohio Department of Health.

Based on how guidelines and recommendations may evolve at a federal, state, and local level: additional guidelines may be added or adjusted at any time per Pinnacle leadership.

6. General Game Rules

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

7. Field Players

Open Men's Soccer League: Five (5) outfield players plus one (1) goalkeeper. Minimum age is 16.

Open Co-Ed Soccer League: Six (6) our field players, three (3) of which must be female, plus one (1) goalkeeper. If the goalkeeper is female, the team must still have three (3) female players in addition on the goalkeeper on the field at any time.

8. Spectators

ALL SPECTATORS MUST WATCH FROM THE BLEACHERS ABOVE THE CONCESSION STAND. No standing at the plexiglass around the fields.



9. Coed Specific Rules

All Corner kicks must be taken by a female.

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 until this cannot continue. E.g. Male, female, male, female, male, female, male, male, male...

10. Length of Game

All games will be 52 minutes with a running clock.

There will be no halftime.

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

11. Slide Tackling

Slide tackling is not permitted. Offending player will be given a blue card resulting in a two-minute penalty. In the event of a player performing a slide tackle the opposing team will be awarded 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.

12. 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 NO CLEATS PERMITTED ON INDOOR FIELDS BOARDED FIELDS.

13. Fouls/Misconduct/Penalties/Suspensions/Shootouts

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

Yellow and red cards may be issued by the referee depending on the type of the offence committed by the player and at the referee's discretion



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/representative.

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

a. Suspensions

A single player that receives **two (2) yellow cards (second yellow card is equivalent to a red card)** 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.

b. Cards

There are three cards used by the referee in indoor soccer, yellow, red and blue

Blue Cards - can be issued to a player for serious fouls or infringements. These can include but not limited to: Boarding, too many players on the field, handball etc. A blue card penalty lasts a maximum of two minutes

Yellow Cards – may be issued for unsportsmanlike behavior, second blue card



Red Cards – May be issued for their third blue card/second yellow card or for some examples shown below

Third-time penalty, elbowing, fighting, vicious tackling/endangering another player, leaving bench area to confront opposition or referee, extreme unsporting behavior, extremely abusive language or behavior toward a referee, bodily contact with a referee in dissent.

c. Times Penalties

- Blue Card results in a two-minute penalty with a shootout or penalty kick.
 - Yellow Cards may or may not have a time penalty (referees' discretion)
 - Red Card results in a HARD five-minute penalty with shootout or penalty kick.
- The player receiving a straight red card is ejected from the remainder of the game and automatic three (3) game suspension from the next scheduled game. Number of games a player is to be suspended can be increased at the discretion of the Director of Soccer. A player receiving two yellow cards and a red card is ejected from the remainder of the game and automatic one (1) game suspension from the next scheduled game. Number of games a player is to be suspended can be increased at the discretion of the Director of Soccer.
- All five-minute penalties are classified as "hard." This means that no matter how many goals are scored by the opponent, the offending team will continue to play short-handed throughout the duration of the five- minute penalty.

During any free kick, the opposing team must not be within a 10-foot radius of the ball. The team taking the free kick has five seconds to put the ball in play off all free kicks. In the event of a restart from the top of the arc the game can only be started per the referee's whistle.

d. Boarding

Boarding is defined as the act of one player shoving, pushing, barging etc. another player into the boards surrounding the field.

Boarding is at minimum an automatic Blue Card with a minimum two (2) minute penalty plus shootout/penalty kick. Based upon referee's discretion, a red card may be issued resulting in ejections and a hard 5 minute plus shootout/penalty.

e. Penalty Kicks

A penalty kick is award for a foul inside the penalty box

A penalty kick will be awarded if a deliberate foul is whistled during the shootout against the defending team.

Any unsporting behavior inside the box will result in a direct free kick from the top of the arc.



f. Shootouts

Shoot-out Situation: Offender is serving time penalty being removed from the field of play. Defending team is numbers down. All players of both teams are behind center line. Shooter with the ball is at the middle of the offensive red line. As soon as the shootout taker touches the ball it is a live ball situation. If goal is scored, penalized player may return to the game and the game restarts with even numbers. If goal is not scored, game continues for duration of the penalty. Penalized player returns if opponent scores or when penalty time expires.

If a red card was issued the penalized player is ejected for the remainder of the game and the offending team plays down a player for 5 hard minutes regardless of how many goals the opposing teams scores during that time.

g. Too Many Players on The Field

If a team has too many players on the field at any time the referee may issue a blue card to the offending team. This will result in a two-minute penalty - no shootout.

14. Game Report Cards

At each game, the Team Manager/representative from each team **MUST** ensure that all players sign in before the game starts. At the end of each game, it is the Team Manager/representative from each team's responsibility to check the following on the game report card.

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

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 LEAVING THE FACILITY**

15. The Field of Play

Each scheduled game will be held on 1 of our 2 indoors fields located within Pinnacle Sports. Both fields are boarded.

16. Substitutions

There are unlimited substitutions throughout the game for both teams. Substitutions for field players and goalkeepers may be made at any time on an unlimited basis, provided the player/s that are being substituted for are within three (3) feet of their own bench area, or off the field at their own bench area before the substitution is made.



- There is no guaranteed substitution. All substitutions are on fly.
- **NO JUMPING THE BOARDS TO ENTER THE FIELD**

17. Out of Bounds & Corners

All restarts are direct.

A ball is classified as out of bounds if:

- The ball hits the netting around the fields, hits the ceiling or equipment attach to the ceiling, enters the bench area or goes over the netting.
- **When the ball goes out of bounds, the game is restarted from where it was last touched.** With the following exceptions:

If it goes out of bounds between the two blue lines on the wall, either side of the goal. If this happens a corner kick or goal kick will be awarded.

If the ball hits the ceiling or equipment attached to the ceiling the game is restarted from the center of the closest red line from where the ball was last touched.

If the ball is put out of bounds from inside the penalty area the game is restarted from the top of the arc except when it goes out for a corner kick.

18. Three-Line Violation

Defined—A player is guilty of a three-line violation when a pass, or last touch of the ball crosses three lines (two red lines and the halfway line) in the air. This is without it touching another player, or the perimeter wall in the field between the red lines.

In the event of a three-line violation the game will restart from the center of the first line that the ball crossed.

19. Goalkeeper (GK) Restrictions

Hand to Hand—A GK who has had hand control of the ball and then having released the ball from his hands to be played either by themselves or a teammate, shall not handle the ball again until it has been touched or played by an opponent, unless a stoppage of play occurs. GK's are not allowed to bounce the ball to themselves indoors.

Pass back-outdoor rules apply.

Five-second distribution—A GK with possession of the ball in their hands or at their feet within their penalty area, must distribute the ball outside their penalty area within five seconds of having received the ball within their penalty area. All above infractions will result in a direct free kick for the opposing team at the top of the arc.



20. Rescheduling Procedures

There will be no rescheduling!

All forfeits are recorded at 5-0.

Any 3 forfeits in one session will result in your team's removal from that session, with no refund.

If, for whatever reason, your team does not show up for a scheduled game, YOUR TEAM will be fined the full referee fee. This fee will be charged to the credit card on file immediately.

If you are unable to field a team for any game, YOU MUST give 48 hours notice by calling 330-239-0616 and speaking with an employee. Emails and voicemails are not sufficient as they could be missed. Failure to give 48 hours notice will result in a fine equivalent of the referee fees. (See Game Cancellation procedure for all details)

21. Rules to Determine League Standings

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

22 - Tie Breakers

- 1. Points**
- 2. Head-to-head**
- 3. Goal Differential (Goals scored minus goals conceded)**
- 4. Most Goals Scored**
- 5. least Goals Conceded**
- 6. Penalty Kicks**

23. League Play + Playoffs and Final(s)

The league structure will be dependent on the number of teams within the division. Depending on the final number of teams enrolled in the league, a corresponding structure will be created. The winners will be declared by playoffs OR the total number of points accumulated over the season at the conclusion of regularly scheduled matches.

24. Playoff and Championship games

If tied at the end of regulation, the game will go into a five-minute golden goal period. Both teams play 3 V 3, the players involved must have been on the field during regulation game time. One of 3 players must be designated as a goalkeeper. 3 v 3 will begin with a drop ball in center circle. Co-ed leagues must have at least one female on the field. Play continues until a goal is scored or time runs out, whichever comes first. Substitutions are allowed during the golden goal period but not guaranteed. If the game is still tied at the end of the five-minute golden goal period, a penalty shootout will then take place. Kickers consist of five different players; Co-ed leagues must alternate gender of kicker (See Rule 9)



25. Miscellaneous

- Running time clock for all injuries. If an injury takes longer than five minutes, then the time may be stopped.
- **No spitting is allowed anywhere in the facility!** If a player, coach or spectator is caught, it will result in a five-minute penalty, plus possible removal from facility for all future participations.
- All “open” leagues have an age restriction of 16 and older (any player under 18 years of age must have parental consent on the team roster form). Any individual under the age of 16 is not permitted on the playing field in such leagues.
- “Goal Cap” - There is no limit to the number of goals and individual player may score in one game, regardless of the league.
- Practice Area—Please do not kick the balls at any walls! No balls outside of playing fields.
- Referee fees for all divisions are \$15 per team for a one-person system.

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 means 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