

LEAGUE RULES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES SPRING 2011

COLORADO RAPIDS ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE

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01 - GENERAL INFORMATION

The Colorado Rapids Adult Soccer League, hereby referred to as CRASL, offers league play for adult men, women, and coed soccer teams. The CRASL is sanctioned by Colorado Adult Soccer Association (CASA) and includes league play in the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

The spring and fall seasons will consist of eight (8) total games. The spring league will begin in March/April and the fall league will begin in August. League champions will be “crowned” each season.

League entry fees for the 2011 spring season are \$1,050 if deposit (\$525) is made on or before 7/31/2011; \$1,150 if deposit (\$575) is made on or after 8/7/2011. No team shall participate in league play if payment is not received in full by April 15, 2011. Following the completion of league schedules, no team will receive a refund. League fees will be due for each season – spring and fall.

02 - COMPETITION

All games will be played under the FIFA “Laws of the Game” in addition to those rules adopted by the CRASL as stated in this document.

All league games will be assigned three USSF Certified Referees, who will officiate the games using the diagonal system of control, with one center referee and two assistant referees. The leagues will not refund teams in the event that there are less than three officials on any given game. Referees are paid on a sliding scale dependent upon their referee grade.

03 - TEAM ROSTERS

CRASL Men’s Open Division– All players must be age 18 or older.

CRASL Women’s Open Division – All players must be age 18 or older.

CRASL Men Over 30 Divisions – All players registered must be age 30 or older at the start of the season (August 14, 2011); a player turning 30 during the season is not eligible to play in this division (unless they are registered as an exception). Exceptions: an over 30 team may register up to 3 players under the age of 30 and over the age of 25 (as of August 14, 2011). A goalkeeper may be age 18 (as of August 14, 2011) or older if the player is exclusively a goalkeeper (NEVER plays a field position).

CRASL Men Over 35 Divisions – All players must be age 35 or older at the start of the season (August 14, 2011); a player turning 35 during the season is not eligible to play in this division (unless they are registered as an exception). **Exceptions:** an over 35 team may register up to three (3) players under the age of 35 and over the age of 30 (as of August 14, 2011). A goalkeeper may be age 25 (as of August 14, 2011) or older if the player is exclusively a goalkeeper (NEVER plays a field position).

CRASL Men Over 40 Division - All players must be age 40 or older at the start of the season (August 14, 2011); a player turning 40 during the season is not eligible to play in this division (unless they are registered as an exception). **Exceptions:** an over 40 team may register up to three (3) players under the age of 40 and over the age of 35 (as of August 14, 2011). A goalkeeper may be age 30 (as of August 14, 2011) or older if the player is exclusively a goalkeeper (NEVER plays a field position).

Coed Division – All players must be age 18 or older. – must have five (5) women on the field at all times; one of these players may be the goalkeeper. In the event five (5) women are not dressed to play, the team must remove one (1) male player from the field. A coed team may consist of as few as one (1) male player if at least five (5) women are dressed to play the game.

In the CRASL, a maximum of 18 players may be dressed for each game. Teams may register a reserve team. The reserve team must play in a different division. Players registered may compete in games played by the first team **OR** the reserve team on game day. Players may move from team to team during the season. The reserve team must be declared a reserve team of a specific team on the league registration form and both leagues fees paid.

Team managers are responsible for checking their roster prior to game time, to confirm all players are registered, and eligible to play.

Players must be registered on the current Colorado Adult Soccer Association (CASA) roster to play. Referees will be given a set of CASA rosters before each game to check players in. **IF A PLAYER IS NOT ON THE ROSTER THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY.** If a player doesn't have a picture on the roster they must have a valid ID to check in. Players are required to be on multiple rosters in order to participate on more than one team.

A minimum of seven (7) players is required to officially start a game. A game will be deemed a forfeit if a team does not field at least seven players by ten (10) minutes after the scheduled kick-off time. A player arriving late to a match must check in with an Assistant Referee before being allowed onto the field.

Following the game, the center referee will submit the official game report, which will be supported by a supplemental report referencing any player infractions. The Disciplinary Committee will determine disciplinary action. After the Disciplinary Committee determines the disciplinary fee and number of game(s) suspended, they will then send notification to the team manger regarding the discipline action and steps to clear the player's suspension/fine. If a player receives a red card by a referee, this shall be sufficient notice to a team that the player will face disciplinary action.

Scores must be submitted to the league within 24 hours of the game. E-mail your scores and comments to nstahlecker@dsgpark.com.

04 - HOME TEAM

- Is listed first on the schedule.
- Must change their jersey in the event of a color conflict.
- Is responsible for the game ball.
- Must wear the same color numbered jerseys, matching shorts, and socks.
- The highest seeded team during playoff competition.

05 - VISITING TEAM

- Is listed second on the schedule.
- Must wear the same color, numbered jerseys, matching shorts, and socks.

06 – GAME DURATION

Game Duration – 2 x 45 minute halves with a 5-minute halftime. A game is considered official upon completion of one half of play regardless of the time of termination during the second half. Results are posted based on the score at the game's termination. Exceptions may be made due to inclement weather. Center Referee has the authority to extend game time due to injury, or game stoppage, as well as, shorten the game as deemed necessary. No overtime or kicks from the penalty mark will be played in the event of a tie during regular season play.

Playoff games that require a winner shall play two (2) full ten (10) minute halves. In the event of a tie at the completion of overtime, the winner shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark.

07 - STANDINGS SCORING

Win	3 Points
Tie	1 Point (no shut out point for 0 – 0 Tie)
Loss	0 Points

**Forfeits will be scored as a 1-0 loss for the forfeiting team

Seeding for possible playoff games will be based upon the team's total points. In the event of a tie in the standings seeding will be determined by the following:

- Head to head game result.
- Total goals “scored against” during the season.
- Total goals “scored for” during the season.
- Goal Differential (Goals For – Goals Against = Goal Differential)

08 - PLAYER SUBSTITUTIONS DURING GAME PLAY

With the permission of your Center Referee, unlimited substitutions may be made from the centerline at the following times:

- Prior to a throw-in in your favor.
- Prior to a goal kick by either team.
- After a goal is scored.
- At half time.
- For an injured player if there is a stoppage in play, either team may substitute any number of players.
- For a yellow carded player.

09 - TEAM CONDUCT

The league philosophy is to run an organized and structured league for the enjoyment of all involved. Those teams invited to participate in the CRASL are asked to demonstrate good sportsmanship, before, during and after all games to the opposing teams, to all referees, and spectators. Both teams are responsible for the safety of the game officials and must maintain discipline at all times. This responsibility shall include the behavior of all spectators affiliated with the teams and other fans surrounding the field.

In the event a team or individual abuses the league rules, the leagues reserve the right to exclude the team or individual from future participation in the league. If a team is removed from participation in CRASL, there will be no refunds given to the team, or individuals. Fines are implemented and strictly enforced for all teams, spectators, and coaches. CRASL league fines will be carried over to the next soccer season or the next league in which the individual player or team participates.

Any decisions regarding the ejection of a team, player, spectator, or coach from participation in the CRASL will be determined by the Disciplinary Committee and decisions will be final. A Disciplinary Committee hearing will be held in the event an incident warrants such.

10 - PROTESTS

Protests/grievances shall be made to Mr. Wayne Brant. Only protests/grievances regarding player ineligibility will be accepted. No protests on rules, interpretations of rules, or judgment calls will be accepted. A written protest must be submitted to the Disciplinary Committee Chairman at 6000 Victory Way, Commerce City, CO 80022. Submissions must be made within two days of receiving the Player/Team Fine Report, must be clearly written and accompanied by a \$50.00 filing fee. If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be refunded. Captains are the only person(s) that are allowed to protest.

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Attention: Wayne Brant

6000 Victory Way

Commerce City, CO 80022

11 – INFRACTIONS AND FINES

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER FINES:

- Red & Yellow Cards
 - Two (2) yellow cards in the same game (red card) – minimum of a one (1) game suspension and \$30.00 fine – see One (1) red card (send-off) below.
 - Three (3) yellow cards in the same seasonal year = 1 game suspension and a \$30.00 fine
 - One (1) red card (send-off) - player is expelled for the remainder of that game, will receive a minimum one (1) game suspension and a minimum fine of \$30.00. The referee will submit a game report detailing the incident and a decision will be made as to the player's disciplinary action and fine.

Red Card (send-off) - Instances involving violent conduct towards another player, referee, coach, or spectator will not be tolerated by the league and will result in the following disciplinary action.

Infraction	Disciplinary Action
Dissent after a caution	One (1) or two (2) game sit out
Abusive Language	One (1) or two (2) game sit out
Abusive Language to a Game Official	Three (3) to Five (5) game sit out
Serious Foul Play	Three (3) to Five (5) game sit out
Violent Conduct	Three (3) to Five (5) game sit out
Assault on a Referee	1 year expelled from league

Suspensions and fines will be carried over from prior leagues and seasons and will be enforced. Fines are paid and player passes collected at Dick's Sporting Goods Park offices.

12 - TEAM RELEGATION/PROMOTION (IF APPLICABLE)

Following the completion of one (1) season of play, a promotion/relegation of teams will take place. The top two finishing teams will move up one division. The lowest two finishing teams will move down one division. The league reserves the right to place teams in any division.

13 - GAME CANCELLATION & RESCHEDULING

If the leagues are notified of a field closure, the league information line will be updated. Team managers and players are responsible for checking the league information line for updates: 303-727-3333. If no update is recorded, please report to the field for your scheduled game. The Center Referee will make the final decision as to the safety of the playing conditions. Failure to have a minimum of seven (7) players at the field will be considered a forfeit and the game will not be rescheduled. All games scores will be final upon completion of the first half if game is called due to weather.

In the event of a cancellation, the CRASL reserves the right to reschedule make-up games if we have fields available. Rescheduled games will take place on the second Monday-Friday following the Sunday cancellation. Example: Games are cancelled on Sunday, March 20, 2011, make up games will be held at night between; Monday, March 28, 2011 through Friday, April 1, 2011. If we do not have a field available, then a credit will be issued to the team for the next season only.