

AVSL Game Rules

HAVE FUN & PLAY SAFE!

FIFA rules (2021-2022), except as otherwise noted For new Law changes, see 2021-2022 IFAB Updates

1. 30 min halves
 - Clock starts at Kick off or 5 mins after scheduled start, whichever is first.
 - 5 min Half Time Break
 - Game must end 5 min before scheduled start of next game
2. Home Team starts with kick off.

Attacking directions determined by first team as they arrive.

3. Minimum 8 players from each team required.
 - If team does not have 8 players by 10 mins after scheduled kickoff, opposing team may choose to take 1-0 forfeit, and still play a "friendly" or;
 - Play "as is" (hoping for a better result than 1-0 default).
 - Any team with under 12 players, may borrow to get up to 12 (11 +1 Sub), with approval from opposing Team Captain.
 - No restriction on borrowing a Goal Keeper, except borrowed Goal Keeper may only play that position
 - Borrowed Players may not take Penalty Kicks
4. Rolling substitution
 - Play is not stopped. Substitute as needed during play.
 - Dedicated stoppage about 1/2 way through each half for substitution
 - On hot days, 1 min cooling break, given approx. 1/2 way through each half
5. No slide tackling when challenging. Exceptions below
 - Allowed by GK, in Penalty area only.
 - To save ball, when no other players around.

6. No charging the Goal Keeper in Penalty Area (automatic yellow).
 - 50/50 Ball in Penalty Area with GK, is automatically GK's ball.
 - Attacker with possession of ball, within playing distance of ball is not 50/50.
7. No forceful charging of players.
8. Number of Female players versus Male players on the field is not restricted.
9. No Male to Female charges.
 - Applies outside Female player's attacking penalty area only.
 - May challenge for ball with feet only.
10. No arguing with Referee (automatic yellow)
 - Team Captain may respectfully talk with Referee(s) only
11. No profane or vulgar language.
12. 13 weeks of Regular play, followed by 3 weeks of Bracketed PPlayoffs. All teams play all 17 weeks.
13. Playoff Games, Weeks 14-17, All teams play each week.
 - Coin toss decides kickoff and directions
 - If game is tied or becomes tied within 5 mins of end of game, game is stopped and we proceed directly and immediately to Kicks from the Mark
 - No Borrowed players may participate in Kicks from the Mark
 - Only team players on field when games goes to Kicks, may participate in Kicks from the Mark.
 - Determination in Kicks from the Mark is standard procedure until there is a winner: 5v5, then 1v1 if necessary.
 - Borrowed players only at the discription of opposing team Manager/Captain, and Referee notified. Opposing players may not then be revoked, except by arrival of regualr team players.
 - No restriction on borrowing of Goal Keepers, except that they may only play a Goal Keeper position

****** AVSL Spring 2022 PLAYOFFS: 4 rounds, weeks 14-17 ******

Rounds 1 & 2, Weeks 14 & 15. Used to determine final 2 weeks of bracketing

3 point system. 3 for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss.

Top 3 teams (ranked 1, 2, 3) are seeded with 2 bonus points each to start.

Middle 4 teams (ranked 4, 5, 6, 7) are seeded 1 bonus point each to start.

Bottom three (ranked 8, 9, 10) get no bonus points.

The extra seeding points awarded to higher teams insure they have a higher likelihood of advancing into championship bracket with a 1-0-1 record in the first 2 weeks, while essentially guaranteeing that any team with 2 wins will also advance.

Goal Differential up to 5 goals/game will be used as tie breaker, if still tied, then initial seeding overrides.

Highest seeded teams (1-4) will only play lower seeded (5-10) teams.

During the game when #4 and #5 seeded teams play, there must be a winner. This avoids a tied game, where both potential championship teams could be eliminated.

Rounds 3 & 4 Weeks 16 & 17, are bracket play, no tied games. Tiebreaker rules for playoffs apply

Top 4 teams after rounds 1 & 2 advance to normal seeded Championship round, "Get the Pitcher Ready" bracket, to determine 1st-4th place

Bottom 6 move to "Almost Made it" bracket, to determine 5th-10th places. Goal differentials matter in this bracket, to determine 5th v 6th, 7th v 8th, 9th v 10th brackets.

Good luck everyone! It's been a great season so far!

Yellow card offender must leave field for 5 minutes

3 yellow cards accumulated (over multiple games) = out for 1 game 1 red card = out for remainder of game and next game

Repeated violation of rules may lead to expulsion from League Refer to the league's fair play pledge.

HAVE FUN!

Significant 2020-22 Law changes:

- Yellow Cards and Warnings do not carry over to Kicks from the Mark
- Deliberate Handball by defender is considered a deliberate play on the ball (For Offside reasons)
- Handball is considered as a deliberate touch below the armpit, on the arm, down to the hand.
- An 'accidental' handball by an attacker is only penalized if it occurs immediately before a goal scoring opportunity.
- If 'Advantage' is played, or a called foul results in a 'quick' kick, any considered Yellow card for tactical foul is not issued.
- An offense by GK on a PK is not penalized, if the offense did not affect the play or the kicker.
- For an Offense by the GK which is penalized, the GK is given a warning first, before issuing a Yellow Card.

Point system for games is as follows: 6 points for win

- 3 points for tie 0 points for loss
- 1 point for shutout
- 1 point per goal up to 3 goals