



City of Chino - Adult Soccer Rules

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The Chino Adult Sports Program is under the jurisdiction of the Community Services Department. The Community Services Coordinator is the League Administrator, and as such, has responsibility to take all necessary actions to ensure fair and balanced leagues, which includes sportsmanlike participation. The Community Services Coordinator or his/her designees shall have sole responsibility for decisions impacting the league, including but not limited to actions of team managers and individual players and suspensions of the same.

As participants of the City of Chino, the Community Services Department, Game Officials and all of their employees and/or agents are not responsible for all injuries, losses, damages, and liability to person or property occurring from their participation in the City of Chino Adult Sports Programs.

League fees are as follows: Registration of \$35 per player (residents of City of Chino) and \$45 per player (for non-resident of City of Chino). Payments can be made with cash, check, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, and Discover card only). **These fees do not include the cost of referees.** Each team must provide the referees with \$50 cash prior to the start of each game. In the event that a check has been returned, the player will be required to pay the non-sufficient funds fee and the player fee at City of Chino City Hall first floor. Non-sufficient funds fee must be made by cash or money order. Any player wishing to request a refund, must do so prior to the start of the 3rd scheduled game. Players must notify the Ayala Park Operation Center via email at Chinosports@cityofchino.org and the League Administrator must approve. Once approved, the refund will be processed, and player must allow 4-6 weeks to process. A check will be issued and mailed to participant.

***The Chino Adult Soccer Program follows FIFA rules,
With the addition/exception of the following rules.***

TEAM ROSTERS

1. All teams must have a minimum of 11 players registered no later than a week before the scheduled start date to be guaranteed a spot in the league and to be placed on the game schedule. Any team **without the minimum 11 players registered** will not be guaranteed a spot and will risk losing their spot to another team. Players may not play for more than one team in the same division.
2. No player will be allowed to enter the field until they have registered at the Ayala Park Operations Center (APOC) or online through Active Network. At registration, they must provide a valid driver's license or other form of verification to prove identity and age.
3. Players can register up until the end of the 3rd week. All rosters and line-up cards will become permanent at the end of the 3rd week.
4. **Players must be in a specific age range for each division.** Ex: Division A is 18+, Division B is 30+, It is the manager's responsibility to make sure his/her players meet the age requirement. **All players must be of age or older at the time of their 1st game.**

5. **Players currently playing on a college, semi-pro or professional soccer team are not eligible to play.**
6. The League Administrator reserves the right to reclassify leagues, players or teams at any time.
7. There will be no automatic re-classification of teams based solely on the outcome of the previous season.

ILLEGAL OR INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

1. If an opposing manager suspects an illegal or ineligible player, he/she must **NOTIFY THE CITY STAFF** immediately. Referee will not remove questionable player until directed by City staff. Play does not stop until referee is asked to by City staff on duty.
2. For verification, the suspected player must provide valid picture identification.
 - a. In the event the player cannot prove her identity when requested, the player will be disqualified from the current game and will be suspended until verification is possible.
 - b. If the player is determined to be illegal, the game shall be forfeited, and the "illegal player" will be suspended **indefinitely** from all league participation.
 - c. If the player is determined to be illegal, the game shall be forfeited, and the manager may be suspended from all league participation at the discretion of the League Director.
 - d. If the player does verify that they are a legal player, play will resume.
3. If a player is indeed ineligible due to disciplinary actions, the current game is forfeited, and both player and manager could face further action.

All players must be able to provide proof of age and identity if requested by city staff. Players must have valid ID on site.

GAME TIME

1. The game will consist of two, thirty-five (35) minute halves, running time. The halftime interval will not exceed 5 minutes in length.
2. The league will provide two (2) soccer balls for each game. Both balls must be returned at the conclusion of each game. If league-issued balls are not returned, teams may be required to provide their own balls for future matches.
3. Game Officials are the official timekeepers.
4. Team captains or team representatives, who will then be the team captain for that game, are required to meet at the center circle for coin toss five (5) minutes prior to game time. The captain must bring a \$50 cash payment (**no coins**) for referees.
5. **Forfeit Rule:** If a team does not have 7 rostered players on the field and ready to play by game time, the game will be declared a forfeit. Teams using the 10-minute grace period can do so until at least 7 rostered players are present. **Teams can not use this time to wait for additional players.**
 - a. If both teams have less than 7 players after the 10-minute grace period, then the game will be declared a double forfeit.
 - b. Forfeiting a game will result in a \$100 forfeit fee paid by the forfeiting team(s). This fee **must be paid in cash and before** the next league game.

- c. Any team forfeiting twice may be dropped from the league at the discretion of the League Administrator.
 - d. To avoid a forfeit fee charge, teams must send an email to Chinosports@cityofchino.org no later than the Friday before the game being forfeited. (Ex. Game is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, email must be submitted no later than Friday, January 10).
6. **Hardship Rule:** Any team that has their official roster drop to 11 or less players after the third played game may be allowed a one-time addition of players up to 16 players maximum on the roster.

ON THE FIELD

ALCOHOL / SMOKING:

City of Chino ordinance 12.20.031 prohibits the consumption, sale or distribution of alcohol or illegal drugs on City park property. Players or teams under the influence of any substance will be removed from the game. Failure to comply with this request will result in forfeiture of the game and possible removal from the league.

**Smoking will not be permitted on the team sidelines or on the field.
There is also no smoking in the Ayala Park Operations Center.
(This includes the following: Cigarettes, E-cigarettes, and Vapes)**

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

- A. **Yellow Card:** Any player receiving a "Yellow Card" must sit out for a period of five (5) minutes. The team may substitute for this player at this time. The official time will be kept by the referee, not the coach/manager. Any player accruing 3 yellow cards during the season will be suspended for the following game after receiving their 3rd yellow card and placed on probation. Any player on probation who receives a yellow card (even if on probation from an earlier season) could be suspended for a minimum of 1 game, with a potential season suspension for any yellow card received thereafter.
- B. **Red Card:** A team, manager, player or team official may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of any Rules of Conduct such as, but not limited to using abusive language; taunting or baiting a player, coach, manager, staff or official, refusing to abide by the official's decision; guilty of objectionable demonstrations (throwing the soccer ball at someone, kicking chairs, etc.); guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game; and appearing on the field under the influence of drugs or alcohol. A player or coach receiving a "Red Card" (or ejection) must leave the playing site immediately and is suspended for a minimum of the next scheduled game. Manager must report to field staff and game official the name of ejected player(s). Failure to do so will result in Manager Suspension. **Intentionally striking or physically attacking another player, game official, staff or spectator, will result in a minimum of a one-year suspension. A meeting must take place before the player is reinstated.**
- C. **Overall Conduct:** A manager is responsible for the action of his/her players and spectators before, during and after a scheduled game. Any player or manager that is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended from all City of Chino Women's Soccer League participation for a minimum but not limited to 1 game. The suspended player/manager is not allowed on the field as a spectator or their team will forfeit the game.

- D. Managers, players, or spectators who are ejected from a game will be asked to leave the premises by the game official or city staff. If the player does not comply within 5 minutes after being ejected, their team will forfeit the game.
- E. The use of profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct by any manager, player, or spectator will not be tolerated. Use of profanity on or off the field may result in a warning and/or issued a yellow/red card or ejection.
- F. Any players that are suspended for being issued 3 yellow cards in a season, or are issued a red card, will be placed on probation. While on probation, any further player actions deemed inappropriate by the City may result in further disciplinary action.

Players and managers may be suspended for more than one-game at the discretion of the League Administrator.

BLOOD RULE:

- A. A player, manager, or official who is bleeding, or who has an open wound, shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment is rendered.
- B. If first aid is required for a player, the player must be immediately removed from the game. A player, manager, or official will not be allowed to participate unless:
 - 1. All bleeding has stopped,
 - 2. Any exposed cut/scrape, which has bled, is completely covered, and/or-
 - 3. The bloody clothing is removed.

UNIFORMS:

- A. Every member of a team must wear the designated colored jersey of their team. The team's color must be designated at the time of registration. Teams must inform City staff of a change in color, before any changes are made.
- B. The goalkeeper's jersey shall be a contrasting color from their teams' and opponent's jersey color.
- C. Each player must have a number on their jersey and it must be different from their teammates. Numbers must be visible and cannot be taped. If similar jersey colors are worn, the league will provide "pennies" to visiting team at the discretion of the City staff on duty.
- D. In the event that a duplicate number is worn by multiple players, only 1 player will be permitted to continue in play. The other players will be allowed to participate once a unique number is provided.
- E. All players must have a consistent set jersey number throughout the entire season.
 - a. Jersey number must be a permanent number (taped numbers not allowed).
 - b. Jersey number becomes permanent on roster and line-up card at the start of the 2nd game.
- F. Players may participate with braces, depending on the material of the brace, they may be asked to be covered.
- G. Artificial and natural nails exceeding 1/4 inch beyond the end of a finger or thumb must be taped or gloves must be worn.

- H. Players will be required to wear shin guards. Shin guards must be totally covered by socks.
- I. **Jewelry of any kind is not permitted, including Fit Bits, Apple watches, ETC.** Jewelry that cannot come off must be covered. Failure to comply with this rule will result in removal of the player until the rule is complied with. Player will also be issued a yellow card for dissent.

All rules will be strictly enforced. Any repeated violations could lead to a forfeit.
Jersey rules will be strictly enforced beginning the 2nd week of games.

INJURIES:

- A. Any time a player or manager is injured from participation in the soccer league, an **Incident Report** must be completed by City staff on the day of the incident.
- B. If play is suspended because of injury or any other unusual situation, **possession will be solely at the discretion of the referee.**

ROUGH PLAY:

- A. **Slide tackles are not allowed.**
 - a. The City of Chino defines sliding as playing or attempting to play the ball while a knee or hip is on the ground.
 - b. Only the goalkeeper will be allowed to slide to intercept the ball within the 18-yard box unless deemed “dangerous play” by the referee.
 - c. Players may be issued a yellow card at the discretion of the game official.
- B. Players who commit a slide tackle will be issued an automatic yellow card and could be liable for further discipline.
- C. Players will be issued a caution (with a yellow card) or possibly be ejected depending on the severity of the infraction.
- D. Players ejected for rough play will receive a minimum one game suspension from all league play and will be placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
- E. **Deliberate physical contact is a flagrant foul.** A red card will be issued, with a possible suspension for the remainder of the current season and the possibility of suspension from the league indefinitely.

New Rules

1. Dropped Balls

- a. If play is stopped inside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for the goalkeeper
- b. If play is stopped outside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for one player of the team that last touched the ball at the point of the last touch
- c. In all cases, all the other players (of both teams) must be at least 4m (4.5yds) away
- d. If the ball touches the referee (or another match official) and goes into the goal, team possession changes or a promising attack starts, a dropped ball is awarded

2. Free Kicks

- a. When there is a 'wall' of three or more defenders, the attackers are not allowed within 1m (1yd.) of the wall; an attacker less than 1m (1yd) from the 'wall' when the kick is taken will be penalized with an indirect free kick
- b. When the defending team takes a free kick in their own penalty area, the ball is in play once the kick is taken; it does not have to leave the penalty area before it can be played

3. Penalty Kick

- a. When there is a 'wall' of three or more defenders, the attackers are not allowed within 1m (1 yd.) of the wall; an attacker less than 1m (1yd) from the 'wall' when the kick is taken will be penalized with an indirect free kick
- b. When the defending team takes a free kick in their own penalty area, the ball is in play once the kick is taken; it does not have to leave the penalty area before it can be played.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

STANDINGS

1. Standings are determined by record
*Double Forfeits will be calculated as a loss.
2. In the event of a tie within the standings, the following will be used as the tie breakers, in order:
 - **Head-to-head record between tied teams**
 - **Least goals allowed**
 - **Most goals scored**

AWARDS

1. The 1st place teams in each division will receive \$100 gift certificate. The 2nd place teams in each division will receive a \$50 gift certificate.
2. In the event a division has 5 or less teams, only the 1st place team will receive prizes.
3. Teams must pick up their gift cards within 2 weeks of the season's last game. The City of Chino is not responsible for any fraudulent gift cards.

GAME (Rain) CANCELLATIONS

Please call the Ayala Park Operations Center at (909) 334-3257, for more information or email us at asanchez@cityofchino.org or equintana@cityofchino.org

FIELD DESIGNATION

1. The first team listed on the schedule is the **Home Team**.
2. Home team will be the side closest to the restroom facility.
3. Teams must sit on opposite sides to assist referees with substitutions.

City of Chino

Women's soccer rules

***Signing below indicates you understand and are responsible for yourself as well as your team to abide by all the above City rules and procedures. ***

TEAM NAME: _____

Manager Name:

Signature:

Date:
