

## **COLUMBIA ADULT SOCCER**

### **Rules of Play:**

**FIFA rules will apply with certain exceptions.**

#### **1) Rosters**

- a) Teams will consist of 5 field players and a goalkeeper with subs. A minimum of 4 players (one goalkeeper and 3 field players) are required for a game to begin or continue. If a team cannot field the minimum 4 players for any reason, they will forfeit the match.
- b) All players must be registered with CSA to participate.
- c) All players must bring **photo identification & check-in** with the referee prior to the game.
- d) Players must wear proper soccer apparel, including shin guards.

#### **2) Game Play**

- a) The home team (listed first on the schedule) will be responsible to change if there is a jersey conflict.
- b) Balls that cross the touchline will be restarted with an indirect kick from the spot the ball traveled out of touch.
- c) Goal kicks will be played from the goal line inside the penalty box.
- d) Each game will consist of two 30-minute halves.
- e) Substitutions for both teams may be made on the fly, from **midline** ONLY. The player coming off must leave the field before the substitute may enter.

- f) Goalkeepers may **not punt or drop kick the ball** (results in an indirect free kick from the spot the goalkeeper released the ball). The ball is live when the goalkeeper releases it from his/her hands.
- g) The distance an opposing team must yield on a free kick is **6 yards**.
- h) The offside rule does not apply.
- i) **SLIDE TACKLES ARE PROHIBITED** (results in an indirect free kick from the spot of the foul)
- j) A player must sit out for **5 minutes** if issued a yellow card and the opposing team will have a “power play” until the 5 minute period has expired or until they have scored a goal.

### **3) Suspensions**

A red card will result in suspension of next scheduled game. A second red card will result in suspension from the remainder of the league season. Exceptions: Any player (or coach) removed from a game by a referee for any reason may be suspended by the League Director from further league play after review of the referee’s game report.