

# Women's Soccer Guidelines

(Adopted from City of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation, Revised May 2010)



FIFA rules apply unless otherwise indicated:

1. Players must sign roster to be eligible to play; players may participate on only one women's team per season. Rosters are available in the Thurston County Recreation Office.
2. Home team, listed first on schedule, provides game ball on official's approval.
3. Two, 40 minute halves; 10 minute half-time.
4. **Play will start at scheduled time if both teams can field the minimum seven players (15 minute grace period otherwise).** Failure to have seven eligible players on the field and ready to play is automatic forfeit. If neither team has enough players it is a double forfeit. **Teams that forfeit a game are on probation. If they forfeit a second game, they will be removed from the schedule with no refund. If a team borrows players to field a complete team, they will be given the loss.**
5. Absolutely "NO JEWELRY" allowed during the games. Rings that can not be removed must be taped.
6. A waiver must be signed by a parent for all players under 18 years of age. Please contact the league supervisor to request waivers. No one under age 16 will be granted eligibility.
7. All players must wear shinguards; socks covering the shinguards are required.
8. Players must wear standard soccer style shoes (no toe cleats).
9. **Slide Tackling Prohibited (including Goalies).** Warning, penalty, or ejection at the official's discretion.
10. Chest protection is acceptable if arms or hands are not used to direct the ball.
11. **GOALIE PROTECTION:** While the goalie is in contact with the ball, offensive players may not continue to kick, or attempt at kick, the ball whether or not the goalie actually has control of the ball yet.
12. Players, coaches, and fans are asked to behave in a manner appropriate for recreational sports activities. Verbal abuse of officials, teammates, or opponents may result in suspension or expulsion at the discretion of the league supervisor whether or not a card is issued to the offending player.
13. **Any player that receives a red card is automatically suspended the next scheduled game.**
14. Game scores must be reported via email to [beattia@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:beattia@co.thurston.wa.us)

**THANKS FOR PLAYING AND HAVE FUN!**

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