



PICKUP SOCCER NYC

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REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

- Wear your PSNYC t-shirt to all games OR bring a white & dark (navy or black only) t-shirt.
- Refer to Season Schedule for information on field surfaces & advisable footing for games.
- Metal cleats are NOT ALLOWED in ANY of our games at all.
- Shin guards are strongly recommended, but not required.

TEAM FEES:

A seasonal membership fee applies to all players during all seasons. Brand new players are invited to attend one free trial game by signing a player waiver form. In order to play any additional games after the trial players must officially register online at www.pickupsoccernyc.org/register.

CONDUCT:

This is a recreational program; we do not tolerate disrespectful language, behavior or play.

- Language: There shall be no foul or abusive language at games.
- Slide-tackling/Tackles: there shall be no overly aggressive play including no slide tackling.

CALLS:

- We do not rely on refs and we play by the Honor System, please respect other players at all times.
- Respect ALL calls made by other players, if in doubt go with the call and do not argue.
- Game Organizers reserve the right to make a final call and settle a call if an issue should arise.

OFFSIDES:

- When we play full-field, the off-sides rule DOES apply: NO off-sides allowed.
- When we play with 8-15 players on a short-sided field, we will not call off-sides.

FORMAT OF GAMES:

One or more Game Organizers will be present at the start of each game. Game Organizers are there to greet new players, separate the group into teams, provide injured players access to their first aid kits/call for emergency help, and have the express right to make the final call should an issue arise between players and/or remove player(s) from the game if the case warrants. Following are some general guidelines we have chosen to adhere to:

- We do not keep score. This is an informal, structured group with an emphasis on non-competitive play. All skill levels are welcome.
- We divide into teams randomly at the start of each game and make every effort to keep the teams balanced according to gender and level of skill. Please arrive as close as possible to game start time in order to divide teams.
- No more than a maximum of 24 players may be on the field at one time for a full-field game (12 per side, including goaltender) or a maximum of 8 players per side on a small-sided field. In the event more than 24 players attend a full-field game, the game organizer will instate substitutions: players on the sideline MUST CALL FOR A SUB after a reasonable amount of time has passed, 5-10 minutes (players currently on the field may not otherwise vacate the game voluntarily). Game organizers are there to facilitate this process and should be alerted immediately if it is not occurring.
- In the event more than 30 players attend a game (24 players at a small-sided field), the game organizer will separate players into a third team and instate rotations.
- Goalkeeper: Players will take turns rotating unless a player specifically requests to be in goal.

WEATHER POLICY:

All cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced via email ONLY no less than 1 hour prior to game-time. If a game is scheduled and you do not receive an email stating otherwise game is on.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS:

Please DO NOT bring valuables and bring *as few items as possible with you* to the games due to past incidents. As a rule we place bags inside the goal nets, but when we are playing in open spaces, parks like Central Park anyone can walk away with your belongings. Do not bring anything valuable.

INJURIES & DISCLAIMER:

The game organizer/s and/or Organization assume no risk or liability for injuries incurred by members or guest players on the field or during any official permitted activities: pickup games, tournaments and/or other events. By agreeing to play, you are in receipt of this information, and thereby warrant that you are in good health and assume personal responsibility for all physical and accidental risks involved with playing; not limited to falls, contact with other players, effects of the weather and conditions of the field. Play at your own risk.