

PICKUP SOCCER NYC: GAME RULES

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

- a. Wear your PSNYC t-shirt to all games OR bring a white & dark (navy or black only) t-shirt.
- b. Refer to Season Schedule for information on field surfaces & advisable footing for games.
- c. Metal cleats are NOT ALLOWED in ANY of our games at all.
- d. 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.

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

CALLS:

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

OFFSIDES:

- a. When we play full-field, the off-sides rule DOES apply: NO off-sides allowed.
- b. 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:

- a. We do not keep score. This is an informal, structured group with an emphasis on non-competitive play. All skill levels are welcome.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.



PICKUP SOCCER INC. PLAYER MANDATORY LIABILITY WAIVER/RELEASE FORM

SEASON: YEAR:		
PLAYER FIRST NAME	PLAYER LAST NAME	
EMAIL	PHONE	
ADDRESS		
EMERGENCY CONTACT: NAME	PHONE	
MEDICATION ALLERGIES (OR "NONE")		
EXISTING INJURIES OR HEALTH CONDITIONS		
JOIN PSNYC MAILING LIST?		
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LIABILITY RELEASE AND WAIVER

In exchange for my being allowed to view and/or participate in any soccer matches, scrimmages, games or tournaments organized and/or sponsored by Pickup Soccer, Inc., d/b/a Pickup Soccer NYC, I understand and agree:

- ★ Pickup Soccer, Inc., a recreational soccer organization, and its subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, or volunteers, the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, the Hudson River Park Trust, Battery Park City Authority, Battery Park City Parks Conservancy, Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation, Empire State Development Corporation, Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation, the People of the State of New York, the New York State Executive Department, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the New York City Region of State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission, the Department of Environmental Conservation, the State of New York, the City of New York and each of their respective commissioners, directors, officials, employees, successors and/or other agents or proprietors assigning or associated with playing fields or other facilities used in any future games assume no responsibility or liability, direct or indirect with respect to my viewing as a spectator, and/or participation in, any soccer matches, scrimmages, games or tournaments organized or sponsored by Pickup Soccer, Inc. to be held beginning September 16, 2007 at various locations in and around New York City, New York, and continuing in perpetuity with no official ending date.
- ★ I understand that viewing as a spectator and/or participating in soccer matches, scrimmages, games or tournaments is potentially hazardous, and the risk of injury is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules and equipment may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist. Further I understand that the terrain of playing surfaces may be at times uneven, having rough holes that are not visible, notwithstanding I assume full responsibility for my own safety and well-being when I am playing soccer games organized or sponsored by Pickup Soccer Inc. I have been advised that I should not enter and participate unless I am medically able and in good health. I hereby warrant that I am medically able to participate in soccer games organized or sponsored by Pickup Soccer Inc. I assume all risks associated with viewing as a spectator and/or participating in this group, including but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, any sports equipment, spectators, effects of the weather, and conditions of the field.
- ★ I hereby release from and waive any claims against Pickup Soccer Inc. resulting from my viewing as a spectator and/or participation in the aforementioned soccer matches, games or tournaments organized or sponsored by Pickup Soccer Inc. I understand that, in exchange for my participation, and by signing this Waiver and Release, I am expressly waiving the right to bring a claim of any kind against the Organization directly or indirectly for being involved in any way with the Organization.
- ★ I grant permission to be filmed or recorded during any soccer matches, scrimmages, games or tournaments organized or sponsored by Pickup Soccer, Inc. and waive all rights in any film or recording made thereof. I hereby grant Pickup Soccer Inc., its subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers or volunteers the perpetual and irrevocable right to use my picture, portrait, or photograph for all purposes and in all media including advertising, trade, promotion, exhibition, or any other lawful purposes and hereby release and agree to hold harmless Pickup Soccer Inc., their subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers or volunteers from any liability by virtue of any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form in the recording or processing of the photographs, films and/or videos toward the completion of the finished product. I hereby waive any claims I may have based on any usage of the photographs, films, and/or videos or works derived therefrom.
- ★ I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releases or others and assume full responsibility for my participation.
- ★ I certify that I am or will be over the age of 18 as of September 1, 2018. I willingly agree to comply with the stated terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any hazard during my presence or participation, I will promptly notify the referee and remove myself from further participation until such time as I am satisfied that the hazard has been remedied. I will notify Pickup Soccer, Inc. in the event of any change of circumstances, including but not limited to, my physical health that would modify and of the promises or warranties made herein.

TRIAL PLAYER SIGNATURE	DATE