

# METRO DENVER WOMEN'S SOCCER CLUB

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

MDWSC follows the most current FIFA Rules of the Game except as noted herein.

### Rule 1: PLAYER REGISTRATION AND PLAYER CARDS

- A. Each team manager must provide the referees with a game card printed from GotSoccer Team Account prior to the start of each game.
  - All players should carry government-issued picture identification as proof of age to all scheduled games.
  - A PLAYER WHOSE NAME IS NOT ELECTRONICALLY PRINTED AS PART OF THE TEAM ROSTER ON THE GAME CARD IS NOT ALLOWED PLAY IN THE GAME WITHOUT PROOF OF CURRENT SOCCER YEAR PLAYER REGISTRATION.
- B. Each player must be registered with Colorado Soccer Association (CSA) for the current Soccer Year.
  - Players register with CSA and pay an annual player registration fee through GotSoccer.
  - The player registration fee must be paid at the time of registration.
  - The game card must list each player in the team roster prior to the start of the game.
- C. The team roster should have no less than seven (7) players.
- D. Women turning 25 years of age by 12/31 of the calendar year of the current season may register and play in the league (any division) at the beginning of said season.
  - Division A (only) teams may carry two (2) U-25 (21+) players on their roster.
- E. Any team allowing a player or players to participate in a scheduled game who are ineligible under any provision of Rule 1 may be subject to suspension, fine, forfeiture, disbanding, or expulsion from the League without a refund.
  - The team shall automatically forfeit the game or games in question if an ineligible player is identified and confirmed.
  - The player(s) shall be suspended from at least the next league game for which she is otherwise eligible after the discovery of the violation.
- F. An individual may only play on one team in the league, except as goalkeeper or as a supplemental player.
  - Teams are allowed to recruit supplemental players from teams in their division or lower to fill out their roster for a particular game (no more than 14 players total), due to unexpected circumstances, and not as a routine strategy for a team to fill its roster.
  - Goalkeepers may substitute on a team in any division; players can only play in their primary division or above, unless the other team agrees to allow a higher

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level player to sub on a lower level team as a sub (i.e., not on the field the entire game).

### **Rule 2: TEAM AFFILIATION**

- A. A team shall be affiliated with MDWSC annually for each calendar year (January 1 through December 21) upon receipt by the Registrar of the following:
- Completed team registration through getsoccer.com link (provided by the League Registrar).
  - All fees or other monies required by CSA/MDWSC for that season.
  - The Team Manager and/or Co-Manager are the team representative in all matters and have the duty of proper team registration.
  - Any team found to be ineligible under any provision of Rule 2 may be subject to suspension, fine, forfeiture, disbanding, or expulsion from the League without a refund.

### **Rule 3: DUTIES OF THE HOME TEAM AND VISITING TEAM**

- A. The home team at the first game at each field will pick up field equipment from storage location. Home team scheduled for the last game played on each field is responsible to return the field equipment to storage.
- B. Each team is responsible to put up or take down one net and two corner flags.
- C. If the referee declares a conflict in uniform colors, the home team must change shirts. Alternate jerseys must match in color. Alternate jerseys do NOT need to be numbered but it is preferred.
- D. Each team shall be prepared to provide a #5 game ball in good condition.
- E. Each team is responsible for the actions of their players, coaches and fans.

### **Rule 4: RULES OF COMPETITION**

- A. League games are those games played during the official MDWSC season as scheduled by MDWSC.
- B. All games shall be conducted according to FIFA'S Laws of the Game, except as amended by MDWSC and CSSA. Teams, Managers, Players are responsible to know these rules.
- C. Substitutions are unlimited and allowed on any throw-in, on any goal kick, and after a goal has been scored.
- D. A player will not be allowed to participate if wearing anything deemed by the referee to be dangerous to another player.

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- E. A player shall not wear any metal jewelry unless it is for medical reasons, e.g., a medical alert bracelet.
  - All earrings, necklaces, and rings must be removed before game start.
  - Silicone rings are allowed.
  - Game officials may require Fitbits and other activity trackers to be covered.
- F. Braces with exposed metal fittings or sharp edges must be covered by a padded sleeve.
  - Braces with built-in protective padding do not require extra covering, unless so stipulated by the game official.
- G. All games shall be played as scheduled.
  - If a team fails to show for any game, that team will be fined the full cost of the referee and field fees associated with that game.
  - This fee will be added to the team's account balance and payable when fee balance is due during the season in which the forfeiture was incurred.
- H. Each team should be ready to play at the scheduled match time.
  - Ready to play shall be taken to mean a minimum of seven (7) players listed on the game card team roster and properly equipped.
  - If one or both teams are not ready to play at the scheduled game time there shall be a 15 minute grace period.
  - If the grace period expires and the minimum number of players are not positioned on the field ready to play, the delinquent team shall forfeit the game and will be fined the full cost of the referee and field fees associated with that game.
  - Game forfeiture fees will be added to the team's account balance and payable when fee balance is due during the season in which the forfeiture was incurred.
- I. Exception to Rule 4-H:
  - A game can be cancelled without penalty if the Team Manager or Co-Manager notifies the League Scheduler by Friday at noon prior to the next scheduled game.
  - The League Scheduler shall be responsible for notifying other affected teams and the Referee Assignor.
  - When sufficient advance notice is given by the team requesting a game cancellation, the team shall remain responsible for full field fees associated with that game.

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### **Rule 5: STANDINGS**

- A. League standings shall be calculated according to the following points:
  - Win: 3 points
  - Tie: 1 point
  - Loss: 0 points
- B. “Goals for” is the tie breaker where calculated team points are equivalent.
- C. If “Goals for” are equivalent, the lesser of “goals against” will determine the standing.

### **Rule 6: SLIDE TACKLING**

- A. Slide tackling shall be prohibited for all games played in MDWSC.
- B. The spirit of the No Slide Tackling rule is to prevent the use of slide tackling in the vicinity of another player and to reduce the possibility of injury.
- C. Slide Tackling is defined as a play where any player intentionally comes into contact with the playing surface with any part of her body other than the soles of her feet while in the immediate vicinity of an opponent.
- D. This rule includes slide tackling as a DANGEROUS PLAY foul.
- E. A goalkeeper may slide tackle the ball, only in the penalty area, but may not slide tackle from behind or in a dangerous manner.
- F. Any player may go to the ground to block a pass or shot if there are NO OTHER PLAYERS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY.
- G. Sliding to control a FREE ball, with no other player in the vicinity is NOT considered a slide tackle foul.

### **RULE 7: GAME FORFEITURES**

- A. A team shall forfeit a scheduled game under the following circumstances:
  - No show or less than 7 players ready to participate at scheduled game time
  - Notification to any MDWSC Board Member after 12:00 Noon on the Friday preceding the scheduled game
  - The forfeiting team will be fined the full cost of the referee and field fees associated with that game.
  - Game forfeiture fees will be added to the team’s account balance and payable when fee balance is due during the season in which the forfeiture was incurred.
- B. Any team that forfeits two (2) games in any one season shall be fined \$50, due and payable upon receipt of notification in Team Account Statement.

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### **RULE 8: MISCONDUCT**

- A. Any player issued a red card for an infraction, including but not limited to, fighting, shall be suspended for a minimum of (2) two league games; the game in which the infraction occurred and the next game that is scheduled and played.
- B. Two yellow cards given to the same player in one game is equivalent to a red card and will be subject to the penalty as indicated in Rule 8A.
- C. Foul or abusive language directed at another player or a referee will result in a card. Excessive foul language by any player may result in a card.
- D. Teams that fail to control their players, coaches, or fans may result in suspension, fine, forfeiture, disbanding, expulsion, or other sanctions.
- E. Misconduct is determined by the referee.
  - For more information on types of fouls that will draw cards, please refer to the game reports:
    - Yellow card infractions: C (caution)
    - Red card infractions: S (suspension)
- F. Any player who receives two red cards in one season shall be suspended from the league for one year.