**IM SOCCER RULES 2022**

*All intramural (IM) participants are expected to review the *Intramural Participant Handbook*. The handbook is located at [http://www.ship.edu/Recreation/Intramural_Sports/](http://www.ship.edu/Recreation/Intramural_Sports/) on IMLeagues.com and www.ship.edu/recreation.

**SCHEDULE INFORMATION:**

- Game and officiating schedules will be recorded daily on IMLeagues.com. All IM softball participants are expected to check with IMLeagues.com daily to confirm league schedules. *In cases of inclement weather, decisions to postpone games will be made one hour before scheduled contest(s) when possible.*
- All games will be played at the Student Rec Complex (SRC) on assigned fields. Field site may change only when dictated by intramural employees. Any games played at sites other than that designated will be recorded as losses for both participating teams.

**GAME CHECK-IN:**

- Each player is required to present physical SUID to intramural staff upon arrival to the field. Any individual failing to present physical SUID, who participates in a contest, will subject the parent team to forfeiture.
- Any individual failing to present a requested physical SUID, or violating ShipRec access policies, who participates in a contest, will subject the parent team to forfeiture of the contest and associated penalties.

**ROSTERS:**

- Rosters must be submitted through IMLeagues.com during the registration window. The registration window for 2022 Soccer is Monday, August 22nd at 8:00am through Wednesday, September 7th at 8:00am.
- Any additions or drops after the registration window will be done by the intramural GA. Captains must email the intramural GA at rec@ship.edu with their team name, the individuals name, SUID, ship email, and phone number.
- Shall contain a minimum of 10 players but no more than 14.
- The league is co-ed. However, teams are not required to be co-ed.
- Roster changes are prohibited following the completion of 50% of the regular season. The department of recreation will notify captains with a specific deadline once it has been established.
- Individuals on a varsity soccer roster on the date of the first NCAA regular season game from the ’21-’22 and ’22-’23 academic years are not eligible for 2022 intramural soccer.
- Intramural soccer rosters are limited to two club soccer roster members.

**EQUIPMENT:**

- Metal or screw-in cleats are prohibited and will result in an automatic ejection.
- The department will be providing all game balls for play. Any game played with any other ball will result in a loss for the offending teams.
- All participants will be expected to wear department issued pinnies for purpose of tracking penalties and participation.
- Goalkeepers should wear distinctive shirts.

**GAME RULES:**

- Team shall consist of 7 players (including the goaltender).
- Goalkeepers  
  - Permitted to use hands inside the penalty area.
  - Once the ball is handled, may take no more than 3 steps before putting the ball in play.
  - Goalie may release the ball only by throw.
  - May not be charged by opposing player when handling the ball.
  - May not handle passed balls by a teammate with their hands. A corner kick will be awarded if the ball is passed to the goalkeeper in this manner.
- Substitutions  
  - Shall enter the game at the officials’ discretion only during a goal kick, ground kick, or injury.
  - May not switch positions with goalkeeper when the ball is in play.
• Off-Sides
  o There will be no off-sides called.

• Out Of Bounds
  o When the entire ball crosses the sideline or end line.
  o On sideline out of bounds the ball should be put in play by a ground kick from the touchline. This may be a direct kick.
  o Defense must allow a 5-yard buffer.

• Scoring
  o A goal is awarded when the entire ball crosses the goal line.
  o Team with the most goals at the end of regulation time wins. Ties may occur in the regular season.

• Free Kicks
  o All free kicks may be direct.
  o Defenders must allow a 5-yard buffer.
  o Penalties resulting in a free kick include; tripping, hand balls, pushing, unsportsmanlike conduct, dangerous play, slide tackling, and delay of game.

• Penalty Kicks
  o Awarded to the offensive team when penalties occur within the defensive teams penalty area.
  o Attempted from the 9-yard stripe.
  o The goalkeeper is the sole defender with other defenders outside the penalty area.
  o The goalkeeper may not move his/her feet from the goal line until the ball is struck.

• Corner Kick
  o Is awarded to the offensive team when a defensive player causes the ball to go out of bounds across his/her end line.
  o A direct kick is put in play within the 1-yard corner arc nearest the point where the ball went out of bounds.

• Goal Kick
  o Awarded when an offensive player causes the ball to go out of bounds across the opponent’s end line.
  o Shall be taken from the 9-yard stripe and may be a direct kick.

OFFICIATING:
• Teams are responsible for providing officials per the officiating schedule. Any failure to officiate and or sign in the respected officiating slot on the score sheet will result in a violation.
• Officials must be actively and effectively officiating. Any official using an electronic device while officiating will receive an officiation violation for their parent team.
• No student should officiate any game in which his or her parent team is participating.

FORFEITS:
• Forfeits will also result in a violation. Team violations are used to determine a team’s continuation in the league, including eligibility for post-season competition.

SPORTSMANSHIP:
• If a player shows unsportsmanlike conduct, one warning will be made to the player and his or her parent organization. If the player continues their unsportsmanlike conduct, he or she will be ejected from the game, and the Director of Intramurals may permanently expel the player from that sport.
• If a spectator shows unsportsmanlike conduct, the official will issue one warning. If the unsportsmanlike conduct continues, the IM staff may stop the game until the person leaves the area. If the ejected spectator is a member of any team participating in intramurals, the parent organization may be assessed a forfeit.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT:
• Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct Overview for pertinent information.