



OMAHA STREET SOCCER

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. Compliance & Player Safety

Omaha Street Soccer will follow the rules of the game of soccer as promulgated by the Federation Internationale de Football Association as modified by the United States Soccer Federation and the Youth Division of the United States Soccer Federation. There will be adaptations for small sided games and tournaments published in a separate rules document.

Welfare and Safety.

The welfare and safety of the players, referees and coaches shall be the primary concern of all persons affiliated with Omaha Street Soccer. The physical and mental wellbeing of the players and the referees shall take precedence over all other matters at all times.

A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player. The referee has the final determination if the equipment is safe to the player or another player on the field of play.

Weather Safety Plan

Lightning Safety –Before an event, Omaha Street Soccer will consider the latest forecast to determine the likelihood of thunderstorms. If thunderstorms are forecast, consideration will be made to cancel or postpone the activity. Once people start to arrive at an activity/event, the guidelines below should be followed.

Stopping Activities/Events –In general, a significant lightning threat extends outward from the base of a thunderstorm cloud about 6 to 10 miles. Therefore, people should be in a safe place when a thunderstorm is 6 to 10 miles away. League Representatives, Site Supervisors and/or Referees can stop the activity/event. Team Staff should get the attention of the Referee if they witness any of the criteria within the Safety Plan. Here are some criteria used to stop activities: If you see lightning or; If you hear thunder

Seeking Safe Shelter – No place outside is safe in or near a thunderstorm. If an activity/event is stopped get participants, spectators and personnel off the fields and complexes as soon as possible and send them:

- a) Home if you are cancelling the activity/event
- b) To a hard-topped metal vehicle with the windows closed. Avoid contact with metal in the vehicle and try to keep away from windows. Await further instructions for resuming activities/events.
- c) To a substantial building with wiring and plumbing are the safest places. Buildings and schools offer good protection.

- d) Once inside, stay away from windows and doors and anything that conducts electricity such as corded phones, wiring, plumbing, and anything connected to these. Await further instructions for resuming activities/events.

Resuming Activities/Events -Because electrical charges can linger in clouds after a thunderstorm has passed, wait at least 30 minutes after the last site of lightning or sound of thunder before resuming activities.

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship of all persons registered with Omaha Street Soccer and all persons assisting in any soccer activity of any member of Omaha Street Soccer shall always be stressed and shall take precedence over all rules except physical safety of players, referees and coaches. Sportsmanship shall take precedence over winning.

Responsibility for Conduct

Unsportsmanlike conduct by any person registered with Omaha Street Soccer or assisting in any soccer activity of any member of Omaha Street Soccer shall be subject to discipline, including fines or suspension, by the Board of Directors of Omaha Street Soccer in such manner as the Board determines.

Compliance with Rules & Regulations

Omaha Street Soccer is responsible for informing and insuring that all of our members (players, parents, coaches, assistant coaches, Board Members, Administrators and etc.) have read, understand and adhere to all policies of Omaha Street Soccer, Nebraska State Soccer and the rules of the leagues their teams will participate in during the season. A plea of ignorance to the policies is not sufficient in defending a grievance or grounds for a protest or appeal.

Nebraska State Soccer:

All policies will be listed on the Nebraska State Soccer web site under the Policies and Rules link on the resources tab or by contacting the State Office.

Any member of the association who fails to follow the rules and regulations and all policies of Nebraska State Soccer shall be subject to the following:

- a) First Offense – up to \$100 fine and up to two years' probation.
- b) Second Offence – up to \$500 fine and up to two years' probation.
- c) Any Subsequent Offence – up to \$1,000 fine and up to three years' probation.

If the second or subsequent offence occurs while serving a current probation the probations will be served consecutively.

2. Registration

Omaha Street Soccer will align with all rules of Nebraska State Soccer regarding registrations. All Players, Staff and Teams must be registered with Nebraska State Soccer each soccer year (August 1 to July 31) and must abide by the rules and regulations of Nebraska State Soccer.

Registration of Players, Staff and Teams will be in accordance with USSF, USASA and US Youth Soccer.

- a) Players, Staff and Teams will be allowed to be registered until July 31 of the current seasonal year.
- b) Affiliate Member shall be responsible for insuring proper registration of the players and coaches, and affiliation of the teams.
- c) Players and Staff will be considered registered once they are approved by the Affiliate Member or Nebraska State Soccer in the registration program.

Registration & Player Commitment

A player is considered committed to Omaha Street Soccer when the player's parents/guardians have completed the registration form and submits a portion or, or the full amount of fees required by the Omaha Street Soccer.

A committed player may not play for another Affiliate Member unless;

- a) They have written permission primary coach or Affiliate Member designee, except during participation in Team Formation events.
- b) They are granted a release or a transfer from the current Affiliate Member

Proof of Age

Omaha Street Soccer must verify age of any player entered into the registration software the first time the player is registered using one of the following Proof of Age documents listed below:

- a) Birth certificate, a Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the uniformed services of the United States, a birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records, a passport, an alien registration card issued by the United States Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, a current driver's license, an unexpired federal, state, or local government identification card (if documentation of date of birth is required), or a certification of a United States citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal, or religious certificates will not be accepted.

Parents/Guardians may blackout all information on a copy of the document(s) except for legal first and last name, birth date and gender. Affiliate Members need to inform parents/guardians of their right prior to collection of the document.

Once the proof of age document has been verified and uploaded into the registration system the document needs to be disposed of properly (such as shredding) or return to the parent/guardian. Omaha Street Soccer shall not keep or store documents in any fashion.

Collection by Team Staff (e.g. Coach, Team Manager): Team Staff shall not keep or store documents. If required to collect documents for any tournament or event, Team Staff will have parent/guardian retain possession of the document except for check-in at these events. Team Staff shall return the document to the parent/guardian as soon as possible. If a parent/guardian cannot be present, they will give the document to a person of their choice. This person shall return the document as soon as possible after the event.

Identification Passes

All players and coaches registered to a youth or Adult team shall carry a Nebraska State Soccer/US Youth Soccer approved identification player/coach pass. A player/coach pass will be required to be on the sideline at any Nebraska State Soccer sanctioned league or tournament match.

Identification player/coach passes shall be furnished to the referee prior to each Nebraska State Soccer sanctioned league or tournament match.

Identification player/coach passes remain the property of the Nebraska State Soccer Association and must be produced and/or surrendered upon request of the State Referee Administrator, State Registrar, Vice president; or by a USSF registered referee in the course of officiating a Nebraska State Soccer sanctioned league or tournament match. Referees shall note on the game card the name of any individual unable to produce an identification player/coach pass prior to a Nebraska State Soccer sanctioned league or tournament match.

Identification player/coach passes shall have a picture of the individual attached and then laminated if digital/online passes are not being utilized.

3. Amendments

These Rules and Regulations may be altered, amended or repealed and new Rules may be adopted by the Board of Directors by a majority vote.