



# Rules and Regulations For CASA Soccer 2020/2021

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**Ignorance of CASA Rules and regulations is not a defense against violations of them.  
CASA Uses NCAA Rules, with some adjustments as documented within this guide.**

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## Casa Mission Statement



Founded in 2005, the CASA community consists of 8,000+ local soccer players growing into the largest independent amateur soccer community in the USA. We offer year-round soccer programs throughout Philadelphia for men and women. We strive to bring fully inclusive soccer to the Philadelphia area and support community efforts to increase the sports presence in all areas of the surrounding communities while offering a safe place for people to play and interact. We have a player diversity that spans more than 70 countries, and skill levels that range from first time players to former professional players.

Any rule or regulation not specifically addressed with the CASA rules is governed by the NCAA soccer rulebook.

# Casa Rules and Regulations

## Section 1. Referees

1. Referees will be assigned to games via Arbiter by the assigner.
2. All Referees will be certified.
3. Payment must be made at or prior to kick off. (Leagues may have different fees)
4. Roster checks should be performed prior to the kick off. If a team doesn't have a roster available, it should be noted in the comments of the game report.
5. Referee's decisions on the field are final.
  - a. Dissent or abuse towards referees will not be tolerated.
  - b. Captains may speak to referees involving calls in a respectful manner.
  - c. Appeals are to be made within 24 hours of a game.
6. Referees need to complete a game report within 24 hours of the game completion, with the report to contain the following information.
  - a. Score
  - b. Yellow cards
  - c. Red cards (Use the following codes for reds)
    - i. (1) Second yellow
    - ii. (2) Violent conduct or intent to injure
    - iii. (3) Fighting
    - iv. (4) Verbal abuse
  - d. Fights during games are to be reported immediately after the game to the referee assignor. The assignor will then relay the information to the Communications Director and President, who will start the review process with the respective league commissioner.

## Section 2. Player Eligibility

1. CASA is an adult based league
  - a. Players must be
    - i. Over the age of 18
    - ii. Registered on the site
    - iii. Have accepted the waiver as part of their registration
2. League Requirements
  - a. 11v11 is available to any player who would like to play as long as they are 18 years of age or older.
  - b. 7v7 and 8v8 leagues
    - i. Women's league are restricted to individuals identifying as a woman
    - ii. Co-ed leagues are required to have at least 2 women on the field
    - iii. Over-30 league has an age requirement of 30 years of age or older.
  - c. Futsal
    - i. Exceptions may be made for players under 18, but must be approved by the commissioner and BoD.
3. Roster Requirements
  - a. Players must be registered on a specific roster
    - i. Players cannot be registered on multiple rosters within the same league. (i.e a player can not be rostered on a Primera team and a Segunda team in the same season).
      1. Note: Coaches can be registered as staff on multiple teams. 2 staff members are allowed per team on LeagueApps.
    - ii. Guest players must be registered on the site to be eligible guests.
      1. In the event a guest player is not registered on the site, any resulting liability related to this guest player falls on the captain.
    - iii. Guest players must be from a division different than the one they are guesting in.
      1. If a player is guesting within their own division the opposing captain must agree to allow the guest player.

### Section 3. Equipment

1. Players are required to wear the following equipment:
  - a. Shin guards
  - b. Jersey with a visible number that matches the roster
2. Fields will be provided by CASA and scheduled via the commissioners when they create the schedule.
3. Match balls are provided by CASA, referees should arrive at the game with a matchball. If not, any high quality match ball is acceptable.
4. No jewelry or watches are allowed to be worn during matches.

## **Section 5. 8v8 & 7v7 Leagues**

### **1. Uniforms**

- a. Uniforms follow the same rules as 11 v 11, see section 4 of rules.

### **2. Rosters**

- a. Rosters need to be complete and carry a minimum of 7 players
- b. Maximum of 15 players
- c. Co-Ed Rules Require 5 Males / 2 Females be on the field at any one time, rosters must contain this as a minimum.
- d. Roster Deadlines
  - i. First Game Minimum of 7 players rostered via website.
  - ii. Second game minimum of 11 players rostered via website
  - iii. Rosters lock before first playoff game

### **3. Game Length, Extra Time, Shoot Outs**

- a. Games are comprised of 2 periods of 25 minutes per period.
- b. There is no extra time in regular season play
  - i. Extra Time in Playoff games is used to determine a winner if there is a tie. It consists of 1 golden goal period of 5 minutes.
- c. Penalty Shoot Outs will take place after over time fails to settle a tie.

### **4. Substitutions**

- a. Substitutions are unlimited
- b. Substitutions occur “on the fly” meaning any time during the game you are eligible to sub as long as the player being replaced has left the field of play.

### **5. Off-Sides**

- a. There is no off-sides

### **6. Restarting Play**

- a. All restarts from a touchline are indirect kick-ins
  - i. No throw ins
- b. Opposing team must be 5 yards from ball on restarts.

### **7. Fouls / Discipline / Appeals / Suspensions**

- a. All rules follow 11 v 11 rules in Section 4.

### **8. Goal Keepers**

- a. No punting or drop kicking

- i. If a punt occurs the opposing team is given a free kick at mid field.

### **9. Slide Tackling**

- a. All rules follow the 11 v 11 rules in Section 4.

### **10. CASA 7v7 Champions Cup**

- a. At the conclusion of the small-sided division seasons, the winners of the Abierto Thursday, Abierto Sunday, Co-ed, and Over-30 divisions will contest a 4-team single elimination tournament to determine the CASA small-sided champion for that season. Co-ed champions have no restrictions in terms of numbers of males/females on the field for the tournament.

### **11. Inclement Weather**

- a. In the event that weather prohibits games from being played, team captains will be notified at the earliest time possible.
- b. The league tries to reschedule as many games as possible. Sometimes games do not get rescheduled.
  - i. These games are recorded as “0” point draws that don’t change the standings.

### **12. Rescheduling / Forfeits**

- a. Reschedules are unavoidable in an outdoor environment. We rent the fields we play on and sometimes we get bumped, or weather forces us to cancel games.
  - i. Rescheduled games can occur at any time during the week or weekend. This includes playing night games.
  - ii. We attempt to honor any requests that are made for reschedules but this isn’t always possible.
  - iii. Rescheduled games must be played. If the game is not played by the rescheduled date, or the teams can’t agree to a date other than one scheduled by the league, the game will be considered a “0” point draw that doesn’t change the standings.
- b. Forfeits are issued when a team doesn’t show up, can’t play or can’t agree to a reschedule with the opposing team, or are reduced below the minimum player’s to be considered a full team (either by injury or ejection).
  - i. Request for postponement (avoiding a forfeit)
    - 1. Made more than 48 hours before kickoff will carry no fine, and both teams will follow the reschedule process listed in 14.b.i.2.a.



2. Made 24-48 hours before kick off will carry no fine. This will be recorded as a 3-0 final score forfeit unless the opponent is able to agree to reschedule
  - a. Agreeing to reschedule
    - i. If the opposing team will agree to a reschedule, the following is taken into account:
      1. Field availability
      2. Team that accepted the reschedules preference
        - a. If the teams cannot agree to a time, the original forfeit will stand.
3. Made 24 hours or less before kick off will carry a minimum fine of \$50 up to the full cost of the field rental for that game, as well as the referee fee for both teams of \$50. This will be recorded as a 3-0 final score forfeit with no opportunity for reschedule