



**2018 Spring Co-Ed Competitive
Soccer League Handbook**

Overview

The 2018 Spring Co-Ed Competitive Soccer League held at Breese Stevens Field provides an opportunity for community members to take their talents to the pitch and compete in a competitive environment. This league will be competition based with 16 teams vying for the championship title, a large cash prize, as well as the potential for other prizes and field uses.

This league will run every Monday from April 2nd - May 21st 2018 from 6:00pm-10:00pm. Games will be 6 v 6 (including goalkeeper) -and played on a reduced size field (½ field played perpendicular to normal field) to keep games fast paced and competitive. Games will be 25 x 25 minutes long with a 3 minute half time. Games will begin promptly on the hour and end within the hour to keep other games on schedule. Teams are guaranteed 8 weeks of play, with a bump date of May 28th. All referees will be certified. Fee per team will be \$1,000 and teams will not be subject to additional fees (i.e. extra referees for championship games, extra light use, etc)

Each team will submit a fixed roster to Breese Stevens Field with a maximum of 12 players per teams, with the minimum amount on a roster being 6. Guest players will not be permitted. Teams will be subject to roster checks at random if there is evidence that a player is not on the official roster submitted to BSF. Teammates must be over 18 years of age and have graduated from high school. There is no upper age limit. Each roster must contain a mix of males and females to be considered “co-ed”.

Purpose and Scope of This Document

This Handbook and Registration Information booklet is intended to give all participants a broad overview of how the league operates and explain most rules and procedures that govern the league. Additional details for the league will be disseminated via e-mail and on the Breese Stevens Field facebook page, so please check both frequently. If you have a SPAM filter on your email, please add tryg@breesestevensfield.com to your list of safe senders to ensure you receive all emails pertaining to the league.

Code of Conduct

Breese Stevens Field does not tolerate discrimination, racism, sexual harassment, unwelcome sexual advances, violence, threats, or any other type of behavior that may in any way make any member feel uncomfortable or threaten his or her health and well-being. We expect all members to treat each other with respect and abide by common rules of decency and good sportsmanship.

Team names must not be offensive toward any race, nationality, gender, or any other group of individuals. They must also not contain profanity. Please use tact and common sense when

choosing a team name. Breese Stevens Field reserves the right to reject any team name it finds offensive. Creative and funny names are encouraged; offensive ones will not be allowed.

During play, all participants must refrain from taunting, name-calling, put-downs, intimidation, and violence toward teammates, opponents, and officials. Everyone makes mistakes, and we will not tolerate criticism or intimidation of any of our members due to differences in skill level or any other factor. Coaching, tips, and helpful hints are welcome, provided they are relayed in a constructive and friendly manner.

All members are encouraged to report offensive behavior to the League Manager, Tryg Chinander, via email at tryg@breesestevensfield.com. All reports will be kept anonymous and taken seriously, and appropriate action will be taken if deemed necessary, including, but not limited to warnings, suspension and removal of the offending individual from the league.

Registration and General League Information

- Registration is only available online through the provided link found here
- Only full teams can be enrolled in the league, i.e. there will be no free agent enrollment
- Captains must indicate the team's preferred headband colors when registering
- Teams will be accepted on first paid, first enrolled basis. If necessary, a cutoff date for registration will be announced on the Breese Stevens Field website and Facebook page.
- Team captains are responsible for collecting payment from team members and the full registration fee must be paid before the start of the season in order to participate.

Prizes

A league champion will be determined on the last week of the season with a bracket style tournament taking place. Seeding for this will be based on regular season standings.

League champions and runner ups will be awarded with the following at the end of playoffs:

- League Champion: \$500
- Runner-up: Prizes to be named at a later date

Headband Pickup: Each registered team will be provided with one headband per roster spot. Headband colors will be assigned on a first registered, first awarded basis. Headbands will be available before the start of the season and captains will be contacted regarding pickup days and times.

Roster Construction

- Number of players on a roster: 12 Max
- Six (6) players on a field: 5 position players and goalkeeper
- Co-ed league requires 2 women on the field at all times: if only one woman is available, the team must play a player down (5 vs 6)
- Teams cannot play with fewer than 4 players including the goalkeeper
- Teams must have a goalkeeper on the field at all times
- A team roster and waiver must be completed and turned in prior to the league's first match
- Roster changes and updates will be allowed until the completion of the fourth week of the season.
- Players cannot play on multiple teams in the same division. A forfeit will be required of a team using a player who is not on the original roster

Officials

A. All games will be officiated by an impartial, certified referee supplied by the league. The referee governs all game playing issues and has authority for final rulings.

B. The referee will also be in charge of keeping score and submitting final scores at the end of each game.

Rules of Play

I. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A. To become eligible for participation, each player must be listed on the official adult team roster of the team he/she is playing on. A player becomes eligible immediately upon completion of this process and payment in full.

B. A player can participate on only one team at a time, that being the team for which he/she is listed on the official team roster. Players found to be playing on a team other than the team for which he/she signed the team roster will be dropped from the program. The team(s) found to be using ineligible player(s) must forfeit all games in which the ineligible player(s) participated.

II. TEAMS & PLAYERS

A. Players are encouraged to wear tops that are the same color and the goalkeeper top must be a different from all field players

B. In case of uniform color conflict, pinnies will be provided compliments of Breese Stevens Field. The team listed first on the schedule will be the team required to wear the pinnies

- C. Teams must provide their own soccer balls for warm-up. Breese Stevens Field will provide game balls.
- D. For the Breese Stevens Field Soccer League, no metal or steel cleats or spikes will be allowed to be worn. All cleats must be rubber or plastic or some other similar acceptable material. The referee has the authority to make a ruling regarding the legality and safety of a player's shoes, and illegal shoes must be changed before the player is allowed to continue playing.
- E. Shin guards for all players are mandatory.

III. THE GAME

- A. 6v6 games will consist of two, 25-minute halves, with a three minute halftime.
- B. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME! A team must have at least four eligible players available at game time, or a forfeit will result. The referee will be the timekeeper in this situation. NOTE: To be considered "available" for a game, a player must be on the playing field, in sight of the referee.
- C. Goalkeepers can only use their hands inside the penalty area.
- D. Goals may be scored from anywhere except directly from goal kicks, kick-off, throw-ins, indirect free kicks and goalkeeper throws.
- E. There is no offside in this league.

IV. SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Unlimited player substitutions is permitted.
- B. Substitutes may enter the game and goalkeepers may change with the referee's consent, at the following times:
 - (1) on goal kicks by either team
 - (2) after a goal is scored by either team
 - (3) when play is stopped for an injured player from either team
 - (4) on throw-ins by either team

V. PLAYER/TEAM CONDUCT

- A. Any player receiving a yellow card is subject to a mandatory substitution until the next available substitution opportunity. If a substitute is not available, the player must still leave the game until the next regular substitution . The offending player's team will play one player short until the player is allowed to return.
- B. The names of the players who receive red cards will be kept on file at Breese Stevens Field. Any player who receives a red card will be suspended for the rest of that game and the next scheduled game. Any player who receives two (2) red cards for violent play / misconduct during

the season will be banned from play for the remainder of the year. After receiving a red card, the player has 60 seconds to leave the field and surrounding area. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit of that team's game.

C. Any player who starts a physical fight will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the season. Other players who are involved in a fight will draw an appropriate suspension as determined by the league manager by recommendation of the referee.

D. Any intentional physical contact to the referee or field supervisor will result in immediate suspension for life from all Breese Stevens Field leagues.

E. Unsportsmanlike behavior may result in penalties being imposed upon the offending individual, including coaches, participants, or spectators. Penalties may include banishment from further participation in Breese Stevens Field Leagues. Penalties will be decided by a committee made up of the Breese Stevens Field staff.

VI. OTHER INFORMATION

Cancellation/Rainout Policy

A. Games may be postponed or canceled due to dangerous weather or a number of other factors. Breese Stevens Field will make every attempt to reschedule games as needed. Due to the fact that games will be played on turf, rain will not cause a game to be cancelled unless conditions are deemed hazardous. A game will be considered complete and no rescheduling will occur if half-time is reached before a game is called for dangerous weather. Any cancellations will be posted on the Breese Stevens Field Facebook page as well as emailed to all registered captains to relay to their team.

B. Once a game is scheduled, it will be played according to the date, time and place that is listed. Games will not be rescheduled for any reason except for weather and field related conditions.

C. It is required that players remove all jewelry (rings, necklaces, earrings, wrist watches, etc.) before participating in any game. Referees have the authority and will require that such jewelry be removed before a player can begin or continue to participate.

D. Referees and Field Monitors are to be obeyed at all times.

E. Smoking, chewing tobacco, gum, and sunflower seeds are not permitted in the playing area, including the team bench area.

F. League standings are based on points accumulated as follows:

- WINS - 3 points
- TIES - 1 point
- LOSSES - 0 points

G. The tie-breaker procedure used to break ties in league standings will be goal differential in all games played.

End of the Game

At the completion of the game, the score card will be signed by each captain and submitted to Breese Stevens Field as proof of the game's final score. All players are expected to shake hands and otherwise show good sportsmanship, regardless of the final score or any disagreements or situations that may have arisen during the game.

Results and Standings

Results and standings will be emailed to team captains every Tuesday morning following receipt of the official scorecard from each game.

All captains have 24 hours upon receiving this email to dispute scores or standings. After 24 hours after the email was sent, the scores will be finalized.

Welcome to Breese Stevens Field!

