



**City of El Paso, Parks and Recreation
Sports Division
Youth Indoor Soccer
Summer 2026**

I. Introduction

The City of El Paso Parks & Recreation Department Youth Indoor Soccer League will be conducted under the City of El Paso Sports rules.

II. Organization

The sports programming section of the City of El Paso Parks & Recreation will be the governing body for this program. The application, construction and interpretation of these rules and regulations, the eligibility requirements, or league schedule shall be solely at the discretion of the program supervisor and sports staff to include any changes at **any time** for the benefit of the program.

III. Type of Program

A. Games will be played at Nations Tobin the following days:

- a. Fridays @ Big Rink
- b. Saturdays @ Big Rink
- c. Sundays @ Big Rink

B. League consists of 6 regular season games plus single elimination playoffs bracket.

C. More than one game per week will be played especially during playoffs. No break times guaranteed.

D. Regular season final standings will be used for seeding purposes. Seeding playoffs will be determined by overall record, followed by head to head-to-head, and then go to total points.

E. Play-off Tiebreaker will be determined by:

- a. A 5 – minute golden goal with a shootout if no team scores within the 5 minutes, a shootout will occur.
- b. Shootout
- c. Both teams have up to 5 shots, with players from each team kicking alternately; If, at any time, a team obtains a 2-goal advantage, the Tiebreaker ceases and the winner is declared;
- d. If, after both teams have taken 5 shots, neither has an advantage, the Tiebreaker continues, alternating one player at a time, until both teams have taken an equal number of shots and one team has scored when the other has not.

F. Players must play a minimum of 3 games in the regular season to play in the Playoffs.

G. If a team forfeits 2 games for any reason during the season they will be dropped from the league without a refund.

IV. Entry fee and leagues:

Fees must be paid in full at the moment of registration. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Refund Policy: Once a team is posted on the schedule **no refunds** will be issued. Refunds will only be issued when the cause of the program cancellation was initiated by the City.

The league fee is as follows:

10U-14U **\$250.00 per team** (includes all officials' fees).

V. Player Eligibility

A. The league will be divided into the following age divisions:

10U, 12U, 14U

The age cutoff will be as follows:

- **10U – Must be 10 on or after January 01, 2026 (must be born on/after January 01, 2016 and on/before December 31, 2016)**
- **12U – Must be 12 on or after January 01, 2026 (must be born on/after January 01, 2014 and on/before December 31, 2014)**
- **14U – Must be 14 on or after January 01, 2026 (must be born on/after January 01, 2012 and on/before December 31, 2012)**

B. Players may not play on more than one team per division.

C. Players may play in two divisions. **Their age division and up but never down.**

D. An ineligible player is defined as a player that does not meet any of the following qualifications:

1. Not on the roster
2. Did not sign the waiver form
3. Played on another team in the same division
4. Over the age limit
5. Did not play the 3 required games

E. **Players must have a City of El Paso youth sport ID before the 1st game and physically bring it to every game.** No other form of ID will be accepted (copy, pictures on phone, etc.). Field supervisor may do an ID/Roster check at any point of the game.

NO ID = NO PLAY, NO EXCEPTIONS!

a. **IDs are \$5.00 per ID** | Youth IDs are good for one year | ID replacement are \$5.00

F. There is not a mandatory must play rule.

G. The coach/captain is responsible for submitting the roster on time. **There will be a roster lock in date, which is the Start of the 2nd week of the league. No changes will be allowed to be made after locked date. No exceptions.**

VI. Rosters and League Schedule

A. Roster must be submitted to staff at Nations Tobin or Field Supervisor before roster lock date.

B. No roster will result in forfeited games.

C. Head coach/captain must provide a valid email address and phone number the day of the coaches meeting.

D. ALL Waiver forms must be signed, dated, and submitted to staff by FIRST game of the season. If missing forms, player will not be allowed to play until all forms are filled.

NO COMPLETE PAPERWORK = FOREIT. NO EXCEPTIONS.

E. Roster is limited to:

o 10U – 14U: 18 players

o Deadline to add new players will be the 2nd week of the season (Roster lock date). No exceptions.

F. No accommodations will be made for outside leagues or events.

G. Coaches are responsible for checking game schedule via. Quickscores for any game date/time changes.

H. Once Regular season games are posted on QuickScores, no accommodation shall be made. Changes will only be made if initiated by the City of El Paso.

I. Any other schedule changes are at the discretion of City Staff and Site Supervisor.

VII. Coaches/Captains/ Parents

A. Coaches and/or a coach representative must attend mandatory coaches meeting at Nations Tobin 8831 Railroad.

B. Coaches must have a Criminal Background Check through Parks and have a coaches ID.

a. Background is \$40.00 per coach | Background check is good for two years | Coach ID is \$5.00 and is good for two years.

b. Coaches must have IDs present at all times during games

c. Coaches MUST have Coaches ID by FIRST game of the season. NO COACHES ID = GAME FORFEIT. NO EXCEPTIONS.

C. Only players and two coaches allowed on the benches during a game. All non-playing, children and spectators need to be on the spectator side, NO EXCEPTIONS.

D. Coaches/captains will be held responsible for the actions of their players and team spectators. PLEASE ADVISE PARENTS, PLAYERS, AND FANS THAT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO QUESTION A REFEREE'S CALL OR RULINGS. Everyone is subject to the same penalties as players. NO ONE including the coach is to step on the field without being called onto field by an official, violations can be punished with a yellow card. Relatives and/or friends of players are to bring up their **concerns to the coach** and then the coach can speak to city staff. (No exceptions)

E. At least one parent must have the parent class per child. If two brothers/ sisters, only one is necessary.

a. Parent class is \$5.00 per parent.

b. Parent class is good for one year

VIII. The Game

A. Game time:

10U, 12U, 14U: two (2) Eighteen (18) minute halves with RUNNING CLOCK. Running clock is a continuous, uninterrupted countdown of the game time that does not stop of most game delays. Clock will only stop for serious injuries. No timeouts.(1) Four (4) minute halftime. Clock will start at the referee's second whistle. The Site Supervisor, scorekeeper, or the referee CAN shorten the time limit or run the clock (including half time) if any given situation arises. (If a team is winning by more than 10 goals, scorekeeper will stop adding the goals on the scoreboard but continue to write them down on scoresheet.)

B. **Mercy Rule:** Because placing will be determined by point differential, there will only be a mercy rule if one team is up by 15 goals which will immediately end the game and scores will be inputted.

C. **Grace Period:** There will be a five (5) minute grace period for the **first (1st) game of the day.** If a team does not have enough players ready to start by the end of the five (5) minute grace period, that team will be given a forfeit. All other scheduled games are to start on time.

Scorekeeper/Referee or Staff member could apply rule A in this section

D. **Minimum players to start game:** 7 players | 9v9

Fields: Playing Rinks at Nations Tobin "Big Rink"

Active Players on field:

DIV	Maximum Players*	Minimum Players*
10U	9(8 players + goalie) big rink	7 (6 players + 1 goalie)
12U	9 (8 players + goalie) big rink	7 (6 players + 1 goalie)
14U	9 (8 players + goalie) big rink	7 (6 players + 1 goalie)

E. If a player receives a **Red Card**, that player will be removed from the playing Rink and will **NOT** be eligible to return or be replaced by another player. If a player is issued a direct red card, they will be suspended for the next game. According to the referee/scorekeeper report, this suspension could be more than 2 games. Player(s) suspended cannot be in the bench. (2 yellow cards are the same as a red card)

- F. If a player receives a **Yellow Card**, he/she will be removed from the game for two (2) minutes. There will no longer be an opportunity for teams to sub in a player if they get scored on while the player with a yellow card is in the 2 minute penalty.
- G. The team that has a player that received a **Red Card** will play minus one player the remainder of the game.
- H. If a player receives five (5) **Fouls** through-out the game, he/she will be ejected for the remainder of the game –**Fouled Out**- It is not the same as a red card. (They will not be suspended for the next game)
- I. If a ball is kicked out of play, a header, 5 second violation, any ball that hits any part of ceiling, **that is not foul only change of possession.**
- J. Once a team makes the fifth (5) foul and eighth (8) foul then a shootout will be awarded to the offended team at the and every foul after. This is for all age divisions. 6th and 7th foul will not incur a shootout.
- K. No team player(s), team staff, spectator(s), or manager(s) may “**Clear The Bench**” while a dispute/conflict/confrontation/fight/physical violence, is taking place. Doing so is subject to a disciplinary action according to the Penalty Matrix. “Clear The Bench” is defined as leaving your team area adjacent to the playing area or leaving the spectator area.
- L. Air horns, whistles, amplified noise, cow bells and/ or spectators or coaches banging on rink walls or any other device that interferes with the game will not be allowed (Official’s Judgment only).
- M. Out-of-Sight and Out-of-Sound will be in effect for suspensions and ejections. Persons ejected must leave the facility (Field/building) within **2 Minutes** of being ejected or team will forfeit the game.
- N. The Horn (Ref’s whistle) ends the game.
- O. **Slide tackles are not allowed and count as a foul.** However, slides are allowed if contact with another player is not possible (according to the referee’s judgment).
- P. **Before the beginning of each game, each coach will assist to check their scheduled game opponent’s players. (if a coach waives these rules, he or she cannot protest a player’s eligibility to play)**
- Q. During substitution of players, player entering rink cannot be the first to touch the ball.**

IX. Game Officials

- A. Game officials will be assigned by city parks & recreation staff only
- B. Officials cannot officiate or score keep in the division he/she or a relative plays in. Please report any violation to this rule to the league coordinator at the administration office.
- C. Officials must have completed a background check by the City of El Paso.
- D. **If there is not an official available, the game will be rescheduled before the end of the season.**
- E. Score keeper may buzz horn to stop game and time at any time. (emergencies)

X. Protests

- A. The **ONLY protest** allowed will be on player eligibility. **No other protest will be allowed to include but not limited to official judgement call.** During the games, the protest must be made immediately before the end of the game. The game will continue and investigation will take place after game is over. If player is ineligible to play, the game will be forfeited. No protest will be accepted after the game has ended. The protest must be made by the Head Coach listed on Roster. **Decision rendered will be final, no appeals will be accepted.** It is strongly suggested that if you have a question about player eligibility to make your concerns known prior to the game. Any visual recording will not be admitted to dispute calls or games. It is for your own personal use for your own memories.
- B. **Judgement Call Definition:** an official decision made during a sporting event by an umpire, referee etc, based on their own perception of events, when there is no other way of measuring them objectively

C. Team coaches that don't attend the mandatory coaches' meeting will not be allowed to protest.

XI. Appeals

- A. If a player's age is protested, coach must bring original copy of the player's birth certificate and a letter of the school demographics. (No exceptions) If the player in question is from Cd. Juárez, coach must bring a non-expired passport.
- B. You will have 24 business hours from receiving any suspensions to file an appeal in writing and submitted to Sports Administration. Ray Raya, RayaAR@elpasotexas.gov. If you fill out an appeal, your suspension will continue until final decision is taken.

XII. Liability

The Indoor Soccer League at Nations Tobin Center, City of El Paso, and /or Acosta Sports Center will assume NO responsibility in the event of an accident or injury to spectator, player, coaches or other participants. Teams participating should be careful to examine their own personal insurance coverage.

XIII. Equipment/Uniforms

- A. City staff will provide the game ball (low bounce size #4)
- B. Teams must provide their own uniforms such as same color jerseys, shorts, age- appropriate shin guards and matching socks.
- C. Use of **age-appropriate SHIN GUARDS** for all players is MANDATORY!!! If player is not wearing proper shin guards, NO PLAYING.
- D. JERSEYS must be the same design and color with clear numbers by the first game of regular season. Shorts and socks must be matching across all players. No two players on the same team can have the same number.
- E. Jersey Name must match name on Roster and Player ID. (EX. Jesus "Speedy" Garcia, name and nickname shall appear on jersey name and roster)
- F. Training vests provided by the city **DO NOT** count as substitute jerseys for player(s) that don't have appropriate uniform; it is a uniform violation and **therefore a penalty is given**. Training vests are only provided in case both teams are wearing the same color and one of them has to switch jerseys.
- G. For the safety of the players we recommend the use of shoes designated for indoor soccer.
- H. Jewelry is PROHIBITED. You must remove all jewelry before every game. If you are asked to remove it and you don't, you will NOT BE ABLE TO PLAY.
- I. No cleats, only indoor soccer shoes or tennis shoes.

XIV. Disciplinary Infractions

If at any time benches clear during a physical altercation, the entire team is subject to disciplinary action. If members of the team and/or spectators enter the field of play even if to separate/stop the altercation the team is subject to penalty. For all other disciplinary infractions please refer to Administrative Guideline 201.

➤ Questions, concerns and requests send via email to indoor soccer program supervisor:

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