



## **Packer Dome Soccer Rules & Regulations 2016-2017**

### **Austin Dome Soccer Rules and Regulations**

All participants must adhere to the following rules and regulations governed by Austin Youth Soccer Association:

#### **1. PLAYERS/TEAMS**

1.1. Teams may roster up to 10 players for U9-U11 teams and up to 12 players for U13, U15 and U18 teams.

1.2. U9-U11 games will play 5v5 and U13, U15, U18 games will play 7v7. U9-U11 teams must have 4 players to start a game, U13-U18 must have 5 players. Less than the required number of players will result in a forfeit. Teams may play a pick-up game if this happens.

1.3. Teams will only have a maximum of 5 minutes to warm-up on the field prior to the start of the game. All games start at the top of the hour. Players may use any area outside of the field to warm-up / stretch.

1.4. Players and teams are expected to leave the field immediately following the conclusion of the game in order to enable starting the next game on time.

1.5. Any player not registered with Austin Youth Soccer Association is not permitted to participate in any league matches. Teams that play with unregistered players will be forced to forfeit their match. This rule will be strictly enforced by the league and Austin Youth Soccer Association. To be registered with Austin Youth Soccer Association, players must have an updated Player ID Card.

1.6. All ages are determined strictly by birth year. Example – if you were born anytime in 2002 you can play on a U13 or older team.

1.7. Teams CAN be filled with a mix of ages. Example – A U13 team can have players 13 years (born any time in 2002) or younger on the same team.

#### **2. GAME PLAY**

2.1. Game length will be 55 minutes total 2.1.1. Two 25 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.

2.2. There are no overtime or shootouts. Games that are tied will be recorded as such. If a PK is awarded and time runs out, the PK can still be taken and will count if a goal is scored. 2.2.1. Player equipment must meet USSF requirements. Players must wear shirts (matching), shorts, shin guards, socks (that fully cover the shin guards), and shoes. Shoes may be cleats, turf cleats, or flats; NO metal or replaceable cleats. Game shoes must be carried into the building. 2.2.2. NO jewelry allowed.

2.3. Kick offs take place at the center of the field by the home team. (Home teams are listed first on the schedule). The player who starts the play may not play the ball again until it is touched by another player. Kickoff allowed in any direction.

2.4. Goals may be scored from anywhere on the field. But not from any IFK dead-ball restart.

2.5. Substitutions may be made on the fly, similar to ice hockey or at any dead ball situation. All bench players must stay outside field of play in the designated "bench" area and entrance into the game must be at center field. Players must wait to enter the field until the substituted individual is within 5 feet of center field. Neither player may play the ball while the substitution process is underway.

2.6. Restarts are all Indirect Free Kicks (IFK). (Except for a Penalty Kick) A wall may be constructed 5 yds from the ball. No opponent may be any closer than 5 yds from the ball until the ball is played.

2.7. Ball In/Out of Play: The ball is in play off the borders. The ball is out of bounds and played in by a Indirect Free Kick-in ONLY when it leaves the playing area. 2.7.1. If ball contacts any net or ceiling structure, play will stop and a Indirect Free Kick for the opposing team of the one who last touched the ball will take place at spot enforced by the referee. 2.7.2. If the ball deflects off of a defending player and contacts the net at the end of the field, the restart will be a Corner IFK at the nearest white circle in the corner. 2.7.3. If the ball deflects off of a defending player and contacts the ceiling net above the goal area the IFK restart will be taken at the top of the goal area. 2.7.4. No attacking IFKs can be taken from within the defending teams Goal Area.

2.8. Fouls - Fouls are those recognized by USSF plus the following : 2.8.2. Slide tackling is NOT allowed. 2.8.3. Restarts for all fouls are Indirect Free Kicks (IFK).

2.9. Goalkeepers : 2.9.1. Cannot handle the ball with their hands if it is passed to them by their own team. 2.9.2. Punting is allowed 2.9.3. Goalkeepers intentionally taking out a player will automatically receive a red card and the opposing team will receive a penalty kick at the top of the goal area.

2.10. Penalty Kick requirements

Ball is placed at the center line. All players are on the opposite half. The player taking the penalty kick has 7 seconds to dribble and score. The keeper is not allowed to leave their box, he/she is not required to stay on the goal line. After the 7 seconds have elapsed all the remaining players can join. If the player takes a shot and does not score they can try again until the ball is cleared out. If the keeper makes the save and holds onto the ball they can hold for 5 seconds but then must release it.

Other : All other game issues outside of what has been mentioned will follow USSF rules.

### 3. MISCONDUCT/CARD SYSTEM

3.1 A Yellow card is considered a Temporary Suspension. Players who are issued a Yellow Card sit out for 5 minutes and their team plays short. The Referee will signal the player to re-enter the field after the 5 minutes has expired. If a player receives a 2nd Yellow Card then a Red Card shall be issued and the team plays short for the remainder of the game. If the number of players falls below the minimum (4 or 5), play will not continue and the opposing team will be awarded the win. If the opposing team scores while the team is playing short, the team that is penalized may play at full strength however, the player that is serving the 2 minute penalty must sit the full 2 minutes.

3.1.1. If a Goalkeeper is issued a Yellow Card, the team may choose a field player to sit out the penalty. However, a Goalkeeper is required to be on the field.

3.1.2. If a Coach / Player is issued a Yellow Card in the bench area the team plays short for 2 minutes. If the coach is penalized any field player can serve the penalty.

3.1.3. Yellow Cards will be issued for ANY foul language on the field.

3.1.4. Three Yellow Cards in one season will result in a 1-game suspension. Any Yellow cards following the 1-game suspension will result in an automatic 1-game suspension.

3.1.5. If a yellow card is given in the final minute of play in either half, the referee will be allowed to stop the clock until the restart is taken.

3.2 Red Cards issued will result in immediate suspension from the current game for the individual and the team will play minus 1-player for the rest of the game. The player receiving the red card must sit for a total of 8 days no matter if they are playing on more than one team. Two red cards in one 8-week session will result in a 16-day suspension. Austin Youth Soccer Association reserves the right to remove anyone from the facility for any duration of time.

#### Offense

2CT, DOGSO-H, DOGSO-F

OFFINABUS, SFP

S, VC

#### Suspension

1 Game

2 Games

3 Games

- **2CT** - receiving a second caution (yellow) in the same match **DOGSO-H** - denying a goal/obvious goal scoring opportunity through a deliberate handball **DOGSO-F** - an obvious goal scoring opportunity through a foul actionable by a DFK, IFK or PK
- **OFFINABUS** - offensive, insulting and/or abusive language/gestures **SFP** - serious foul play
- **S** - spitting at an opponent or any other person **VC** - violent conduct

3.3 Verbal abuse of referees by COACHES, MANAGERS, PLAYERS, OR SPECTATORS will not be tolerated. COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PEOPLE ON THE BENCH AREA AND MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR SPECTATORS. Austin Youth Soccer Association management will do what they feel necessary to control the situation.

### 4. FACILITY

4.1 NO ALCOHALIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED IN THE FACILITY. Austin Youth Soccer Association reserves the right to remove any coach, player, manager or spectator from the facility.