



# PROGRAM INFORMATION AND CODE OF CONDUCT

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## MISSION

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*The Mission of the HAYSL Adult soccer league is to provide a program where the parents of youth players, volunteers of the youth program, graduated youth players and other adults in the community regardless of playing experience can come to play soccer. With an emphasis on creating an atmosphere, that is recreational, fun, safe and good exercise. We encourage and expect our members and players to respect their opponents, coaches, managers, and officials and to exhibit good sportsmanship and fair play*

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**POINTS OF CONTACT**

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### REGISTRATION

- Full league fees are due at the time of registration
- Copy of Photo ID or a league photo is required to register
- Registration forms and a signed code of conduct must be returned to the registrar in a timely manner to ensure a spot on a team.

### LOCATION

- The games will be held primarily at the Hagerstown Fairgrounds. If the turnout is greater than expected, we might have to play at other locations around Hagerstown.
- Locations and directions will be provided once season starts

### GAME DAY/GAME TIME

- Games will be held on Sunday
- Games will start approximately at 2:00 Sunday afternoon.

### PRACTICES

- Team Managers and Players digression
- Weekly pickup scrimmages will be scheduled as time permits, usually one day a week

### EXPERIENCE

- Division I
  - Division I is a competitive division that will be more physical than Division II however the players in division I should respect the other players on the field at all times, and the referees will enforce the laws of the game closely
- Division II
  - You do NOT need any prior soccer experience, this is an adult "learning" division built around the idea that it will be fun, and good exercise.
    - No slide tackling
    - No aggressive charging
    - Everyone should stay on his or her feet.
    - All aggressive play holding, kicking tripping, etc is a foul.

### TEAMS

- Depending on the registration for each division, the games/teams will be adjusted to give us what we need to form a league.

### PLAYER EQUIPMENT

- Shin guards **are REQUIRED** at all games and practices. Shin guards are to be worn under the appropriate soccer socks, socks shall be pulled up and fully cover the shin guards. Players will NOT be permitted to practice or play games without shin guards!
- Regulation jerseys, provided by the HAYSL adult soccer league, are to be worn and tucked into shorts at all games. No additional lettering logo, stencils, or patches, etc., other than those furnished by the league shall be added to the uniform.

- Goalkeepers may wear padded keeper shorts. Shorts will be worn external to full length sweatpants, if sweatpants are worn for warmth or protection.
- Sport pants with any metal buttons or snaps are not allowed.
- Soccer cleats are highly recommended, but are not required to participate. Cleats that in the opinion of the referee present a danger to players are not allowed.
- All splints and cast are PROHIBITED in practices and games.
- Players are not allowed to wear anything that is dangerous to either themselves or other players: such as:
  - Earrings, Necklaces, Ball caps, Sunglasses, Headbands
  - Hooded sweatshirts unless the hood is tucked underneath the jersey.
- Knee braces may be worn if the metal parts are properly protected and in the opinion of the referee it does not present a danger to other players.

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

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**Failure to abide by these standards will be subject to dismissal from the field and/or the league!**

- All HAYSL adult soccer games shall be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of the Game and decisions of the international Board in effect at the date specified by the Area Director for his/her Area
- Always keep in mind that we are adults and have a life off the field, we need to go to work the next day, and would like to talk about how much fun we had, not how much we hurt.
- The highest standards of conduct and good sportsmanship must be maintained at all times.
  - **Abusive or foul language is forbidden.**
    - **Please understand this offence is a RED card as defined by the rules of the game.**
  - Only encouragement and positive feedback should be spoken, please **keep in mind there may be children around you.**
  - Negative comments about or towards opposing players, team managers and referees will not be tolerated.
- NO PETS are permitted at practice or games.
- **NO non-registered player shall play**
  - It is the responsibility of each team to govern each of their players. If someone invites a non-registered player to play and that team allows that player to enter the field. That team will be fined a fee of \$20 payable to AAL-5063. In addition, that team will forfeit each scheduled game until the fee is paid.
  - This Rule does not apply to scrimmages. Scrimmages with other teams or non-registered players should be treated as **play at your own risk**. This League is not responsible for any player who willingly enters into a scrimmage game with registered players.
- Smoking or use of any tobacco products is NOT permitted at practice or games.
- No parking on any grassy areas at Fairground Park.

- Failure to park in appropriate areas may result in a parking citation by City or county Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Please drive slow in areas where children/spectators are moving to & from vehicles.
  - Fairgrounds Park is a large public area where many people come to play, always drive with the thought that ...  
**“What if someone runs out from between those cars?”**
- A Parent/Guardian who brings their children to games/practices is responsible for them. Team managers, Referees, other Parents and HAYSL Adult soccer league are NOT responsible for your children.
- Players should inform spectators that they shall not stand behind goal lines or stand within three (3) yards of the touchlines.
- This is YOUR League, be involved, **VOLUNTEER**, and help bring the fun of soccer to everyone in your community. [www.haysl.org](http://www.haysl.org).
- **Promote the interest of soccer in the community**
  - Act as a good ambassador for the HAYSL Adult Soccer League, think about your actions both on and off the field, and ask yourself am I doing what I can to cast a positive reflection on myself and the league.
- **Know your own limitations,**
  - **This is an adult league and it is a competitive league, you will have to run, so please make sure you are fit enough and ready for the amount of exercise that goes along with playing soccer. It is recommended that you consult a physician before the start of each season.**
- **Responsibilities of the team manager**  
**Each Team in the HAYSL – ASL must designate a team Manager**  
**The team Manager does not have to be a player**
  - It shall be the duty of each manager to:
    - Conduct him/her in a manner becoming a member of HAYSL – ASL
    - At all times encourage clean competition and good sportsmanship
    - To the best of their ability, uphold the Rules and Regulations of AYSO & HAYSL -- ASL
    - Negative comments and complaints about refereeing are not allowed, and that should be explained to each team by the team manager and enforced during play.
    - Also keep in mind that incessant whining and rude comments do not help anyone enjoy the game.
    - Because this is an adult league stretching and warm up are an essential part of every pre-game routine. The team manager should organize and instruct ALL team members in a pre-game warm-up routine
    - Shall act as a point of contact for the league coordinator
    - Shall act as a point of contact for each teams players and keep them informed of any changes in the game schedule or playing location
      - Locations and times will change so please ALWAYS verify the night before – if not the day of – where and what time you play.
    - If a referee is not present, at the designated start time the team managers shall agree between themselves who will referee and promptly start the games.
      - If the assigned referee arrives after the start of the game, he/she will immediately replace the substitute referee.

- At game time each team must have a manager and the referee must be informed to whom that will be.
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- **OFFICIATING / REFEREES**
  - Referees are entitled to the highest respect from team managers, players and spectators. **The referee's calls are the opinion of the referee and shall be accepted without complaint.**
  - Please show them the respect they deserve, and express your appreciation for their commitment to our soccer program. The region is always in need of referees. If you are interested, contact the Regional Referee Administrator Warren Johnson [referee5@verizon.net](mailto:referee5@verizon.net)
  - Offside summary
    - **Three rules to remember for offside at the moment of judgment (when the ball is touched or played by a team mate).**
      - **Player is on opposing teams half of the pitch**
      - **Player is nearer the goal than the next to last defender**
      - **Player is involved in active play**

**Please visit [fifa.com](http://fifa.com) for a detailed interactive summary of the offside law.**

- Referees shall at all times put great emphasis on the welfare of the players and officiate the game in a manner inducing clean competition and good sportsmanship. If a player is injured, the referee at his/her discretion may stop play to ensure the welfare of the player, even if the ball has not gone out of play or the attacking team deems that an advantage should be called.
- Spectators may be asked to leave the area of the playing field if their actions warrant it. The referee may suspend or terminate the game if the offending party will not leave.
- When a player, team manager, or spectator is ejected, the referee shall file a detailed report to the Regional Commissioner within 24 hours. Other persons involved in the event may, at their option, submit a detailed report of the incident to the Division Coordinator. A review panel will meet to determine what if any further discipline shall be imposed.
- **There can be no appeal of the referees discipline imposed during a game.**

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read and understand the contents of this code of conduct. Furthermore, you understand that if your actions warrant a review by the Adult league Board, you could be removed from the league.

Initial	Topic
_____	I read and understand the Code of Conduct
_____	I understand that foul language is a <b>RED</b> card
_____	I should volunteer to help grow soccer in the community
_____	I know my own limitations and I am physically ready to play
_____	I understand the role of Team Manager
_____	<b>I will respect the Referees!</b>
_____	I understand the basics of the offside law
_____	I understand the rules for scrimmage matches.

Print Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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