

## **Adult Soccer League**

**Weekdays – Summer 2018**

### **Clover Parks and Recreation**

#### **Zero Tolerance Policy**

The Clover Parks & Recreation Department's programs and facilities are designed to offer leisure activities for families, groups, and individuals of all ages with diversified interests. Sporting events are provided by the department as opportunities for friendly competition while promoting a spirit of sportsmanship among participants and a pleasant environment for spectators. Clover Parks and Recreation has adopted a "Zero Tolerance Policy" for all participants, coaches, spectators, and other persons. Profanity, fighting, heckling, disrespect, complaining, threats, or alcoholic beverages will not be tolerated. Violators will be subject to suspension from Clover Parks & Recreation sponsored programs and facilities.

Participants, coaches, managers, team representatives, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, before, during, and after an event, on or surrounding any Town of Clover property.

#### **Offenses and Penalties**

- A. Designated team representatives and coaches are responsible for the conduct of themselves, team members and other appropriate representatives at all times.
- B. Conduct which may be interpreted by a staff member or game official as threatening to the administration or control of the contest, including but not limited to constant complaining, heckling, and bickering will result in immediate ejection from the contest and playing facilities for an amount of time deemed necessary by the Clover Parks & Recreation Department.
- C. No person involved in any Clover Parks & Recreation activity or facility will be allowed to use profane, vulgar, excessively loud, or abusive language. Failure to comply will result in immediate ejection from the contest and playing facility for an amount of time deemed necessary by the Clover Parks & Recreation Department.
- D. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on Town of Clover property or at Clover Parks & Recreation sponsored activities and events, including gyms, parking lots, restrooms, etc. No person having the discernible odor of alcohol about his or her person will be allowed on Town of Clover property or at Clover Parks & Recreation sponsored activities and events. Failure to comply will result in immediate ejection from the contest and removal from the premises for an amount of time deemed necessary by the Clover Parks & Recreation Department. Anyone associated with a youth or adult team that is found with alcoholic beverages on Town of Clover or Clover School District property will be removed for a time deemed necessary by the Clover Parks & Recreation Department and is subject to fines or arrest by law enforcement.
- E. No person will be allowed to use cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or any other tobacco or alternative products on or near Clover Parks & Recreation or Clover School District property. Failure to comply will result in immediate ejection from the contest and playing facility. Coaches and other team representatives will not be allowed to leave the gym to use tobacco products during a game.
- F. Fighting in any form by any person involved in any Clover Parks & Recreation activity or facility will not be tolerated. Fighting shall be defined as "an act or attempted act of violence by one person towards any other person, including physical abuse and thrown objects."



**Suspension procedures concerning fighting and threatening are as follows:**

- A. Threatening a game official, participant, spectator, or representative of the Clover Parks & Recreation will result in immediate ejection from the contest and a one-year suspension from all Clover Parks & Recreation sponsored activities and facilities.
- B. Physically striking or attempting to strike a coach, player, or spectator will result in immediate ejection from the contest and a one-year suspension from Clover Parks & Recreation sponsored activities and facilities.
- C. Physically striking or attempting to strike a game official or representative of Clover Parks & Recreation will result in immediate ejection from the contest and a permanent suspension from all Clover Parks and Recreation sponsored activities and facilities.

**Other guidelines and penalties concerning adult leagues:**

- A. If a player or coach is ejected from the contest by an official, Clover Parks & Recreation will review the circumstances surrounding the ejection and determine the suspension. The ejection and the suspension will be final.
- B. Clover Parks & Recreation reserves the right to determine violations of the above rules, to set penalties for violations, and to set in place other rules of conduct deemed necessary for the proper administration of the program.

**Team Representative:**

Each team is required to have a "team representative". The team representative is the person our department contacts regarding rain out games, meetings, schedule changes, etc. It is the responsibility of the team representative to inform his/her team members about the by-laws, game schedules, make-up games, etc. Teams should recruit a dependable person to fill this very important position. Team representatives are responsible for the actions of their players, therefore, if a player is ejected; the team representative is subject to ejection.

**Practice Policy**

The Clover Parks & Recreation Department will not provide scheduled practice times for the adult soccer league. The team representative may contact the Clover Parks & Recreation office at (803) 222-9493 to check availability of a field. Team representatives may reserve a field for a maximum of two practices a week. The Clover Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any reservations to reschedule make-up games.

**Registration Process and Fees**

- A. Team must turn in the Roster/Player Affidavit/Code of Conduct to the Clover Parks and Recreation Department by the second week of regular season play.
- B. In order for a team and its players to be eligible for the league, the team fee of \$250.00, which includes awards and other direct costs, must be paid at the time specified during the pre-season organization meeting. There will be a \$50 performance bond fee for all teams (must be written as a separate check). The check will be cashed if your team forfeits a game. No out of state checks will be accepted. No refunds will be given after Friday, June 10th.
- C. Insurance is the responsibility of each team. The Clover Parks & Recreation Department will not be responsible for providing insurance. Each team has the option to purchase team insurance.
- D. The Clover Parks & Recreation Department will provide the referee(s) for each game. Each team will be responsible for paying the referee(s) BEFORE the start of each game at a rate of \$15.00 per game (Cash only). No game will begin until both teams have paid the referee(s). Any team that does not pay the referee(s) before the start of the game will forfeit the game.



### Game Day Procedures:

- A. Referee(s) must be paid before the match will start
- B. Each team must give a hard copy of roster with full names and numbers to the referee prior to start of the match.
- C. Teams will play 8v8 (including goalie) on a 50 yds X 80 yds field (teams must have 7 players to start the match, 15 minute grace period before resulting in forfeit)
- D. Games will be 30 minute halves and 5-minute halftime (running clock, no stoppages)
- E. Once the game is over, both team representatives and referee must sign off on scoresheet
- F. Standings will be sent out every Wednesday

### Game Rules:

- **FIFA Rules will govern play unless listed below:**
  - No slide tackling
  - No metal studs or baseball cleats.
  - No goal kicks, goalie punts or goalie throws past midfield; ball must touch a player or the ground before it crosses mid-field. It will result in a indirect free kick for the opposing team from mid-field.
  - Shin-guards are optional.
  - Substitutions can be made by either team on any throw-in or goal kick (referee(s) must acknowledge before players enter playing field)
  - There will be no offside unless an infraction occurs inside the goalie box or it is deemed by referee(s).
  - If a team is short on players, a team may pick up players (loan players) from the other teams (loan players' team cannot be playing at the same time). Teams **MUST** have a minimum of five original players and can only pick up a max of three loan players to avoid forfeit (8 players max including loan players). Teams cannot pick up players during playoffs. All "loan players" must be on a team roster in the Clover League.

