



**PLAY**  
**LAWTON**

**LAWTON SOCCER CLUB**  
**WINTER FUTSAL**  
**RULE BOOK**

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this program is to give boys and girls an opportunity to play sports under good adult supervision. The attainment of exceptional athletic skills and the winning of games are secondary; the modeling of good character is the primary goal.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION**

Each team in the program should designate a Manager (this may be the Head Coach), who serves as organizer and a contact person for the team.

All accepting responsibility in this program must carry out all rules and regulations and strive to teach good sportsmanship, good health habits and good citizenship. These volunteers should exercise the type of behavior that sets a good example for players. Abuse or embarrassment of any players or team will not be tolerated. All coaches should strive to practice and play all players on their team. The enforcement of playing time is the responsibility of team organizers and/or the booster club.

## **COACHES**

We want to take the opportunity, to thank all our coaches, for the many hours you dedicate to working with the youth. Without you, the sports program could not function successfully.

We appreciate that you are helping to build good character traits in the young people you coach. Thank you for being patient and considerate with the players.

We hope that at the end of the season, you can evaluate your work by answering, "Yes" to the following question: "Did I build good character in the players on my team?"

This manual should be a tool to help you in the quest to build good character. We hope you will find the information helpful.

Thank you,

Lawton Soccer Club & Play Lawton

## COACHING GUIDELINES

I agree as a coach and/or volunteer for my team to always comply with the provisions listed below:

1. To read the sports manual and comply with these rules.
2. To never make abusive or insulting remarks to or about officials of the game, officials of the programs or opposing coaches and players.
3. To hold regularly scheduled practices.
4. **Not to use profanity** around players or consume alcoholic beverages before or during any meeting with the players.
5. At all times I will set a good example of sportsmanship for my players, keeping in mind that the primary goal in this program is to build character. I will make maximum effort to keep my spectators, parents and fans from harassing the game officials. As the losing coach, I will congratulate the opponents and have my players do the same.
6. I will play all players who practice regularly and with maximum effort, as the situation permits.
7. I will never take my team off the playing field until the game is finished.

## GAME DISMISSAL/EJECTION

When a coach or assistant coach is dismissed or ejected from a game, said coach must contact the Lawton Soccer Club to schedule a reinstatement meeting with the League Director before being permitted to participate further in the youth sports programs. It is the coach's responsibility to contact the sports office and set the meeting. A coach dismissed from a game, may be penalized, by sitting out the next game, suspended for the remainder of the season or may not be reinstated to coach in Play Lawton youth sports programs.

If a player or coach is playing (coaching) in two different age divisions and is suspended in one age division; the player or coach cannot play (coach) games in the second age division due to being on suspension. While on suspension, a player cannot participate in scheduled Play Lawton activities until the suspension has been served and the player or coach is reinstated.

Coaches and assistant coaches may be put on probation until the end of the sports season, at which time a decision will be made as to whether the coach may continue to coach in Play Lawton youth sports programs.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The harassment of officials, coaches, fans and players is prohibited. Insulting remarks made by spectators, coaches or players to any official and/or staff in the program may result in dismissal from the program as a coach and/or spectator. Field Marshals, officials and coaches will work together to keep spectators and fans from creating or inciting inappropriate behavior. **Criminal activity and/or behavior will be reported to the Lawton Police Department.**

**PETS, TOBACCO:** No dogs or pets allowed in any City Ball Field Complex. No form of tobacco use is permitted on City Ball fields while coaching a youth team.

## **COACHES ON THE SIDELINE AND OR DUGOUT**

Futsal: 4 Coaches on the sideline // It is the coach's responsibility to keep fans/parents off the sideline.

## **USING AN ILLEGAL PLAYER**

Any coach found using illegal players on their team will be automatically suspended from coaching the remainder of the season. If the infraction accrues and/or is discovered at the end of the regular season or playoffs; the suspension will carry to the next coached sport. In addition to being suspended, the coach may also be placed on probation by the Play Lawton Management until the end of the athletic season at which time a decision will be made as to whether the coach may continue to coach in Play Lawton youth sports programs. Any game an illegal player participates in will be forfeited. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure all players are registered.

## **MISCONDUCT (not limited to the following list)**

Play lawton/Lawton Soccer Club reserves the right to suspend any player, coach, and/or fan for misconduct of any kind. Examples of misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Fighting
- Profanity
- Obscene gesture
- Disrespectfully addressing an official

- Objecting to an official's decision
- Improper contact with an official
- Illegal player

**NOTE:** If a player legally playing in two different age divisions is suspended in one age division; the player cannot participate in any games until the suspension has been served and the player is reinstated. When a player is suspended, the player is not allowed to participate in any scheduled Parks & Recreation sporting activities. That player will miss games in both age divisions until the suspension is served and the player is reinstated.

Misconduct reports will be filed with the League Director. Game Officials, Field Marshals, the League Director and/or his representative may eject a player, coach or fan from the game or game site, as he or she deems necessary. All other player ejection penalties will be imposed at the discretion of the League Director. The League Director is responsible for deciding the level of penalty imposed in cases of misconduct.

### **REINSTATEMENT**

Coaches must be reinstated by the League Director before being permitted to participate further in the youth sports program. It is the coach's responsibility to contact the sports office and set the meeting.

### **ASSAULT ON AN OFFICIAL**

#### **Oklahoma Statutes**

#### **Title 21. Crimes and Punishments**

#### **§21-650.1. Athletic contests - Assault and battery upon referee, umpire, etc.**

**Universal Citation:** 21 OK Stat § 21-650.1 (2016)

Every person who, without justifiable or excusable cause and with intent to do bodily harm, commits any assault, battery, assault and battery upon the person of a referee, umpire, timekeeper, coach, official, or any person having authority in connection with any amateur or professional athletic contest is guilty of a misdemeanor and is

punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one (1) year or by a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

### **FILING A PROTEST**

- A. Coaches' officials conference must be called by the coach before a protest can be logged.
- B. If a protest is made over a playing rule and not a judgment call, the coach should notify the official at that time. If the protest is upheld, the game will be replayed from that point. Check time left to play at that point, also score at time of protest, and then resume play.
- C. Filing a protest:
  - 1. Protest over a rule may be registered by the Head Coach or Manager
  - 2. Officials' decisions (judgment calls) are final and are not subject to protest procedures.
  - 3. Protest (if registered) must be brought to the attention of the official. The official shall enter said protest in the official scorebook at that time. A protest that is registered after a contest will not be considered valid.
  - 4. A written protest must be filed with the League Director no later than forty-eight hours after a contest on the official protest form.
- D. The written protest shall set forth, but is not limited to the following:
  - 1. Time and place of protest.
  - 2. Names of teams involved, to include the coach's name(s).
  - 3. Name of protester.
  - 4. Exact nature of protest.
  - 5. Violation as viewed by the protester.
  - 6. Action requested by protester.
  - 7. Signature of Head Coach and/or Manager.

## PROTEST REVIEW PROCEDURE

A. Lawton Soccer Club will review the protest and will determine:

1. If the protest is legal,
2. If the protest contents are correctly stated,
3. What action will be taken?

B. If either team is not satisfied with the decision of the Lawton Soccer Club ruling, either team may file a request for protest review, which will be held by Play Lawton no later than 7 days after the request.

## GENERAL

- Futsal is played with a ball that bounces less than a conventional soccer ball.
- Maximum Roster Size is 10 players
- Matches are played 5 vs. 5 with Goalkeepers. (4 field players, 1 Goalkeeper)
- Goals measure 6'7" x 9'10" (2mx3m).
- When the ball goes out of play, play resumes with a kick-in (No throw-ins).
- There is no offside penalty.
- No use of headers
- Goal Kicks are taken from the baseline within "the paint"
- Corner Kicks are taken within 3ft of the corner mark, whether baseline, or touchline

## DURATION OF MATCHES

- Two halves lasting 20 minutes each, with a 5 minute break for half-time.
- The clock only stops at Game Referee/Official's discretion/request. This may be due to injury, prolonged lapse of time retrieving a ball, or any other disruption caused outside of standard game flow.
- Regular season games may end in a tie.
  - If a Playoff game ends at regulation with a tie score, the game will continue with (2) separate "golden goal" 5 min overtime periods, meaning a game will end once a goal is scored by either team.

- If there is still a tie score at the end of both overtime periods, there will be a 5 player shootout. The 5 players on the court as time ends, is who must participate in the shootout. If the game remains a tie after all 5 players from both teams have shot, remaining players on the team roster will take turns 1 at a time until a goal is scored, with the first goal scored ending the shootout.

## **TIMEOUTS**

- Each team may request a two minute time-out per half.
- Teams may call a time-out by notifying the Referee/Official while their team is in possession of the ball.
- If a team decides not to use their time-out in the first half, they cannot carry it over to the second half.
- There are no time-outs in overtime periods.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

- There are unlimited substitutions.
- Substitutions are made by alerting the scorekeeper, and are made on the fly, without stopping the game.
- If a player exiting the court during a substitution interferes with play, a direct free kick will be rewarded to the opposing team.
  - If interference is deemed purposeful by the Referee/Official, a yellow card may be issued.

## **INFRINGEMENTS AND SANCTIONS**

- Fouls can be penalized as direct or indirect free-kicks
- Fouls can be sanctioned with red and yellow cards.
- If a player is shown a yellow card, the player may remain in the game at the player's Coach's discretion, or they may be substituted out. If a player is shown a red card, the player must be removed from the game, and not allowed to return for the remainder of the current game, or their next scheduled match. The red-carded player must remain on their team's bench during their time served.
  - If a player is shown a red card, they can only be replaced on the court by a substitute, after a mandatory two-minute time penalty. If the team concedes a goal during this time, the substitute may come on before the time penalty has elapsed.



## GOALKEEPERS

- Goalkeepers are free to move anywhere on the court, but can only handle the ball inside their own penalty area.
- Goalkeepers are allowed to throw or punt the ball from their area, however the ball may not cross half court in the air.
- When the ball is in their hands, they have four seconds in which to release it.
  - They may only touch the ball with their hands again after an opposing player has touched it.
- A goalkeeper may not receive a direct pass from a teammate with their hands.

Visit DaySmart Recreation to check your team's schedule and scores.

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