

2021 Summer Soccer Manager's Guide
(Revised April 2021)

You can obtain your schedule by visiting:

www.teamsideline.com/ventura

	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Virtual Manager's Meeting</u>
Summer 2021	June 4	June 14	June 7

Welcome to the City of Ventura Adult Six-A-Side Soccer League!

- Check schedules and standings weekly to make sure you have the most up to date information
- Referee fees are \$20 per game and due at game time
- Players must have the same color jerseys (light and dark)
- Teams are expected to help break down goals and store them in the proper locations, as noted on Team Sideline, at the end of the night
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Registration Requirements

The City of Ventura requires each manager to complete a team roster and return it to the Adult Sports office with entry fee payment in full, to be eligible to participate in leagues. Rosters are limited to 12 players and signatures for each player must be obtained prior to the first session.

Players are only allowed to play for one team in each division.

All players are also required to complete a COVID waiver to be eligible to participate in leagues.

Soccer League Format

The City of Ventura Soccer League currently utilizes an 8-game league format. Teams will play a guarantee of 8 Games. The top four teams in each division will advance to a single elimination playoff the week after their final regular season game is completed. You can obtain your playoff schedule by visiting www.teamsideline.com/ventura.

Team captains are responsible for filling out score cards with all eligible players on game day. If a player is not on the score card, they will not be considered 'present' as a player for that game. Players must have been 'present' for at least three regular season games to be eligible to play in the playoffs.

If your team must forfeit a contest, you must report 24 hours ahead of your scheduled game time. If you fail to contact City of Ventura Adult Sports staff 24 hours in advance, the full official's fees (\$30) will be due in full, prior to your next scheduled game. You may call Tyler Nelson at 805-658-4743, or email tnelson@cityofventura.ca.gov to confirm your forfeit. Failure to call will result in the forfeiture of the next game, and your team may be dropped from further league play.

Rainouts/Cancellations

If rain occurs during the day of your game, please call 805-658-4743 after 3:00pm, or check www.teamsideline.com/ventura on your game day to determine if games will be played. Rainout games are made up at the end of the regular season in the order that they were postponed.

Official Six-A-Side Rules

Soccer rules and conditions will follow the FIFA Rulebook with the following exceptions:

- Teams will consist of six players on the field including the goalkeeper, with unlimited substitutions from the sidelines at any dead ball (whistle is blown). A coed team may play with as few as one female player on the field, but at no time can there be more than three male players on the field at one time. There is no minimum number of male players who must be on the field
- Games are 20 minutes per half, with a five-minute half time. Games will start on the referee's second whistle and no more than 10 minutes after the scheduled start time
- No slide tackles. If a player makes a slide tackle, they will receive a yellow card and be forced to sit out for two minutes, with a substitution. Any yellow card by the same player will result in a red card and disqualification from the game with no substitution
- Throw-ins are replaced by Kick-ins and all free kicks are direct. Corner kicks are direct. A restart after a goal is scored will be made from the goalie area by the team that allowed the score
- When an offensive player enters the goalie area to make a play at the ball, the play is considered 'dead', and the ball is given to the defending team. When a defending player enters the goalie area to make a play on the ball, a direct penalty kick for the offensive team will be given. Penalty kicks will be taken centrally, one yard from the top of the goalie area, or approximately 43 feet away from the goal
- Goalkeepers cannot handle a ball that has been kicked back to them by their own team
- Only one player can be in the goalie area at a time
- Female players from other teams may be substituted during the season, however only rostered players will be eligible for the playoffs

Additional Rules for 2021

- Players should remain in their cars up until 15 minutes before their assigned game times. Players may not assemble in groups of more than 10 people before game time
- Players will self-administer wellness checks before games. Wellness check signs will be posted at each field. Anyone exhibiting symptoms listed on the sign will be required to leave the park immediately
- Sidelines are reserved for players only. If spectators wish to watch the games, they may not set up along the sidelines and must maintain social distance from other spectators
- Players are required to remain at least 6 feet apart on the sideline. There will be cones to mark where players may place their belongings and stand while not playing. Players are also required to wear masks while standing on the sideline
- After games are finished, players are encouraged to grab their belongings and leave the sideline area as quickly as possible. No new teams may place their belongings along the sideline until it has been completely cleared out by the preceding team
- All forms of sportsmanship shall be touchless
- ***There will be a virtual captain's meeting on Monday, June 7 hosted via Webex at 6:30pm. All teams must have at least one representative present at this meeting. Failure to have someone available for this virtual meeting may result in your team being removed from play. The captain will be sent the link in an email upon registration.***

Failure to abide by any rules listed above may result in removal of a player from the field of play and a suspension for one week.

Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct for the City of Ventura Soccer leagues shall immediately be in effect. The City reserves the right to interpret any rule in accordance with the philosophy and goals of the Adult Sports Program and the City of Ventura. **It is the responsibility of the team manager to enforce and abide by the following Code of Conduct. Team managers shall be responsible for the conduct of their players and fans associated with their team, before, during and after their game.**

Depending on the severity, frequency and circumstances related to an infraction, a sequence of progressive disciplinary action may be used at the discretion of the City of Ventura Adult Sports Staff. **It should be noted that any step(s) in the discipline process might be passed or eliminated in applying disciplinary action.** The progressive discipline process may progress as follows: 1) warning to team manager or player, 2) yellow card and player temporarily removed from play, 3) red card and player removed from the league for one or more weeks, 4) multiple red cards resulting in player or team ejection and indefinite suspension from league play in the City of Ventura. Rules of the game and any misconduct violations relating to the field of play shall be enforced by the on-site umpire.

Any player receiving four red cards in one season will be suspended from regular season play and will not be eligible for the playoffs. Ejections occurring during the playoffs or within the last week of the league will carry over and be applied the following season.

Any player committing a Major Infraction listed below, or receiving a red card, will immediately be ejected from the game, and will not be allowed to play or attend games for (1) calendar week and will be required to leave the field of play. An email will be sent to the manager of the team, notifying them of the suspension and the date the suspended player may return to league. Progressive disciplinary action may be taken with repeat offenders.

Major Infractions

- **Physical Contact with Official, Player, Staff, or Fan:** no player shall at any time lay a hand on, push, strike, or threaten to strike an official, staff, fan, or other player. Players making physical contact with another person in an aggressive manner will be suspended from all league play. Major infraction involving physical contact usually result in year-long suspensions.
- **Verbal Abuse/Objectionable Demonstrations:** no players shall verbally abuse or threaten any staff, official, fan, or other player for any reason. Players shall not make objectionable demonstrations by throwing bats, gloves, or other equipment in a forceful manner, or use any obscene gestures towards another person.
- **Unnecessary Rough Play:** no player shall use unnecessarily rough tactics or overly physical play during the game against any other player.
- **Consuming Alcohol:** the consumption of alcohol in City of Ventura parks is NOT permitted and is punishable by law. The City of Ventura strictly bans the consumption of alcohol during games. Teams with any player(s) consuming alcohol will forfeit the game and will not have game fees returned to them.

Appeal Process

A player shall have the right to appeal a suspension greater than one week by notifying the City of Ventura Adult Sports Supervisor in writing within 3 days of the suspension. City staff will review the appeal within 3 days of receipt of the written appeal. The player will remain suspended until the appeal has been reviewed.

Player Adds & Drops

Completed rosters are due at the time of registration. No additional add/drops will be allowed after 5:00pm of the second scheduled league game. If a team drops below 12 players, a manager may appeal to the league office to add a player(s) with the following process:

- Call the Adult Sports Office at 805-658-4743 and/or send an email to the Adult Sports Office and state your name, team name, name of player to be added, and the reason for the addition
- Go to www.teamsideline.com/ventura and download an Add/Drop Form and return it to the league office at least 24 hours before the date the added player is scheduled to play. Fax this to 805-648-1030 or email to tnelson@cityofventura.ca.gov
- The league office will verify the added player with a phone call or email prior to the first game the added player is expected to play

Any dropped player is not eligible to play on the same team or another team in the same league but may play on another team in a different league

League Standings/Playoffs/Awards

League standings will be updated weekly on Team Sideline. The top four teams in each division will advance to the playoffs the week after the regular season.

The playoffs will be a single elimination bracket, completed in one night. Teams ranked first and fourth will play the first game at 6:30pm. Teams ranked second and third will play the second game at 7:30pm. The winners of each of the first two games will play the championship game against each other at 8:30pm. There will be prizes awarded to the winner of the championship game in each division.