

LAWS OF THE GAME  
LSSA ADULT COED DIVISION  
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LSSA generally follows the “Laws of the Game” as set forth by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). Several modifications have been made to these rules to keep the spirit of our philosophy. Players, coaches and spectators are encouraged to review the LSSA’s Rules of the Game at [www.lssa.org](http://www.lssa.org). Below are the modifications to the "Laws of the Game” for LSSA’s Adult Coed Division.

Law 1 – The Field of Play

1. Field dimensions, markings and goal sizes are set by the Board prior to the start of each session.

Law 2 – The Ball

1. The league provides game balls or the referee may select one from those offered by the teams.
2. Ball size: Size 5

Law 3 – The Number of Players

3.1 Players

1. For the 11v11 Division, the number of players on the field shall be 11 players (10 field + 1 goalkeeper).
2. Match may not start if either team has fewer than 2 less than the expected number of players on the field.
3. For the 11v11 Division, there shall be no less than 3 women as field players (not counting the goalkeeper).

3.2 Substitution Procedure

1. Substitutions must be made at the Halfway Line during a throw-in, goal kick, or after a score, but only after being summoned on by the referee. A single substitution may also be made any time a player is injured. If a player substitution is made due to injury, the opposing team may also make a single substitution. Substitutions will not be allowed on corner kicks. The Referee reserves the right to allow substitutions so that substitutions do not negatively impact the flow of the game.

Law 4 – The Players’ Equipment

1. League issued jerseys must be the outermost article of clothing worn.
2. A player will not be allowed to play without shin guards, covered by socks.
3. Rubber cleats are allowed, but not required. Baseball and Football cleats are not allowed.

Law 5 – The Referee

1. For the 11v11 Division, a three referee system will be used. However, in case of a referee shortage, games may be played with fewer referees.
2. Referee’s decision is final. Players and spectators are expected to treat referees with respect.

Law 6 – Assistant Referees

No modifications

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match

1. A match will consist of (2) – 25 minute halves separated by a 5 minute half time.
2. A game is considered complete if the game is stopped anytime after the whistle has blown signaling the end of the first half.
3. If a game is abandoned before the completion of the first half, it may be replayed in its entirety.
4. Games may be shortened due to schedule adherence or weather conditions.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play

1. No Modifications

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play

No modifications

#### Law 10 – The Method of Scoring

1. A female player must touch the ball on her offensive half of the field within the field of play before the ball is “live” and a goal may be scored.
2. On the kick-off the ball is not entirely on the offensive half of the field and therefore the ball is not considered “live” on the initial touch.
3. The ball remains “live” until the entire ball leaves the offensive half of the field by passing across the entire midfield line in-bounds.
4. If a ball that is not “live” is kicked into the opponents’ goal, a goal kick is awarded.
5. If a ball that is not “live” is kicked into the teams’ own goal, a corner kick is awarded.

#### Law 11 – Offsides

1. For the 11v11 Division, offsides will be enforced.

#### Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

1. A player that receives a caution (yellow card) must leave the field of play.
2. If a player is ejected from a match (red carded), the player’s pass, along with the referee’s report of the incident will be turned over to the Division Rep. The minimum penalty for an ejection is that the player will not be allowed to play in the immediate next match.
3. If a spectator is ejected from a match, the referee’s report of the incident will be turned over to the Division Rep. The minimum penalty for an ejection is that the spectator will not be allowed to attend the immediate next match.
4. Depending on the offense, a second ejection will result in expulsion from the remainder of that season’s play.
5. Multiple cautions within the season may result in expulsion from the remainder of the season’s play.

#### Law 13 – Free Kicks

1. The first touch on an indirect kick must create one full rotation of the ball (referee’s discretion).

#### Law 14 – Penalty Kicks

1. The goalkeeper is permitted to move from side to side while remaining on the goal line.

#### Law 15 – The Throw-In

No modifications.

#### Law 16 – The Goal Kick

No modifications.

#### Law 17 – The Corner Kick

No modifications.

#### LSSA Registration Policy

- All players must fill out a registration form and signed waiver to play.
- Player cards will be created by the league at a mandatory player’s meeting prior to the start of the season. These player cards are evidence that waivers have been signed and turned in to the league.
- Team captains will be responsible to present the player cards to the referee or Field Marshal for player check-in prior to the start of each match.
- Players registered on one team may play as a substitute on another team in the League with prior consent from the Division Rep. or Field Marshal and the opposing team captain.

#### General LSSA Rules

No sliding will be allowed in any division. This includes slide kicks and slide tackles.