



## 5v5 Footy Rules

*All basic rules of play as described by FIFA, USSF and USYSA will be used at Soccer City 1852 Visalia with adaptations and exceptions as noted.*

<p><b>The Field of play at Soccer City 1852 Visalia</b></p> <p>Character Counts Field (Outdoor): 80' x 50'</p> <p>Family Healthcare Network Field: 80' x 50'</p> <p>4CG Field: 80' x 50'</p> <p>All flooring is Field Turf.</p>	<p><b>The Ball</b></p> <p>The game ball will be supplied by 1852.</p> <p><b>Division Ball Size</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Under 6 – Size 3</li><li>• Under 8 - Under 12 – Size 4</li><li>• Under 13 - Adults – Size 5</li></ul>
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### Teams & Rosters

A match is played by two teams. The first team listed on the schedule shall be the home team. The team roster shall not exceed ten (10) players. The team roster is frozen at the end of the fifth game and no more changes can be made for the remainder of that season. If a non-roster player participates in a game after week five, those games will be forfeited. In all leagues, no player will be allowed to play without an 1852 membership. Only players on the roster with memberships are permitted in the bench area. Any roster issue must be brought forth by halftime. Failure to do so will have no effect on outcome.

### Players on the Field

Each team consists of four (4) field players and a goalkeeper. Coed: Consist of 3 male and 2 female players on the field.

Minimum number of players needed to start play will be four (4), three (3) field players and a goalie. Coed: At least one of the four players needed to start the game must be a female.

### Substitutions

Substitutions are allowed "on the fly" at anytime. During substitutions the following conditions shall be observed: a) The player leaving the field shall do so through the door at the bench. b) The player entering the field shall also do so through the door at the bench but not until the player leaving the field is within one yard from the door.

### **Changing the Goalkeeper (GK):**

Any of the other players on a team may change places with the GK during a stoppage of play AND the referee must be informed before the change is made. GK's must have a jersey or bib that distinguishes them from their own team, their opponent, and the the referee.

### **Referees:**

A referee(s) will be appointed to officiate each game at all levels from 1852 Visalia. Their decisions in the game shall be final and unquestionable and shall be extended to players, coaches and spectators. Referees have the discretionary authority to stop the game for any violation (at his/her opinion) and to suspend or terminate the game whenever, by reason of the elements, interference by spectators, or other cause, he/she deems necessary.

The referees shall: (a) control the clock, (b) keep an accurate account of the score and the player scoring (c) supervise the timing of all penalties, and (d) turn in the game report to the front desk, with signature by the referee(s).

### **The Duration of the Game:**

All matches will consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute "running time" halves with a five (5) minute break at half-time. No timeouts.

Format may be changed by 1852 Management pending league makeup (younger leagues).

### **Start of Play:**

The team listed first on the schedule will be considered the home team.

The home team will kick off the ball.

When there is a jersey color conflict the home team will have to change or wear 1852 provided bibs for the match. The bibs can be checked out at the front desk prior to the game kicking off and must be returned at the conclusion of the match.

The ball may be kicked either forward or backward. Every player shall be on their own side of the field and opposing team must be outside the center circle.

ALL kicks are Indirect Kicks. (Excluding PK's).

The teams must switch sides at half-time.

Stoppages of play for any unforeseen reason shall be restarted by an indirect kick by the team that, in the referee's discretion, last had possession of the ball.

### **Ball in and Out of Play:**

The ball is out of play when it touches any part of the netting above the dasher boards. Restarts for balls going out of bounds shall be a indirect free kicks from the point closest to the netting where the ball went out of bounds.

Balls hitting the netting above the dasher boards on the end line will be restarted by a goal kick or corner kick.

The defending team shall stand at least 6' (2 yards) from the ball for all free kicks and kick-ins.

The team with the ball, including the GK, shall have five (5) seconds to put the ball back into play once they are in possession of the ball. Failure to do so will result in the ball being turned over to the opposing team with an indirect free kick. If the GK does not play the ball in the five (5) seconds the opposing team will be awarded a indirect free kick at the top of the GK box.

### **Method of Scoring:**

A goal is scored when the ball passes completely over the goal line between the goal posts and under the cross bar.

The team with the greatest number of goals shall be declared the winner. If at the end of play, teams have the same number of goals the game shall be considered a draw.

### **Off-side:**

There is no off-side rule in the league games at 1852 Visalia.

### **Fouls and Misconduct:**

**Fighting: Will not be tolerated and if it occurs player(s) membership card will be turned into the 1852 Management for evaluation of length of suspension, fine, and/or permanent termination of membership privileges to participate in soccer at 1852 Visalia. Any participant or guest who attempts to strike a player, referee, staff, spectator or joins a fight in progress will be punished by the full extent of the law. All games are recorded and will be turned into the Visalia Police Department if deemed necessary.**

An indirect free kick will be awarded if a player:

Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent

Trips or attempts to trip an opponent

Jumps at an opponent

Charges an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner

Charges an opponent from behind

Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent.

Holds an opponent

Pushes an opponent

Charges the goalkeeper while he/she possesses the ball in their hands

Slides or slide tackles - any sort of slide by a field player whether going for the ball or not, no matter if contact is made or not, is considered a slide. GK can slide to make saves as long as they are in the box, sliding outside the box results in a foul

Kicks the ball while on the ground (Dangerous play)

Obstructs an opponent with no attempt to play the ball

When playing as a GK and within their own penalty area;

The GK picks up the ball with their hands when the ball is intentionally passed back to the GK by their own teammate.

If any of the above is committed by a defending player within the penalty area, a PK should be awarded.

**A Yellow Card, "two-minute penalty" can be awarded if a player:**

**When a player receives a yellow card, two-minute penalty:** player will serve the two minutes in the bench area, and his/her team will play shorthanded for the two minutes. In the event of a goal by the opposing team, the team is no longer required to play short-handed.

**If a GK is given a Yellow Card, two-minute penalty:** another player from the team may serve the penalty for the GK.

Persistently infringes the rules of the game

Shows by word or action, dissent with any decision by the referee

Is being guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct

**When a player receives a second yellow/red card:** that player will no longer be able to play in the match. The team must play short-handed for five minutes and then can go back to full strength.

**A Red Card will be awarded if a player:**

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Is guilty of a serious foul play

Is guilty of violent conduct

Uses foul or abusive language

Is guilty of a second yellow card offense

The red card must be shown to the player, the player must leave the field and the bench area and their team will play short-handed for the full five minutes. The expelled player will automatically be suspended one (1) week and may receive additional suspension depending the severity of the incident.

After a red card offense, play will resume with an indirect free kick. (If the expelled player is involved with other teams, in other leagues at 1852, that player will not be able to play until the suspension is served) 1852 will hold the player's membership card in the administrative offices until the suspension is complete and the player can return to full 1852 membership privileges.

In the event a player is shown a red card before the match begins the team may replace the player and not be forced to play short-handed in the game. The player will lose his membership card and must serve the suspension as given by 1852 management.

Once the match has begun, any player (whether on the field or on the bench) that is shown a red card shall cause his/her team to play one player short for a full five minutes.

Any player that has been shown a red card must leave the team bench area, and at the discretion of the 1852 management, may also be asked to leave the facility and will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) week from all leagues he/she participates in.

All Red Cards require a \$50 fine for first offense. \$100 fine for second offense. If a third offense occurs, 1852 Visalia Management will consider loss of membership for one (1) year from time of offense. Fighting or severe violent conduct can result in directly losing membership privileges for one (1) year. Membership card will be held with 1852 Management until suspension has been served and fine has been paid.

### **Free Kick:**

As stated by FIFA with the following additions:

All players on the opposing team must be at least six (6) feet/ two (2) yards from the ball when the free kick is being taken.

If the team taking the free kick takes more than five (5) seconds once in possession, the opposing team gets a indirect kick.

Whoever kicks the ball into play on a free kick may not play the ball again until another player has played the ball. (Ex. Players cannot use the boards to play the ball to themselves.)

### **Penalty Kick:**

Penalty kicks will be taken from the top of the GK box.

There is no limit on how many steps you can take before you shoot.

A GK is permitted to move his feet while remaining on the line (i.e. moving sideways or up and down), but is not permitted to come off the line by stepping or lunging forward until the ball has been played. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward.

### **Throw-In:**

There will be no throw-ins. There will only be kick-ins, which are indirect free kicks.

### **Goal Kick:**

A goal kick will be taken by the defending team any time a ball hits the netting above the dasher boards last touched by the attacking team.

The goal kick may be taken from anywhere within the GK box.

### **Corner Kick:**

A corner kick will be taken by the attacking team any time the ball hits the netting above the dasher boards last touched by the defending team.

The corner kick may be taken from the corner of the field on the side of the goal it hit the netting.

All corners are indirect free kicks.

## **General Rules**

All referee decisions are final. This includes all league matches, weekend and holiday tournament games or any special soccer events. There will be no confronting of any referees. Any individual who threatens a referee shall be expelled from participating at 1852 Visalia for a minimum of one (1) year. Management will not hear complaints concerning referees, except in writing form provided at the front desk. 1852 Management will review all referee complaints.

All red cards issued for fighting can result in a minimum of a one (1) year suspension. The suspension begins on the day the red card is given and is served for consecutive weeks for the duration of the suspension. The player with a suspension will not be allowed to play at the 1852 facility, if a problem continues from the player being in the facility charges will be filed.

Any player that "clears" the bench area during an on field altercation will automatically receive a two (2) game suspension, membership card will be given to the 1852 Management and player cannot participate with any other teams or leagues until the suspension is served. The term "bench clearing" means one or more players leaving the bench area during an altercation.

If a fight starts after the conclusion of a game it will result in a forfeit for both teams of their next regularly scheduled game and possibly further suspension. 1852 security video will be provided to Visalia Police Department punishable by the full extent of the law.

If a player accumulates multiple red cards they are subject to severe suspension and possible expulsion from the facility:

**1 Red Card** = One (1) Week suspension minimum (possibly more, pending severity of actions)  
Requires payment of \$50 fine before return of 1852 membership card.

**2 Red Cards** = Three (3) Week suspension minimum (possibly more, pending severity of actions)  
Requires payment of \$100 before return of 1852 membership card.

**3 Red Cards** (1 Calendar year) = 1852 Management will consider a one (1) Year suspension. 1852 fine if return to play is an option is \$200 before return of 1852 membership card.

Due to scheduling time constraints, the clock will not be stopped for any reason except for a serious injury incurred in the last few minutes of the game if the score is within three goals and at the referee's discretion.

As player's safety is our primary concern, an injury will be treated after play has been stopped, while the clock is running. The referee may put up to two minutes back on the clock after the injury is treated. If an injury occurs in the first half the referee can minimize the halftime break to keep the games on schedule.

A referee may stop the clock in the last minute of the game for obvious game delaying tactics (i.e. kicking the ball away, standing in front of the ball, etc.). The clock will restart when the ball is kicked.

If a team wants to dispute another team's roster it must be done before the start of the 2nd half to the Administration Desk.

**Appeals:** Any long-term suspension may be appealed within 14 days, with a \$150 non refundable payment and will go through an appeals process. The appeal must be in writing. Soccer City 1852 Visalia management PAD committee will make the final decision on all suspensions.

### **Rules Specific to Adult Soccer**

**Men's Leagues - Over 30, 40, or 50 Men's teams:** all men must be respectively 30, 40, or 50 and older.

**Women's Leagues - Over 30, 40, or 50 Women's teams:** all women must be respectively 30, 40, or 50 and older.

**Over 30 and 40 Coed teams:** all male players must be respectively 30, 40 and older, all female players must be 25 or older.

### **Rules Specific to COED Soccer**

Each team must have a minimum of two (2) females on the roster and on the field at all times.

If a team plays with one (1) female, they cannot have more than three (3) males on the field.

If a team has no females present at a game, the game is reported as a forfeit. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

If a team utilizes players from another team, the game is a forfeit.

**ALL 1852 FACILITY RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND AT THE DISCRETION OF 1852 MANAGEMENT. 1852 HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL INVOLVED PENDING ANY SITUATION THAT ARISES AT THE FACILITY. THE DECISION BY 1852 MANAGEMENT IS FINAL.**