



Facility Rules and Responsibilities

1. South United YMCA location rules:

No Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco Products, Pets, or Unsocial Behavior will be tolerated at any of the South Carolina United YMCA venues. Unsocial Behavior includes the use of profanity, insulting/derogatory remarks or gestures, offensive hand gestures, unwanted physical contact, and mental bullying. These rules apply to all people present at any of the South Carolina United YMCA locations and includes all players, coaches, parents, spectators, and staff members. Anyone breaking these rules will go through a three step process.

1. Verbal warning.
2. Removal from the premises for the rest of the day. With the aid of law enforcement, if necessary.
3. Banned from all South Carolina United YMCA locations.

2. Equipment:

- Players must wear shin guards during all South Carolina United YMCA Recreational games and practices (during scrimmages).
- Cleats or tennis shoes must be worn at all times. **NO BARE FEET!** Cleats must be made of plastic or rubber no metal cleats are allowed.
- All jewelry must be removed before the start of a games and practices.

3. Coaches Responsibilities:

- The coaches' first responsibility is to ensure the safety of their players for all games and practices.
- Make sure that the players are having fun, learning skills, and good sportsmanship.
- Be a good role model for you players and parents.
- Coaches must always carry a full list of contact number with them when coaching.
- Coaches will teach fun and fundamentals throughout the season.
- Coaches are responsible for officiating games if a referee is not available, or a team representative is unable to run the game.
- Coaches are to ensure the playing surface is free of any foreign bodies before all practices and games.
- Coaches must ensure that all goals are securely anchored before all games and practices.





- Coaches must ensure that players with an injury or illness do not make their condition worse by participating further during games and practices.
- Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their team's spectators. Coaches may be penalized for any spectator who exhibits unacceptable behavior.
- Coaches will strictly adhere to the South Carolina United YMCA Coaches Code of Conduct/game play rules at all times.
- All teams are responsible for cleaning up the field after they have used after each game and practice.

4. Officials Responsibilities:

- Ensure the playing surface is free of any foreign bodies.
- Must ensure that all goals are securely anchored.
- Ensure the conduct of all players, coaches, and spectators during game play.
- Keep the score and official time.
- Report ejected players, coaches or spectators to the site's referee assignor.
- Ensure the game ball is properly inflated.
- Ensure that all players are properly dressed for game play.

5. Players/Parents Responsibilities:

- To have fun and play fair!
- All players must wear shoes and shin guards at all times. **NO BARE FEET!** Cleats must be made of plastic or rubber no metal cleats are allowed.
- **NO JEWELRY** may be worn during games or practices.
- All players must respect themselves and others during all games and practices.
- Parents must make the coach aware of any reason why your child should not participate in games or practices.
- Encourage every player from the sidelines.

6. Sports Director/Community Soccer Officer Responsibilities:

- Ensure that all fields are free of any foreign bodies.
- Ensure that all goals are securely anchored.
- Have corner flags placed on all fields before game day.
- Be present at the field for the kick off of all the games at your facility.
- Report cancelation of practices before 3pm if at all possible.
- Report cancelation of games before 6am Saturday morning if at all possible.
- Collect and report all scores as soon as possible after games.





- Deal with incidents and run the facility in a professional manor.

7. Misconduct procedures for Players, Coaches, and Spectators:

- On field match day procedures for dealing with players and coaches misconduct:

- Verbal warning
- Yellow card caution.
- Red card ejection.

Any coach that is ejected from a South Carolina United YMCA Recreational game must leave the premises immediately and have no further contact with the team or assistant coaches. Any player or coach ejected from a match shall automatically be suspended for a week and will not be able to attend practices or matches during this time. The referee must report any red cards to the site's referee assignor as soon as possible after the match.

Any player or coach who consistently exhibits unacceptable conduct during match play or practice may be removed from the team roster permanently or suspended for a period of time.

On field match day the procedure for dealing with spectator's misconduct is as follows:

- Verbal warning from the referee.
- Have the coach explain to the crowd that a yellow card will be issued to the coach if they do not calm down.
- Have the coach ask an individual to leave the facility if he/she is the cause of the disruption. If the spectator refuses the coach can receive a red card.

It is the job of the referee along with the help of the coach and/or Sports Director/Community Soccer Officer to deal with unruly spectators.

Off field procedures for dealing with players and coaches misconduct:

We strongly enforce a three-strike process for all players or coaches representing the South Carolina United YMCA Recreational Soccer Program. Any player or coach that breaks any of the rules set forth will be dealt with in this order

- First Strike: Verbal warning from the YMCA Sports Director or Community Soccer Officer.
- Second Strike: Suspension from all South Carolina United YMCA Recreational Soccer Program activities. Length of suspension will be determined by severity of the person's misconduct.





- Third Strike: Removal from the team roster and one-year ban from the South Carolina United YMCA Recreational Soccer League.

*The YMCA Sports Directors and Community Soccer Officer can enforce these rules at any time. The YMCA Sports Directors and Community Soccer Officer have the final say on all game/practice day decisions.

