



# CALGARY WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION

GENERATIONS UNITING TOGETHER

## CWSA SENIOR OUTDOOR RULES 2026

### Game Sheets

- Each team is responsible to fill out the game sheet completely prior to the start of the game. Each player and team official must be recorded on the game sheet and **no additions can be made to the game sheet after the start of the game**. At half time, team officials may cross off players (line through name) who have not arrived.
- Referee to clearly print and sign the game sheet where indicated. Payment for the game may be difficult to process if names of referees are not legible.
- Referee marks score, goal scorers, cards, discipline and the fair play rating on the game sheet. CWSA teams will provide 1 game sheet. Referees and team officials from both teams are encouraged to take photos of the completed game sheets prior to departure.
- **Within 48 hours** of the game, drop off the game sheets, any play-up forms and Misconduct Reports at Broadview, Calgary Soccer Centre or during business hours to the CWSA office. All can be submitted electronically to [gamesheets@mycwsa.ca](mailto:gamesheets@mycwsa.ca), **the originals submitted immediately thereafter**. If you submitted the game sheets electronically, please make a note on the game sheets that they have been submitted electronically before dropping them off at one of the drop boxes listed above. Prompt submission of the original copies of the game sheets will ensure prompt payment for games officiated.

### Misconduct Reports

- **Within 48 hours** of the game an ASA Misconduct Report must be submitted for each dismissal. The report must accompany the game sheets and the dismissed individual's ID card; however, prior electronic submission is encouraged. For dismissal due to action against a referee, submit the Misconduct Report to ASA. Provide the League with a copy of all documentation sent to ASA.

### ID Card Collection & Checking

- **Referee collects game sheets and ID cards before the game and keeps them until the end of the game**. Each player and team official must present their ID card to the referee prior to participating in the game. The name on the ID card must match the name recorded in the league registration.
- If a physical ID card is not available, a player may present a photo of the ID card together with valid government-issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license) **(NEW)**
- Team officials are responsible to ensure the eligibility of a player. If a team questions the eligibility of a player, the player must sign their name on the game sheet and the referee should retain the player ID card. The player in question is permitted to finish the game. CWSA will determine the eligibility of the individual. Record on the game sheet any concerns expressed about a player's eligibility.



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- If player names are on the game sheet prior to the start of the game, then players arriving anytime during the game may play. The referee must be presented with the player's ID card immediately upon entering the field of play.

### # Players

<b>11v11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Minimum of 7 players</b> per team are required to start and maintain a game.</li><li>• <b>Maximum of 20 players</b> and 4 team officials can be listed on the game sheet and can be on the bench.</li></ul>	<b>8v8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Minimum of 5 players</b> per team are required to start and maintain a game.</li><li>• <b>Maximum of 20 players</b> and 4 team officials can be listed on the game sheet and can be on the bench.</li></ul>
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### Guest Players

- CMSA players are required to submit a completed **Restricted Movement form**, also known as a play-up form, and their **CMSA ID card**.
- Referee to sign the play-up forms, attach the play-up forms to the game sheet and have the teams take a photo of it for their records.
- League players with their League ID Card are allowed to play up without a Restricted Movement form; they must be recorded on the game sheet as a Play-Up/Guest Player.

### Injuries

- Note on the game sheet if a significant injury occurred during the match that required medical attention regardless if the game was delayed or an ambulance called. **No additional time is to be added to the game for injury time.**

### Fair Play

- The CWSA is encouraging and supporting fair play. The rating applied to the teams is at the discretion of the referee and is based on how well the team applies the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship.
- For more information regarding the application of fair play, please click [here](#).

### Discipline

- Referees may be required to attend CWSA discipline hearings.
- For game abandonments, other than for weather, keep both teams' cards and the game sheets, and submit them to CWSA along with the Misconduct Report. If possible, indicate on the game sheet which team was responsible for the action that initiated the abandonment.



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### Duration of Game

<u>11v11</u>	<u>8v8</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two <b>45-minute halves</b>, with a 5 minute halftime interval.</li><li>• When adverse weather (for example thunder/lightning) is going to prevent a <b>minimum total of 60 minutes</b> being played, the game shall be abandoned.</li><li>• When shortened for reasons other than discipline related abandonment, CWSA games require <b>60 minutes of play</b> for results to stand.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two <b>30-minute halves</b>, with a 5 minute halftime interval.</li><li>• When adverse weather (for example thunder/lightning) is going to prevent a <b>minimum total of 40 minutes</b> being played, the game shall be abandoned.</li><li>• When shortened for reasons other than discipline related abandonment, CWSA games require <b>40 minutes of play</b> for results to stand.</li></ul>

- All regular CWSA games must end on time. No time is to be added to any regular CWSA game, either for weather delay or for injury.
- All regular CWSA games must start on time. If play is unable to commence at the designated start time, a 10 minute 'grace' period is permitted from the designated start time. The game is then shortened by the time the team was late. Failure to field a team, complete with game sheets prepared and IDs produced within the 10 minute 'grace' period, will result in game cancellation. Note the team(s) responsible for the cancellation on the game sheet.
- Note on game sheet if the game is shortened. Indicate the length of the halves and the reason for the lost time.

### Equipment

- Team members must have complete uniforms; jersey with number, shorts and socks. Any irregularity and the player(s) are not permitted to play. Players are required to wear shin guards. Team jerseys must match. Shorts and socks are to be predominantly the same colour for team members.
- Home team changes jersey colour (if necessary) and supplies 2 game balls. Failure to change jerseys or to supply a suitable game ball is to be noted on the game sheet.
- For jersey colour conflict, pinnies that are not numbered are permitted but the original team jersey must be worn under the pinnies.
- Wearing a knee brace is at the complete discretion of the referee. Rigid casts are not allowed; this includes finger splints. Jewelry is not allowed. FIFA approved headgear and sports hijabs are allowed.

### Assistant Referees

- If 1 AR does not show, the game will be played with each team sharing the responsibility for providing coverage for the missing AR for one half of the game. Assistant referees must be at least 16 years of age. Please note on the game sheet that an AR was missing and which team(s)



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provided coverage for the missing AR. If neither team provided coverage for the missing AR when asked, please note this on the game sheet as well.

- If both assigned ARs do not show, each team is required to provide one. Having an insufficient number of players is not an acceptable reason not to provide an AR. If one or both teams fail to provide an AR when requested, note this on the game sheet, but the game is still to be played.

### **8v8 Modified Rules for CWSA**

8v8 rules will follow the current IFAB Laws of the Game, except where as follows:

- Games will be played **8v8** (8 players on the field for each team, including the goalkeeper).
- A **minimum of 5 players** are required per team to start and maintain a game.
- Each game will consist of two (2) **30-minute halves** with a maximum 5 minute half-time break.
- A maximum of **20 players** can be listed on the game sheet. Only those listed on the game sheet may be on the team bench.
- 8v8 is to be played on the black lined fields at the Calgary Soccer Centre or the U12/13 fields at the Genesis Centre Artificial Turf.
- Game ball size 5 should be used for the games.
- If play is not able to commence within the 10 minutes of the designated game start time due to one or both teams not being prepared to play (insufficient players, incomplete game sheet, lack of player cards, & being prepared to present players cards to official) the game shall be cancelled and the team(s) responsible noted on the game sheet.
- Unlimited number of substitutions at one time. Substitutes should be ready at the halfway line and are only permitted to enter the game during a stoppage in play.
- There is no stop time.
- There are **NO OFFSIDES or retreat line.**
- There are no restrictions on goalkeeper distribution.
- Red carded players should be instructed to leave the playing area and are **NOT** to be replaced by another player – the team plays a player short for the remainder of the game.
- Free Kicks: Opposing players must be 6 yards from the ball, prior to the kick being taken.

### **How to Submit Games Sheets, Misconduct Reports & ID cards**

#### **Within 48 hours**

- Drop at any league office during office hours.
- Leave at Broadview or Calgary Soccer Centre drop box.
- Submit electronically (scan/email, fax or send a clear photo) to [derek@mycwsa.ca](mailto:derek@mycwsa.ca).
- Send original game sheets, misconduct reports & ID cards via Canada Post if documents sent electronically.

**Have a Great Game!**