

# STONINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

## 6v6 Soccer League 2017

The Stonington Community Center 6v6 Soccer League is the area's most popular adult soccer league. The league features Men's, Co-Ed, and High School divisions. The season begins the fourth week of June, and games are played on the COMO fields. Men's & Co-Ed teams play an 8-game regular season schedule followed by a single elimination playoff. High School teams play an 8-game regular season schedule with no playoffs. League fees are \$600 per Men's & Co-Ed team, and \$450 per high school team, which cover the cost of referees, staffing, and uniforms.

For more information or to submit a team, please contact Kelsey Haack, Stonington COMO Athletic Program Manager at (860) 535-2476 or [k.haack@thecomoo.org](mailto:k.haack@thecomoo.org)



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## 6v6 Game Rules

1. All FIFA rules and regulations apply with the exception of the following:
2. Length of games will be two 25 minute halves with a 3 minute halftime.
3. Starting lineup will consist of five field players plus a goalie. ***For the co-ed league, 2 female players must be on the field at all times. If you do not have 2 female players, you must play down.***
4. The goalie must wear a different color than both teams and the referee.
5. Substitutions will be allowed on goal kicks and dead balls with the official's approval.
6. There will be no offside rule.
7. ***No slide tackles.*** A direct free kick will be awarded.
8. A ball picked up by the goalie and then thrown or kicked by that goalie must touch the ground or a player before crossing the center line. This includes goal kicks taken by players other than the goalie. A goalie that dribbles the ball outside of the goalie area may kick it over half.
9. All free kicks are direct. Teams will be given 5 yards on all kicks. Indirect type fouls in the box are taken from the dot and become direct. The dot is located one yard outside the top of the goal arc.
10. Shin guards are mandatory. If a player is found not wearing shin guards they will be asked to leave the field. If they return without shin guards they will be issued a red card.
11. **Any physical confrontations between players, referees, or COMO officials will result in an ejection from the game and league, no exceptions.**
12. Complaining to referees will not be tolerated, this includes before, during and after games. His or her call is final, any disrespectful words or actions will result in an ejection from the game and 3 game suspension.
13. No swearing.
14. Threatening words or actions towards players or referees will result in a game & league ejection.

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### 6v6 League rules:

1. **IMPORTANT:** The COMO expects all teams and players to conduct themselves professionally on and around the COMO fields. Referees are to be treated with respect at all times. A representative of the COMO will be at every game to make sure these rules are strictly adhered to. Team captains are responsible for making every player on their respective teams aware of all league rules.
2. Prior to their first game every player must fill out a registration form.
3. A player must be on a team's roster to be eligible for games. Teams must add players to the roster and sign liability forms **before** the start of the season. If any player is deemed ineligible and plays, the game will be forfeited.
4. Players may only play for one team in each league. Players may not be added after the 4<sup>th</sup> game. Teams may roster 14 players on a team.
5. Each player must wear the designated shirt provided by the league.
6. A team will be allowed a grace period of 10 minutes prior to a game being forfeited. A team must take the field when they have at least 4 total players. If a team forfeits two games, they will be disqualified from the playoffs.
7. A team receives 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. There will not be a goal differential max.
8. **YELLOW AND RED CARD RULES:** The league will keep track of cards issued throughout the season. On a player's 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow the player must pay a \$50 fine before they can play another game. Each additional yellow (3 total yellow cards or more) card will result in an additional \$50 fine, current game ejection, and a one game suspension. A red card will result in a 3 game suspension and a \$100 fine. A second red card will result in a \$200 fine, and suspension for the season. Any players fighting before, during, or after a game will be suspended for the remainder of the season and will receive a \$200 fine. Any players spitting on another player will be suspended for 5 games and will receive a \$100 fine. Fines must be paid before the player participates in their next game. If a fine is not paid and a player participates, they will be suspended for the season, and the team will forfeit the game in which the suspended player plays in. Fines will carry over to the next year if they are not paid.
9. The COMO would like to remind you that the COMO fields are surrounded by neighborhoods and the league needs to respect those individuals living around the fields. We ask that after your game you leave the fields in a safe and orderly fashion. Do not peel out of the driveway.
10. A player must play in at least 3 games to be eligible to play in the playoffs.

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### 6v6 PENALTY BOX RULES

- During the course of the game, a referee may issue a blue, yellow, or red card to any player or groups of players.
- A player that receives a blue or yellow card must report directly to the penalty box.
- The penalty box will be staffed by a COMO employee, who will monitor the amount of time that the player must spend in the penalty box. If a player enters the game before receiving confirmation from the COMO employee, he or she will be ejected from the game.
- While a player is in the penalty box, his or her team must play a player down. They will continue to play "down" until their penalty time expires, even if a goal/multiple goals are scored by the opposing team.
- While in the penalty box, a player must stand at midfield next to the COMO staff table.
- A blue card will result in a 5 minute penalty. Players must serve the entire 5 minutes, even if a goal/multiple goals are scored by the opposing team.
- A yellow card will result in a 10 minute penalty. Players must serve the entire 10 minutes, even if a goal/multiple goals are scored by the opposing team.

A player will receive a blue card if they:

- Swear
- Complain about a call or non call excessively
- Slide tackle
- Commit a foul that is deemed unnecessary
- Act in an inappropriate manner towards referee, fans, teammates, or the other team.
- They commit a foul or act in a way that is unacceptable
- Intentionally Kick a ball off of the field after play has ended

A player will receive a yellow card if they:

- Commit a hard foul
- Commit an overly aggressive tackle
- Commit a foul with the intent to injure
- Commit a foul on a break away, "clear path foul"
- They commit a foul or act in a way that is unacceptable

