

# Bubble Soccer Rules

## **OVERVIEW**

- 4 PLAYERS (at least 1 player must be female)
- Games will consist of two 15-minute continuous clock halves with a 3-minute halftime
- Each team will have 2 time-outs per game.
- Any delay tactics, (kicking the ball far out of bounds or standing on the ball) will allow the referee (at his/her discretion) to stop the clock.

## **GAME PLAY**

- Kick-off – the ball will be placed in the center of the field, and teams line up along their goal line. When the whistle blows, teams may run to the ball for possession. This will occur every time a goal is scored.
- Ball in Bubble – If the ball lands in a bubble, play will stop and the ball retrieved. The referee will then conduct a “drop ball” with one member from each team.
- Drop Ball – 1 player from each team will stand 5 yards away from the ball, as the ball hits the ground each player may charge towards the ball to retrieve it.
- Tie Game - if teams are tied at the end of regulation, a 3-minute overtime will be played where the first team to score a goal wins the game

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Substitutions may be made throughout the game

## **NO GOALKEEPERS**

Teams will not be allowed to have a goalkeeper.

## **OFFSIDES**

There is no offside.

## **OUT OF BOUNDS**

Anytime the ball goes over either sideline, out of bounds, a kick-in will ensue. No player from the field should attempt to retrieve the out of bounds ball. The

referee will either put another ball into play or ask a non-playing teammate to retrieve the ball in order to resume play.

a. Last touched by a defender- a corner kick. Ball is placed on nearest corner and kicked in by offensive team. Goals **may be** scored on corner kicks. All players must be outside the goal box until the ball enters the goal box and the defense must be at least 4 paces from the corner.

b. Last touched by attacker. A goal kick by the defense.

## ***PLAYER REQUIREMENTS***

- All players must be at least 4'10" and at least 110 lbs. This is due to the dimensions of the ball.
- There are two sizes of bubbles. Players weighing more than 200 lbs. will be encouraged to use the larger bubbles.

## ***APPROPRIATE OR NON-PERMITTED ATTIRE***

- No Eyeglasses worn inside the bubble suit unless they are sports glasses with a head strap (contacts are permitted)
- No jewelry [watches, necklaces, bracelets, anklets, rings, earrings, nose rings, piercings (ear, eyebrow, belly, cartilage), hair barrettes, bobby pins, or anything sharp that could puncture or injure someone is not allowed to be worn. Covering with band-aid or tape is not acceptable
- Sports clothing suggested (clothing containing zippers, jeans, non-sports related clothing are prohibited)
- Tennis shoes are required
- Knee pads are highly recommended
- It is also recommended that you color coordinate as our bubbles are not colored and jerseys will not be supplied

## ***NON-PERMITTED ACTIONS***

- No one under the influence of drugs/alcohol will be permitted to play
- No pinning another player to the ground
- No launching yourself at another player's legs or helping someone else launch themselves
- No leaving your feet to make a hit on another player
- No pushing a player into a wall or into a corner or other large obstruction
- No striking a player when they are on the ground or trying to stand back-up
- No kicking another player or equipment (bubbles)
- No full force blindsiding people
- No intentional flipping

- No pulling yourself up by the handles (wears them down)
- No intentionally going down to your knees

**\*\*You could be removed from or not permitted to play as a result of not following any of the above rules. There will be no refund if you are thrown out of or not permitted to play.\*\***

### ***BUBBLE USAGE/CLEANLINESS***

- Players are required to clean the inside of their bubbles after play. Players will also be given the opportunity to clean their bubbles before play. Cleaning supplies will be provided.
- Disinfectant Wipes and Disinfecting Spray will be used to sanitize the bubbles. If you are allergic to these products or any of the ingredients, it is advised that you do not play.

***\*\*ANYONE WITH A CONDITION, MEDICAL OR OTHERWISE, THAT CAN BE AGGRAVATED OR WORSENERD BY STRENUOUS ACTIVITY OR PHYSICAL CONTACT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN BUBBLE SOCCER. SORRY... \*\****

# ***Toledo Sport and Social Club's General League Rules***

## **Officials**

Leagues run by TSSC either have an official or are self-officiated. When self-officiated, the teams playing must be responsible for calling their own infractions. It is not the responsibility of the opponents to call a foul.

TSSC officials are responsible for the fair play of games, however, participants are still responsible for knowing and understanding the league rules. Officials will make calls based on established league rules and have the final say. Officials will work to provide fair and fun game play. If a participant is found to be disrupting this effort, the league official has the authority remove said player from the game.

Participants choosing to yell at officials will NOT be tolerated!

We also have the right as do referees to remove anyone from the playing field or end a game without refund should we feel safety or sportsmanship is being compromised.

## **Forfeits**

TSSC strives to provide fun and organized game play. This is achieved in large part by having teams committed to playing their scheduled games. However, from time to time a team may not be able to attend its scheduled game. In this case, it is the responsibility of the team to notify TSSC at least 24 hours in advance of missing a game to report its forfeit. Teams who forfeit multiple times during a season may not be allowed to participate in the end-of-season tournament or may be removed from the league altogether.

## **Substitutions**

Substitutions are allowed during the regular season. It is the responsibility of the team captain to explain the rules to subs before games begin. Teams may borrow players from other league teams as substitutes only during the regular season. When borrowing players from another team, a maximum number of subs allowed is the amount needed to have a full team on the field plus one. Teams must play their normal roster players ahead of substitutes who were borrowed from another team.

## **Playoffs Eligibility**

In order to be eligible to participate in the end-of-season playoffs a player must have played at least one regular season game with the team or be of no greater skill than the player he/she is subbing for.

Teams may be ruled ineligible by TSSC for rule or sportsmanship infractions and will be notified if their eligibility has been revoked.

### **Standings / Seeding**

Throughout the season, league standings will be updated and displayed on the league webpage. The order shown on the page is not necessarily the order of seeding that will exist for the end-of-season tournament. In the case of multiple teams having the same regular season record, tie-breakers will be listed in the sport specific portion of the rules.

### **Sportsmanship**

The Toledo Sport and Social Club exists to provide adults with the ability to continue to compete in lifelong recreational play. We realize there will be intense moments during games, in particular towards the end of games or when a player makes a mistake in judgment, but we hope the TSSC Spirit of Play will always remain.

The TSSC encourages players to play with a "Fun First, Win Second" attitude. Our leagues are about getting out and having a good time with old friends and new! The TSSC believes that encouraging good sports behavior is why players join and will remain in our leagues. Playing with TSSC Spirit provides a non-threatening, fun environment for all levels of players. Good sporting behavior: behavioral tendencies of a person who can take loss or defeat without complaint, and victory without gloating, and who treats all opponents with fairness, generosity, courtesy and respect. This is the attitude we encourage all players to display on and off the playing field!

### **League Cancellation / Rainout**

TSSC uses two methods to inform teams when a rainout or game cancellation has taken place. The voice mail message for the phone line 855-HEY-TSSC ext. 1 will be updated with information regarding the status of league play. Additionally, TSSC will update the status of its page, 'Toledo Sport and Social Club' on Facebook.

Due to the nature of weather, TSSC won't always be able to update these messages prior to the start of league play for a particular evening. If neither of these methods has been updated, please show up to the game location and seek information there about the status of games for the evening.

In the case of a rainout or game cancellation, TSSC will attempt to reschedule the games. However, not all games are guaranteed and

TSSC reserves the right to shorten the league schedule, without issuing a refund, if necessary.

### **Website**

Toledo Sport and Social Club's websites, [www.ToledoSSC.com](http://www.ToledoSSC.com) and [www.ToledoSportandSocialClub.com](http://www.ToledoSportandSocialClub.com) are the source for all information regarding all team and league information. Please utilize the websites functions for all scheduling and registration functions. Other features that may be found on the website are: Free Agent postings, League Rules, Social Events, and in-season announcements.

### **Sponsors / Post Game Socials**

Prior to the beginning of each league TSSC will establish as "Sponsor Bar" to serve as a social gathering place for all TSSC teams and fans after league nights. The sponsor establishments and deals are specific to TSSC members and are prearranged. These will be listed on the league page throughout the season. Please socialize and enjoy yourselves at all times but keep in mind that you are representing TSSC when attending post game socials.

### **Rule Changes**

TSSC reserves the right to change league rules at any time. Team managers will be made aware of rule changes and it then becomes their responsibility to communicate changes to their teams. Rules for each sport will be listed under each sport's page.