

2025 FALL Season

WELCOME!

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TEXT MESSAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Text EPPLCOACH to (844)903-2393
- Text message announcements and important info



IMPORTANT DATES/CALENDAR

- The link to the important dates document can be found on our website under the "LEAGUE INFO" tab.
- HERE



COACH RESOURCE PAGE

- The COACH resource page on the EPPL website is full on useful information that will guarantee your success in our league.
- EPPL Rules
- Coach Handbook
- Helpful Videos
- And MORE!
- CLICK HERE



What is EPPL's mission

• To create a competitive league that will help young soccer players from the El Paso, Juarez, and Las Cruces border plex develop, compete, and excel in the beautiful game all while providing a safe and friendly environment for players, parents, and coaches so that they can all focus on the most important aspect of the game: Having fun!



Development FIRST!

US Club Regionals

- 2025 Regional and Nationals Recognitions
- Regional Champions:
 - U13 Boys: RSL EL PASO
 - U14 Boys: Club España
 - U16 Boys: Miners FC
- CONGRATULATIONS!



US Club Regionals

- Teams with half tickets to 2026 Regionals
- Boys:
 - U13 2013 Locomotive Pre-Academy
 - U14 Sun City FC El Paso
 - U15 Club España
 - U16 Athletic Club 2011
 - U17– Athletic Club 2010
 - U18 Titans STA FC 08 East
 - U19 FC Dallas EP 07/08 White



US Club Regionals

- Teams with half tickets to 2026 Regionals
- Girls:
 - U14/15 RSL Royals G 2012
 - U16 RSL Royals G 2011
 - U17/18 Soles FC G2009



MAJOR UPDATES



NEW EPPL Structure

- THE EPPL (CITY WIDE):
 - League designed to promote development and competition for the best teams across the city/region.
 - Games at BOTH the WSSC and ESSC. (Roughly half and half of a teams' schedule)
 - ALL PREMIER DIVISIONS play in The EPPL (City Wide) league. (U9-U19)
 - ALL 11v11 Age Groups (U13-U19) will play in The EPPL (City Wide) league. (Bothe Premier and Championship)



NEW EPPL Structure

EPPL WEST:

- League designed for younger and more developmental teams that want to play only in their area of the city.
- Games mainly at the WSSC. (Only westside of town.)
- Championship and Rec. Divisions (U5-U12)



NEW EPPL Structure

• EPPL EAST:

- League designed for younger and more developmental teams that want to play only in their area of the city.
- Games mainly at the ESSC. (Only eastside of town.)
- Championship and Rec. Divisions (U5-U12)



NEW EPPL Tie-Breakers

- In the event teams are tied in points at the end of the regular season the following tiebreakers will take effect:
 - Goal Differential
 - Goals In Favor
 - Goals Against
 - Most Shut Outs
 - Penalty Shootout





STOMP OUT CHEATING

- There will be no tolerance for cheating in this league. A team caught cheating will suffer the following consequences:
 - On the **first** offense, the offending team will be removed from the season, and an email will be sent out to all participants notifying them of the team's removal. No refunds will be given.
 - THIS INCLUDES PURPOSEPLY PLAYING A PLAYER NOT ON THE ROSTER AND OVER AGE PLAYERS!
 - If there is a **second** offense, the entire **CLUB** will be removed from the season. No refunds will be given.

Team/ Player Protests Reminders

- Player Protests
 - Player Protests must be handled at the site of play and must occur before the game, at half time, or right after the game before signing the game report.
 - If a coach has reason to believe a player is not eligible, they may approach the referee and ask to see the player's ID and check it against the game report.
- Formal player age protest
 - Do not be a part of the problem
 - Make a formal protest via email to formally protest a players age.



- Our main goal is to provide a safe environment for our young players to enjoy and develop.
- COACHES: It is up to YOU to control your spectators.
 - Referees have been instructed to NOT engage with parents or spectators.
 - Coaches will be responsible for their team spectator behavior.
 - Coaches can set the tone of the match by conducting themselves in a way that promotes respect, fair play, and good sportsmanship.
 - DO NOT BE A PART OF THE PROBLEM



- Parents/Spectators:
 - POSITIVE, SUPPORTIVE, RESPECTFULL
 - Poor Sportsmanship: instances may result in a yellow card for coach.
 - Ex: Excessive use of noise makers during gameplay or penalty kicks.
 - Ex: Comments like: "they suck", "no traen nada", "Hit them harder", etc.
 - Ex: Foul Language. **COACH WILL BE SHOWN YELLOW CARD.**
 - Pitch Invasions
 - Zero Tolerance for Violence
 - No Contest and/or Point Reductions



- Coaches will be held to the highest standard and we expect every single coach to behave in a manner that aligns with the values of this league. Coaches will be respectful, supportive, and will do their best to promote good sportsmanship and fair play, so that in return they may instill in their players the same values.
- In the event that a coach is being disrespectful, rowdy, or showing poor sportsmanship the following will apply:
 - Coach will be given a verbal warning along with a yellow card.
 - If behavior continues, the coach will be shown a red card asked to leave the field.
 - If coach does not leave, the game will be forfeited by the offending team regardless of the score.
 - If no other coach is present with a valid ID, the game will be lost via forfeit.



- Spectators are expected to behave in a manner that aligns with the values of this league. Parents will be respectful, supportive, and will do their best to promote good sportsmanship and fair play.
- In the event that a parent or group of parents are being disrespectful, rowdy, or showing poor sportsmanship the following will apply:
 - Referee will verbally warn head coach and ask them to control their spectators.
 - If behavior continues, coach will be shown a yellow card (caution)
 - If behavior continues, head coach will be shown a second yellow card, subsequent red card, and will be sent off.
 - Game will continue if coach leaves, and spectators improve their behavior. If those two things do not happen, game will be stopped and forfeited by the offending team regardless of the score or match type.
 - If no other coach is present with a valid ID, the game will be lost via forfeit.



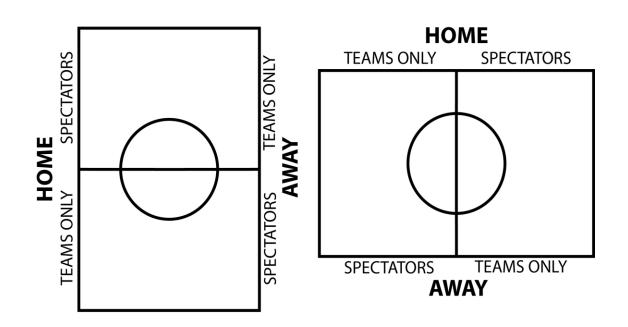
Spectator/Team Seating

- Teams and Spectators are expected to set up in their assigned area for all EPPL matches.
- Make sure you and your spectator groups have this information to avoid any confusion.
- HOME team will set up on the NORTH or WEST side of the field regardless of field size.
- Home and Away teams will set up on opposite sides of the field.





Seating Arrangment



HOME TEAM WILL SETUP ON THE WEST OR NORTH SIDE OF THE FIELD.

The official map will also show where Home and Away will setup.

Incidents Involving Violence

- US Club Discipline Matrix and USSF Severity of Misconduct Matrix will be used as a guide to determine length of suspension.
- US CLUB MATRIX
- USSF MATRIX
- Point Reductions (TEAM PUNISHMENT)
 - For instances where EPPL Directors feel that a "No Contest" is not enough punishment for the team as a whole
 - We are finalizing the EPPL Point Reduction Matrix



The Referee Issue

- We Hear You!
 - Rules Knowledge
 - Attitude
 - Effort
 - Open to Communication
- How can you help?
 - We need MORE referees!
 - We need you to report the bad apples!



REFEREE GRIEVANCES

- Referee protests will be handled through our Referee Grievance Protocol that can be found on our website.
- The form must be filled out and emailed to <u>info@eppremierleague.com</u> so that we can keep tabs on refs and ensure the best experience for everyone
- Only serious and concrete grievances will be taken into consideration.
- No referee will be fired or suspended on the first offense!
- We will not tolerate any threats against referee!

• Important Grievances:

- Does not check IDs
- Does not know rules
- Is rude or disrespectful



NEW PLAYER CHECK-IN PROCESS

- Head Coaches will now check in the other team using the team's digital roster or player IDs.
- Referee will be present to check players off on the OFFICIAL GAME REPORT
- In cases, where a player's identity is called into question, the referee will make the final decision.
- If needed, a field manager may be called to aid in any situation that arises, however, the game must start without the player(s) in question.



PICTURES

- It is very important for you to make sure your pictures are CLEAR, IDENTIFIABLE, and UP TO DATE! Especially with the new check in process.
- The other league in El Paso has removed all of their players pictures. If you have a player that at any point played there, they may not have a picture.
- DOUBLE CHECK YOUR PLAYER'S PICTURES!



Video Evidence

- Video footage can be provided as evidence for cases involving violent incidents, pitch invasions, and any other instances where serious consequences need to be issued.
- The video evidence will be used to determine severity of consequences.
- Video Evidence CANNOT be used to:
 - overturn referee decisions
 - Add or delete goals



Important Reminders



Competitive Divisions

- Three Competitive Divisions:
 - Premier Division:
 - MOST COMPETITIVE
 - Will play CITY WIDE
 - Has Individual Awards
 - 11v11 champions qualify for the US Club Soccer Regional
 - Championship Division:
 - Developmental
 - 11v11 play CITY WIDE
 - 4v4, 7v7, 9v9 play WEST or EAST
 - Recreational Division:
 - Strictly Rec
 - No scores are kept
 - All players get participation medal
 - 4v4 and 7v7 only
 - Play EAST or WEST





ROSTER PROCESS

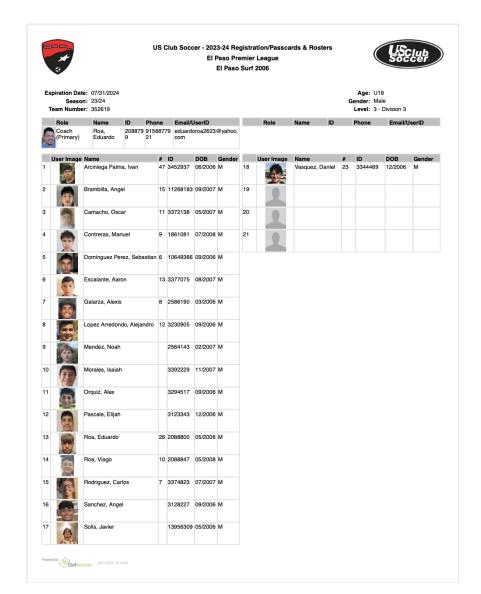
- Players register and select their team during player registration.
- Ideally every player selects the right team
- Missing Players?
 - Send an email to registrars asking for player to be added.
- Roster Changes?
 - Send an email to registrars asking for a change to be made.
- New Player?
 - Send an email to registrars asking for player to be added.
- The first step to any change or update is always emailing registrar.

HOW TO ACCESS ROSTER PDF

- Knowing how to access your ROSTER PDF is a key to your success in the league. This is where you can see which players have been approved to play for your team.
- A link to an article as well as a video on how to access the Roster PDF can be found on the COACH resources page.



CHECK IN DOCUMENT EXAMPLES:







Competitive

CLUB PASS

- WHAT IS A CLUB?
 - Enrolled by the same account
 - Have the same uniforms with the same club logo
 - Have one designated club "registrar" responsible for all roster change communication.
- League officials have the right to deny teams a "club" designation if they find the group of teams does not function as a club.



Schedules, Requests, Cancellations & Forfeits

- Black Out Date Requests:
 - Schedule Black Out dates must be requested using the form provided on the COACHES page before AUGUST 27th
- Once the full schedule is posted, every team has two schedule change requests. Requests must be made using the google form found on the COACHES page.



Schedules, Requests, Cancellations & Forfeits

- Schedule Change Form: Once the schedule is published, you can request a change using the form provided on the **COACHES** page.
 - Every team will have 2 (two) emergency schedule change requests
 - Coaches can use their emergency schedule change request if changes are requested **72hrs or more prior to gametime**.
 - If team does not have any more available emergency requests, schedule will not change, and game will be lost via forfeit if the team does not show up to play.
 - Games cancelled within 72 hrs. and 48 hrs. of game time will be attempted to be rescheduled if the team has remaining emergency requests. If game is rescheduled, requesting team must pay referee fee for re-scheduled game. If game cannot be rescheduled, the game will be lost via forfeit if the team does not show up to play.
 - Games cancelled within 48 hrs. of game time will not be rescheduled and will be lost via forfeit if the team does not show up to play.



Schedules, Requests, Cancellations & Forfeits

- NO CALL NO SHOW:
- Teams that do not show up to play a game will automatically lose the game via forfeit and will incur NO CALL-NO SHOW fees.
 - A NO CALL NO SHOW fee is equal to referee fee plus a \$30 fine.
 - Team will not be allowed to play until fee is paid.
- A team or club that consistently forfeits games without notifying will no longer be accepted to participate in the EPPL.



PLAYOFFS and FINALS

- FINALS WEEKEND IS FINALS WEEKEND
- ONCE POSTED, Play-offs will not be rescheduled. If you will travel during playoffs (NOT FINALS) and you let us know before the black out deadline. We will try our best to accommodate to avoid forfeits during playoffs.



COACHES REQUIREMENTS

- Per US Club Soccer Policy, all adults who will serve as a coach or team manager at any participation level must complete the coach requirements and obtain a US Club Soccer ID staff card. For more assistance and information please visit the Coaches Resource page on the website eppremierleague.com
- YOU WILL NEED YOUR PHYSICAL COACH ID CARD PRESENT AND VISIBLE AT ALL GAMES IF YOU WANT TO COACH ON THE SIDELINES STARTING OCTOBER 4th
- If a coach is not present with an ID after the stated date the game will be lost via forfeit
- Coach with ID must be present ALL GAME!



GAMEDAY Reminders

- Before game day, make sure to check your ROSTER PDF to make sure all your players are approved to play.
- Be ON TIME! A 10-minute courtesy period, after that the game will be forfeited.
- GAMEBALL!
 - A penalty kick will be awarded to the opposing team at the beginning of the match if a team fails to present a game ball. The game ball must be presented AT GAME TIME. THERE IS NO COURTESY PERIOD FOR A TEAM NOT HAVING A GAME BALL.



- WOULD YOU ACCEPT ONE OF YOUR PLAYERS PICTURES IF THEY WERE ON ANOTHER TEAM?
- Players whose pictures are not clear and identifiable may be denied playing time.



GAMEDAY Reminders

PLAYER CHECK IN

- For player check in a coach may present Physical/Virtual ID Cards, or Roster PDF as means of player identification. Whatever form the coach presents MUST match the Referees' GAME REPORT!
- The coach must present one of these documents to the referee. The referee AND the other teams head coach will check every player using the information on the game report and the pictures on the coaches' document (IDs or Roster)
- If there is an issue with a player, a field manager must be called before the player in question is allowed to play. HOWEVER, the game must start as scheduled.
- If a player is not on the Referees' game report they will not be allowed to play.







- Uniforms and Numbers
 - ALL NUMBER RULES WILL BE ENFORCED ON THE STATED DATE (CHECK CALENDAR)
 - PREMIER DIVISION IS ENFORCED WEEK 1!
- Premier and Championship Divisions:
 - All players on team MUST have the same uniform.
 - In cases where a player does not have a uniform yet, they must use a solid color jersey that matches the rest of the team.
 - If a player only has one jersey but forgot their other, they may wear a penny over the jersey as long as the number matches.
 - All players must have a Jersey number, and that number must match the OFFICIAL GAME REPORT.
 - Jersey number must be permanent (screen printed, heat pressed, etc.)
 - A goalkeeper may have "GK" as their jersey number.
 - If a player has different numbers on different jersey, you may input both numbers (ex: 10/13)
 - JERSEY NUMBERS RULES ARE IN FULL EFFECT OCTOBER 4th!
 - Any player that does not comply with these rules will not be allowed to play.
 - If a coach is told a player cannot play and decides to play them anyway, the match will be subject to forfeit.
- Recreational
 - All players on team MUST have the same uniform.
 - In cases where a player does not have a uniform yet, they must use a solid color jersey that matches the rest of the team.
 - REC Division teams are NOT required to have jersey numbers
 - Teams should try their best to get into the practice of having their jersey numbers so that they can be ready for more competitive divisions.



JERSEY AND NUMBERS GUIDE



TEAM UNIFORM





PRACTICE JERSEY **OR PREVIOUS JERSEY** OF THE SAME COLOR



SOLID COLOR TSHIRT OR **JERSEY**





AWAY JERSEY OR ANY OTHER NOT OF THE SAME COLOR





AWAY JERSEY WITH PENNY OVER IT (FORGOTTEN JERSEY*)





JERSEY OR TSHIRT WITH OTHER DESIGNS OR COLORS

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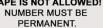




CORRECT JERSEY NUMBER MATCHES **GAME REPORT**















WRONG NUMBER: PLAYER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY

A uniform or number issue NEVER results in a forfeit. Any player that does not comply with these rules will not be allowed to play. If a player is already on the field, the coach will be asked to remove the player and they may not re-enter until they comply.

CLOSING

- Remember the **DEADLINES**
- Get your Coach IDs done ASAP
- Control your parents
- NO BUSINESS AT THE FIELDS!
- GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!
- FAIR PLAY!
- LET THE KIDS PLAY!

