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2026 EPPL FALL SEASON

Preseason Coach Meeting • August 14, 2026

Points of Contact

- **General:**
 - info@eppremierleague.com
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 - registrar@eppremierleague.com
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 - schedules@eppremierleague.com
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- OFFICE: 5929 Cromo Dr. Suite A,
El Paso, TX, 79912
- Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 12pm-
6pm



TEXT MESSAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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





EPPL Website

- The website is your official hub for all EPPL related information, policies, and resources.
- These include:
 - Coach resources page
 - League Rules
 - Coach Handbook
 - Discipline and Compliance
 - League Calendars
 - AND MORE



What is EPPL's mission

- EPPL's mission is to create a clear development pathway where players of every level can grow, compete, and advance in a safe and positive soccer environment.
- **Development First. Opportunity at Every Level.**



NEW COACHES

- **WATCH THE NEW COACH ORIENTATION VIDEO**
- **READ THE COACH HANDBOOK**
- **READ THE RULES**
- **ASK QUESTIONS**





2026 Fall Season

- Preseason Dates:
 - Player Registration Deadline: **08/21/2026**
 - Black Out Date Deadline: **08/19/2026**
 - Rosters Freeze for Week 1: **08/27/2026**
- Important Season Dates:
 - Kick Off: **08/29/2026**
 - Jersey Numbers (Championship & Challenge): **09/26/2026**
 - Premier Divisions must comply WEEK 1
 - Player Transfer Deadline: **10/01/2026**
 - Schedule Freeze: **11/02/2026**
 - Roster Freeze: **11/05/2026**
 - Play-Offs Weekend: **11/21 – 11/22/2026**
 - Finals Weekend: **12/05 – 12/06/2026**



2026 Fall Season

- Preseason Matches – 08/22/2026
 - Must be registered
 - Matches will be held at both venues
- FILL OUT FORM -



Cobras Soccer Events 2026/2027 Event Calendar

- 20th Annual Cobras Int. Cup
 - October 23-25, 2026
- 2026 Christmas Angel Classic
 - December 11-13, 2026
- 2027 Las Cruces Spring Kick-Off
 - February 26-28, 2027
- 2027 Copa De Campeones
 - April 9-11, 2027
- 2027 El Paso Summer Classic
 - June 4-6, 2027

COBRAS SOCCER EVENTS SCHEDULE >>> 2026 / 2027



OCTOBER 23-25, 2026
COBRAS INTERNATIONAL CUP
EL PASO, TX



DECEMBER 11-13, 2026
CHRISTMAS ANGEL CLASSIC
EL PASO, TX



FEBRUARY 26-28, 2027
SPRING KICKOFF
LAS CRUCES, NM



APRIL 9-11, 2027
COPA DE CAMPEONES
EL PASO, TX



JUNE 4-6, 2027
SUMMER CLASSIC
EL PASO, TX

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MAJOR UPDATES



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“SCHOOL YEAR” Divisions

- EPPL will follow US Club Soccer’s new August 1–July 31 age-group cycle beginning with the 2026–27 season.



EPPL AGE GROUP & FORMAT GUIDE

2026/2027 SEASON

 AGE GROUP	 BORN BETWEEN	 FORMAT
U5	Aug. 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022	4v4
U6	Aug. 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021	4v4
U7	Aug. 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020	4v4
U8	Aug. 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019	4v4
U8	Aug. 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019	7v7
U9	Aug. 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018	7v7
U10	Aug. 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017	7v7
U10	Aug. 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017	9v9
U11	Aug. 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016	9v9
U12	Aug. 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015	9v9
U13	Aug. 1, 2013 – July 31, 2014	11v11
U14	Aug. 1, 2012 – July 31, 2013	11v11
U15	Aug. 1, 2011 – July 31, 2012	11v11
U16	Aug. 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011	11v11
U17	Aug. 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010	11v11
U18	Aug. 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009	11v11
U19	Aug. 1, 2007 – July 31, 2008	11v11



Check Your Team's Age

- Accepted Teams List:



LEAGUE STRUCTURE



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EPPL Structure





EPPL League Structure

EPPL East & EPPL West

- Developmental and Recreational
- Localized Competition in specific area of the city.
- U5 – U12 formats
- EPPL West plays at WSSC – EPPL East plays at ESSC

• The EPPL (City League)

- Competitive and Developmental
- Competition with teams from across the city
- U10(9v9) – U12 Premier Divisions / ALL U13– U19 (11v11) Divisions
- Games played at both venues

• National 1

- Localized regional competition that feeds into a National Playoff
- Competition with teams from El Paso, West Texas, and New Mexico
- U13 – U19
- Games Played at both venues as well as limited travel to regional competition.



**COMPETITIVE
DIVISIONS**



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EPPL Structure





Competitive Divisions

Recreational

- Highlights:
 - **Intro to Soccer**
 - 9 game guarantee
 - No Standings or Scores
 - All players receive Participation Medals
- Available in: EPPL EAST & WEST
- Formats: 4v4 & 7v7



Competitive Divisions

Challenge

- Challenge is the "intro to competition" division for teams ready to move beyond recreational soccer. It focuses on skill development, team building, standings-based competition and awards, and preparing teams for future advancement into Championship.
- Highlights:
 - **Intro to Competition**
 - 9 game guarantee
 - Scores and Standings are kept
 - No PLAYOFFS – Final standings dictate season winners
 - Trophy and medals for First and Second, Medals for Third.
- Available in: The EPPL and EPPL EAST & WEST
- Formats: All Formats



Competitive Divisions

Championship

- Highlights:
 - **Competitive Development**
 - Traditional
 - Trophy and medals for First and Second, Medals for Third.
- Available in: The EPPL and EPPL EAST & WEST
- Formats: 7v7, 9v9, 11v11



Competitive Divisions

N1 / Premier

- Highlights:
 - **Highest level of Competition**
 - Individual Awards – MVP, TOP GOAL SCORER, BEST GK
 - Regular season and Playoffs
 - N1 feeds into National Playoffs – **ECNL Conference League**
 - Premier is the pathway into N1 for 9v9 teams.
- Available in: N1 and The EPPL
- Formats: 9v9 is Premier – 11v1 is National 1



Promotion and Relegation!

- Teams will move up and down from competitive divisions based on final standings in order to achieve fair and purposeful competition.

2026 Fall Season Competitive Divisions



- Competitive Divisions will be posted and shared early next week.
- We will open the DIVISION CHANGE REQUEST FORM.
- NO CHANGES will be allowed after the form closes.
- **SNEAK PEEK:**
 - NOT FINALIZED!
 - LET US KNOW!
- Schedules@eppremierleague.com



**Exciting
Announcement**



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EPPL × USRG

U.S. Soccer Federation Referees
Investing in Officials. Improving Your Experience.

Who We Are



- **United Soccer Referees Group (USRG) — Based in El Paso, TX**
- A U.S. Soccer Federation-certified referee organization — the highest level of officiating in the city
 - USRG is independently contracted to recruit, train, develop, and manage referees across all levels of competition
- We train and develop referees with the goal of advancing them to Regional and National levels
- **Where do our referees officiate?**
 - Youth Level: ECNL Regional & National · MLS Next · DPL · UIL Middle School & High School · UIL State Finals · Various youth tournaments throughout the United States
 - Semi-Pro Level: UPSL · USL Academy · USL2 · NPSL · WPSL · D3 & D2 College · NCAA Division I
 - Pro Level: USL · U.S. Open Cup (Lamar Hunt)
- Mentorship-led: every referee is actively evaluated, supported, and developed by USSF-certified mentors
 - USRG is proud to have 4 official U.S. Soccer Referee Mentors in El Paso — each trained directly by National Referee Coaches
- USRG is an independent organization — retained by EPPL as a third-party professional partner



What We Will Do



- Manage 100% of referee assignments, scheduling, and game-day logistics for every EPPL match
- Enforce the Laws of the Game (IFAB) combined with EPPL-specific competition protocols
- Evaluate referee performance with structured, consistent feedback and accountability
- Handle all appeals and concerns from coaches, clubs, and players
 - Formal, transparent process — fair for all parties.
- Implement the **Referee Abuse Prevention Program** (RAP), as **mandated** by U.S. Soccer
- Guide referees through the full USSF certification process — step by step
- Active mentorship program — developing officials paired with experienced USSF-certified referees
- Educate coaches, players, and parents within our community on the Laws of the Game
 - Building a culture of respect and fair play across the EPPL community
- Recruit and grow the local officiating pool — more certified referees, more coverage



Our Goals



- **Every EPPL referee USSF-certified by the end of the Spring 2027 season**
 - Our #1 commitment to EPPL and the El Paso soccer community
- Firm, open, and transparent communication between referees, coaches, and clubs
 - Clear, documented processes for feedback, reports, and resolution
- Build a culture of respect and professionalism across all of EPPL
 - Referees who officiate with confidence — coaches who trust the process — players who compete with integrity
- Advance referees to higher levels of competition
 - From EPPL to Regional and National assignments — local development with national reach
- Elevate community-wide understanding of the Laws of the Game

"Developing better referees takes time, training, experience, and the support of our entire soccer community. USRG and EPPL are invested in that future, together."



Important Reminders



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Roster Process



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ROSTER PROCESS

- Roster
 - Official League Roster
 - Players are automatically added to roster once they register and choose the team.
 - Player's information, documents, and pictures are verified.
 - Only players that have completed, submitted, and paid the registration fee for the league will be approved to play. Once approved they will appear on the ROSTER PDF.
 - If you are missing any players that you know have registered or need to make any changes. You must send us an email to registrar@eppremierleague.com
- **ALWAYS CHECK YOUR ROSTER PDF**
- Numbers
 - Rosters must include numbers that match uniforms for PREMIER, CHAMPIONSHIP, & CHALLENGE divisions.
- Freeze Dates
 - Rosters will freeze on the **THURSDAY** of every game week at **6:00 pm. THERE WILL BE NO GAMEDAY CHANGES!**
 - All coaches must be added to the league roster. MAXIMUM 3 per team.
- **NO BUSINESS ON THE FIELDS! If you do not make a change, do not expect us to approve a player on the field.**

OFFICIAL LEAGUE DOCUMENTS



2026 EPPL FALL Season
El Paso Premier League
La U-USA U12



Expiration Date: 07/31/2027
Season:
Team Number: 498380

Age: U12
Gender: Male
Level: Competitive

Role	Name	ID	Phone	Email/UserID	Role	Name	ID	Phone	Email/UserID		
User Image	Name	#	ID	DOB	Gender	User Image	Name	#	ID	DOB	Gender
1		Breceda, Pablo		3312960	04/2015	M					
2		Galindo Padilla, Marco	20	14427792	05/2015	M					
3		Martinez Padilla, Christopher	1	8492016	02/2015	M					
4		Ramos, Santiago	21	7100332	07/2015	M					
5		Saldana, Ethan		14542048	07/2015	M					
6		Terrazas, Luca	8	3516322	03/2015	M					
7		Vargas, Damian	9	11570641	01/2015	M					
8		Vazquez, Iker	4	11937256	02/2015	M					
9		Wilder, Nikolai		11582528	04/2015	M					
10											
11											
12											



US Club Soccer Registration



Pablo Julian Breceda

Org/ Club El Paso Premier League
Birthdate 04/25/2015
Gender M
Season 26/27
Exp. Date 07/31/2027
ID# 3312960



Player

Competitive



US Club Soccer Registration



Christopher Andre
Martinez padilla

Org/ Club El Paso Premier League
Birthdate 02/27/2015
Gender M
Season 26/27
Exp. Date 07/31/2027
ID# 8492016



Player

Competitive



US Club Soccer Registration



Ethan Saldana

Org/ Club El Paso Premier League
Birthdate 07/23/2015
Gender M
Season 26/27
Exp. Date 07/31/2027
ID# 14542048



Player

Competitive



US Club Soccer Registration



Org/ Club El Paso Premier League
Birthdate 01/24/2015
Gender M



US Club Soccer Registration



Marco Alexander
Galindo padilla

Org/ Club El Paso Premier League
Birthdate 05/02/2015
Gender M
Season 26/27
Exp. Date 07/31/2027
ID# 14427792



Player

Competitive



US Club Soccer Registration



Santiago Ramos

Org/ Club El Paso Premier League
Birthdate 07/21/2015
Gender M
Season 26/27
Exp. Date 07/31/2027
ID# 7100332



Player

Competitive



US Club Soccer Registration



Luca Eden Terrazas

Org/ Club El Paso Premier League
Birthdate 03/09/2015
Gender M
Season 26/27
Exp. Date 07/31/2027
ID# 3516322



Player

Competitive



US Club Soccer Registration



Org/ Club El Paso Premier League
Birthdate 02/13/2015
Gender M



CLUB PASS

- **What is Club Pass**

- CP allows a player to play for multiple teams within the same club

- **What is the cost?**

Club Pass Fee:

- 4v4, 7v7, 9v9: \$50
 - 11v11: \$60
 - The fee is per player per extra team they wish to play on aside from their primary team where they would have already paid the original registration fee.
- As with all roster movements, you must email registrar@eppremierleague.com to add CP players.



CLUB PASS

Rules and Limitations

- A player can only play for another team within their own club and may not use the CP designation to play for a team outside their club. *This does not refer to the league "club" to which all players belong to*
- A Player may play for any team within their club if they meet the age requirements. In other words, they can play in their age group and up, never down.
- A player may not play in two teams in the same AGE GROUP regardless of CP designation.
- Girls may play in their ALL-GIRLS division and then CP to the boys' division in their same age.
- A player may only play in their age group as their primary team, and then CP up to an older age group.
 - U8 4v4 players may CP to U8 7v7
 - U10 7v7 players may CP to U10 9v9
- Any player that is not assigned a CP designation may not play for more than one team.
- **A player can only Club Pass to a division that is one competitive division above the primary team's competitive division.**
 - Recreational → Challenge → Championship → N1/Premier
- *IMPORTANT* We cannot guarantee that the schedule will accommodate the needs of a CP player

Schedule Process



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Schedule Process

Schedule Building Process:

- Schedules will be posted for week 1 and 2.
- Once we are all settled in, we will post the rest of the season.
- **Schedules are subject to change**, upon approval. We hope we can all be understanding and work together.
- Black Out Date Requests:
 - Schedule Black Out dates must be requested using the form provided on the COACHES page before the stated deadline.
- Send all schedule requests to schedules@eppremierleague.com



Schedule Process

- FORM CLOSES: **August 19, 2026**
- Black Out Date Request Form:





Schedule Process

Schedule Changes

- 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
 - **72hrs or more prior to gametime** – Change will be made
 - **Within 72 hrs. and 48 hrs. of game time** – Change will be attempted. If change is made; referee fee must be paid.
 - **Within 48 hrs. of game time** – Change will not be made.
- SCHEDULE CHANGE FORM WILL OPEN ONCE SCHEDULE IS PUBLISHED.



Schedule Process

NO CALL – NO SHOW:

- Teams that do not show up to play a game and do not notify league officials 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.

Coach Requirements



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COACH 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!
- If a coach is not present with an ID and ON THE OFFICIAL ROSTER after the stated date the game will be lost via forfeit.
- Coach with ID must be present ALL GAME!
- **ALL COACHES ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE THEIR IDS BY WEEK 2 – SEPTEMBER 12**
- Requirements can be found on the COACHES RESOURCES PAGE

GAME DAY!



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GAMEDAY

- **BEFORE YOUR GAME:**

- Before game day, make sure to check your **ROSTER PDF** to make sure all your players are approved to play and to double check jersey numbers.
- 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.**
- PICTURES
 - 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.
- COACH ID
 - Your Coach ID card must be present and visible (Hanging around your neck)
 - If a coach is not present with an ID and ON THE OFFICIAL ROSTER after the stated date the game will be lost via forfeit.



GAMEDAY

- **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!
- **BOTH TEAMS WILL MEET AT CENTER FIELD** where the referee **AND** the other team's head coach will check the opposing team 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.
- Game start time will not be delayed for roster or player issues. Game must start at the scheduled time. If a coach does not want to start the match due to a roster or player issue, the match will be subject to a forfeit.
- If a player is not on the Referees' game report, they will not be allowed to play.

GAMEDAY



- **Uniform Rules – All 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.
- **Jersey Number Rules – Premier, Championship, Challenge**
 - **Premier – WEEK 1**
 - **Championship / Challenge – WEEK 4 (09/26/26)**
 - 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 jerseys, you may input both numbers (ex: 10/13)
 - Repeated numbers are not allowed. *CP player exception**
 - 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**.



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

CESAR SOSA #13



CORRECT JERSEY
NUMBER MATCHES
GAME REPORT



TAPE IS NOT ALLOWED!
NUMBER MUST BE
PERMANENT.



NO JERSEY NUMBER:
PLAYER WILL NOT BE
ALLOWED TO PLAY



WRONG NUMBER:
PLAYER WILL NOT
BE ALLOWED TO PLAY

GAMEDAY



During the game

- **Coach**

- Know the Laws of the Game and your division's specific format rules.
 - ALL FOUND ON THE COACH RESOURCES PAGE
- Manage your players, bench, and team sideline.
- Communicate respectfully with referees and opponents.
- Model sportsmanship and keep the focus on the players.

- **Parents and Spectators**

- Cheer positively and support the players.
- Respect referees, coaches, opponents, and other spectators.
- No noisemakers, amplified music, or deliberate distractions during match play.
- Remain in the assigned spectator area and never enter the field.

Expected Coach Behavior

- 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 and 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.



Expected Spectator Behavior

- 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

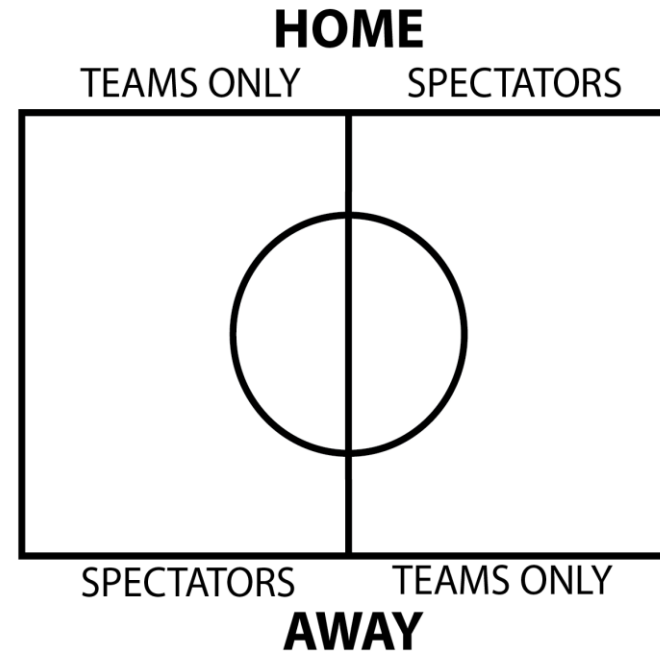
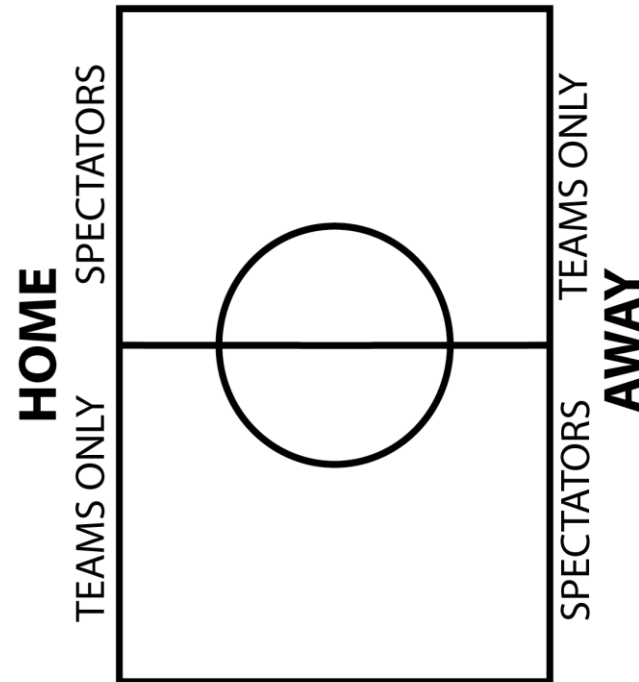
- Teams and Spectators are expected to set up in their assigned area for all EPPL matches.
- Make sure you and your spectator groups have this information to avoid any confusion.
- HOME team will set up on the NORTH or WEST side of the field regardless of field size.
- Home and Away teams will set up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





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Seating Arrangement



Discipline, Safeguarding, and Compliance

- **Discipline Safeguarding and Compliance**

- Please visit our Discipline Safeguarding and Compliance page to read more detailed information about our processes and policies involving Discipline Safeguarding and Compliance

- More Info on the Discipline Safeguarding and Compliance Page and Coach Handbook

- Incidents involving violence
- Pitch Invasions
- Referee Abuse
- EPPL Staff Abuse



Player Eligibility and Protests

- 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 PURPOSELY PLAYING A PLAYER NOT ON THE ROSTER AND OVERAGE PLAYERS!**
 - If there is a **second** offense, the entire club will be removed from the season. No refunds will be given.



Player Eligibility and Protests

- 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 player's age.



Before Kick-Off

- Remember the **DEADLINES**
- Get your Coach requirements done ASAP
- Verify Team Age
- Submit Black out form
- Check the full season calendar
- Visit the COACH Resources Page
 - Read the HANDBOOK
- Reach out if you have any questions
- **LET'S HAVE A GREAT SEASON!**

