

## **VAVi SPORT & SOCIAL CLUB/SOCCER IN THE SAND** **OFFICIAL 5v5 ADULT COED SAND SOCCER RULES**

VAVi and Soccer in the Sand Rules follow the guidelines of FIFA Soccer Rules with the following exceptions:

### **Number of Players**

Each team consists of 5 players, one of whom must be the goalkeeper. Substitutions are allowed on any dead ball. There must be a minimum of 2 females on the field at all times and a maximum of 3 males. Any less than 4 players will be considered a forfeit. Game time is forfeit time. Only players on the roster may play.

### **Player Equipment**

All players must wear the same colors to distinguish themselves from other teams. T-shirts, jerseys, or beach wear will work! Shoes and shin guards are not allowed. Socks, aqua socks and tape are legal suggestions. All games will be played with a provided size 5 tournament ball.

### **Referees**

The referee is responsible for control of the game and his/her decisions regarding facts connected with play are final.

### **Duration of the Game**

The game shall be divided up into two equal periods of 12 minutes each. There will be a 2 minute half.

Win = 3 points

Tie = 1 point

Loss = 0 points

### **The Start of Play**

A flip of a coin decides which team will kick off. After a goal, the team scored upon will kick off. After halftime, the teams change ends and the kickoff will be taken by the opposite team to that which started the game.

### **Tie Game**

In the event of a tie between two teams after the game is complete, the game will be declared a tie.

In the event of a tie after the round robin is complete, the team with more goals scored will advance. If both teams have the same amount of goals scored there will be a shootout 5 minutes prior to the semifinal game to determine who advances.

In the event of a tie in the semifinal match or final match there will be a 3 minute golden goal period. If the game is still a draw then there will be a shootout to determine the winner.

**Shootouts**

Shootouts will consist of 3 shooters from each team. After the three shooters have shot, the team with the most goals wins. Shooters do not have to be on the field of play to participate in the shootout.

**Offsides**

There is no offsides.

**Kickoffs**

All free kicks including kickoff, goal kicks and corner kicks are direct.

Any ball played out of bounds on either touch line will result in a throw in for the team that did not touch the ball last. Throw-ins are INDIRECT.

On any free kick including goal kicks there is a 6 second rule. If the team awarded the kick does not play the ball in 6 seconds the other team will gain possession of the ball at the spot of the foul.

**Goalkeepers**

Goalkeepers may handle the ball anywhere within ten yards of their goal.

Goalkeepers are not allowed to handle the ball if a teammate plays the ball back to them.

Goalkeepers may throw balls in for goal kicks or place ball on sand and kick it in.

**Spectators**

All participants and spectators must also abide by all rules set forth by the beach/park and city that the event takes place.

No games will be protested after the completion of the game. The referee and tournament officials will have the final say on any disputes and will treat each situation in the fairest and most logical way.

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