



# **GREATER LANSING OPEN SOCCER**

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## **Soccer-Tennis Rules & Regulations**

### **Golden Rule**

First and foremost, all Greater Lansing Open Soccer (GLOS) Leagues are about fun, quality soccer. Players are expected to respect the leagues' culture of fair and fun play. Extreme foul language, racial intolerance, hate speech, and dangerous play will not be tolerated and any individuals who cannot adhere to our standards of sportsmanship may be asked to leave. GLOS wants everyone to have a fun and social experience while enjoying a great sport.

### **TOURNAMENT RULES**

**NOTE: Due to concerns of spreading Covid-19, all participants may only be in their designated bench areas or at their assigned courtsides at the appropriate times. A six (6) foot distance must also be maintained at all times between everyone, regardless of household situations. Failure to abide by these regulations will result in an immediate disqualification and removal from the premises.**

**In addition, players must be prepared to present a thermometer on-site to demonstrate no fever or respiratory symptoms before being permitted to participate.**

### **1. Format**

- A. Group Stage: Players will be separated into groups of four (4) and play one set against each opponent in their respective groups.
- B. Single Elimination: Players will be ranked according to the results of the group stage and play a single elimination format resulting with a champion and runner-up.

### **2. Playing Area**

- A. Games will take place at the Patriarche Park tennis courts.
- B. Boundaries for games are the marked lines on each respective court.
- C. As in both soccer and tennis, a ball contacting a boundary line is considered in bounds.

### **3. Points**

- A. Games will be played to five (5) points.
- B. Games must be won by two (2) points.
- C. If a player scores five (5) points but does not have a two (2) point lead, the game continues until a player gains a two (2) point lead or reaches seven (7) points in total.
- D. The first player to win three (3) games will win the match.

### **4. Serves**

- A. Players alternate serves after every single point.
- B. Points can be scored by either player regardless of who served the ball.
- C. Both players must be on or behind their respective back lines until the ball has been served.

- D. The ball must be touching the back line in order to be a legal serve (unless for medical reasons in which case a drop kick is permitted).
- E. A player must serve the ball clear of the net without it touching their side. The ball must then contact the box diagonal to the box they served from.
- F. A serve is considered a fault if the ball lands in the middle box with the net or fails to land in the diagonal box to theirs.
- G. One (1) fault is permitted per serve.
- H. Two (2) faults will result in a point for the opposing side and a turnover of the serve.
- I. The ball must bound once in the legally designated area before the receiving player can return it.

## 5. Net-Faults

- A. If the ball is served and makes contact with the net but lands back on the original player's side, it is considered a fault. Only one net-fault is permitted per serve.
- B. If the ball is served and makes contact with the net but lands on the receiving player's side, it is considered a fault. There is no limit to the number of net-faults a player can play.
- C. If the ball makes contact with the net during a regular volley but lands on the original player's side, it is considered a fault and a point is awarded to the opposing player.
- D. If the ball makes contact with the net during a regular volley and lands on the receiving player's side, it is considered a legal play.

## 6. Contacts

- A. Each player is only permitted a total of four (4) touches each time they received the ball.
- B. Upon receiving a legal play, a player is permitted only one (1) additional bounce for a total of two (2) bounces before they must return the ball.
- C. The second bounce does **not** have to occur within the marked lines of the court.
- D. Players must abide by soccer handball rules for areas of contact with the ball.

## 7. Post-Game

- A. The player that loses the match must immediately sanitize the ball before departing the court.
- B. Sanitized balls are to be left in the grass next to the court for the next players to use.
- C. Players leaving their respective courts must gather up any belongings they brought with them and walk on the grass back to their designated benches.
- D. Players must take care to maintain a six (6) foot distance from other traveling or participants actively engaged in a game.

## 8. Registrations

- A. All players must be 18 years of age or older.
- B. All players must be registered through the GLOS website and have signed a Waiver Form.
- C. All fees must be electronically paid **24 hours before the first match**.

## 9. Weather Related Game Cancellation

- A. Suspended Games - If, due to weather/safety conditions or referee discretion, a game is halted prior to halftime, it will be replayed if possible. A game halted at halftime or later will stand as indicated by the score when the game was halted.
- B. Rescheduled Games - If a game is cancelled for any reason, the leagues will reschedule if possible. However, the leagues makes no guarantee of any certain number of games - If conditions beyond the control of the leagues are present, including but not limited to, excessive inclement weather conditions.