

Our Mission: To be the Premier Women's Amateur Women's Soccer League in the State of Georgia "A Game for Life"

# **GAWSA Rules of Play**

## FIFA Laws of the Game Apply, except as follows:

### All Divisions:

- 1. A minimum, of seven (7) players per team is required to start a game, and seven (7) players per team to finish a game.
- 2. Unlimited substitutions: a player may only be substituted during a stoppage in play and with the permission of the referee.
- 3. Teams are allowed to "write in" up to four (4) guest players on the game cards
- 4. All players should must have in their possession a GA Soccer Adult Soccer Pass
- 5. No metal cleats

### **Modifications for Divisions 3**

- 1. **No Goal Keeper Contact** A player shall not, in any manner, charge the goalkeeper in the penalty area unless the goalkeeper is obstructing the player or dribbling the ball with her feet. An official shall eject, without caution, any player who fouls the goalkeeper in possession of the ball. A foul is considered any version of the following:
  - a) Using careless or reckless force
  - b) Kicks or attempts to kick the keeper
  - c) Trips or attempts to trip the keeper
  - d) Jumps at the keeper
  - e) Charges the keeper
    - Possession or control of the ball includes when the goalkeeper has the ball trapped by either or both hands, has trapped the ball between her hand and the ground or when bouncing it to the ground or when releasing the ball into play.
    - > For the purpose of determining whether a player has charged the goal keeper, the referee must determine whether the goal keeper had at least a 40% chance of trapping the ball.
    - > Outside the penalty area, the goal keeper has no more privileges than any other player.

#### 2. No Slide Tackling

- a) Sliding without a tackle is not illegal
- b) The penalty for a slide tackle is a direct free kick
- 3. **3-Goal Limit -** Each player is allowed a 3-goal limit within a game.
  - a) After 3 goals, any goals scored thereafter will not count towards the total score and will result in a goal kick for the defending (non-scoring) team.