

Section 4.13 – OEC Soccer – Men

- 4.131 Rules of Play: All soccer matches in the Orange Empire Conference shall observe F.I.F.A. rules of the game. Exceptions: unlimited players on the roster and unlimited substitutions are permitted and shall be made only during the following: kickoffs, goal kicks, your own throw-ins, your own corner kicks, cautions (yellow cards), injuries, or any time the other team makes a substitution.
- 4.132 Officials: For all soccer matches in the Orange Empire Conference, three officials will be assigned; one in the middle with the whistle and two assistant referees. The assignment of the officials shall be made by the Conference Commissioner in conjunction with her appointee. In the event that one or two officials fail to appear for the contest, the game will be played with the remaining official (s). If there is only one official, he will be responsible for the calling of offside.
- 4.133 Schedule: All soccer matches in the Orange Empire Conference will be played on Tuesdays and Fridays. Tuesday matches will be played at either 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. and Friday matches will be played at either 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. If the head coaches can't agree on the match time, the match will be played at 3:00 p.m. Night matches may be scheduled on either of those days at 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. If the head coaches can't agree, the starting time will be 7:00 p.m. Any changes in the schedule are to be referred to the Conference Commissioner for prior approval. The athletic director of the host school will have final say as to cancellation of matches in case of inclement weather. Tuesday canceled matches will be rescheduled for the following Monday; Friday cancellations will be played on the following Wednesday. If there are two cancellations in one week the Tuesday matches will be made up the following Monday. The Friday match will be made up the second Monday (10 days later) to avoid any team playing four matches in one week. The conference schedule shall end during the week prior to the first regular playoff match. In case of match-time conflicts, men's team will make the first match-time adjustment in the even years; the women's team in the odd years.
- 4.134 Home Games: An athletic administrator or designee from the host college is required to be in attendance at each home soccer match.
- 4.135 Home-Away Uniforms: In every conference contest, the home team will wear dark colored uniforms. Light colored uniforms will be worn at away games.
- 4.136 Reporting of Results: At the conclusion of each contest including non-conference contests, it is the responsibility of the home team and the referee to e-mail or fax the ~~results of the contest~~ **Game Report** to the *conference commissioner, conference representative and the athletic director of the visiting team. In addition any team receiving a red card must inform the coaches and Athletic Directors of the next two contest.*
- 4.137 Violations and Penalties: At the conclusion of each contest, it is the home team's responsibility to send the referee's report to the conference commissioner and conference representative. ~~In addition, any team receiving a red card must inform~~

~~the conference commissioner, the conference representative and the next opponent or next 2 opponents which ever is applicable.~~

Yellow Cards: Two yellow cards in one game equal a red card violation (out for the remainder of the game and the next contest). ***A player who accumulates 5 yellow cards must sit out the next contest. If a player receives 2 yellow cards in a game (equaling a red card), these 2 yellow cards are not added to the accumulation of yellow cards.***

Red Cards

Serious conduct = one match suspension.

Violent conduct = two match suspension.

Violent conduct shall be defined as:

- (A) A significant retaliation (after a foul or a confrontation between two opposing players) involving punching, elbowing, spitting*, head butting and/or kicking.
- (B) Kicking and/or punching with the intent to cause bodily harm.
- (C) Any intentional, violent fouls that could result in great bodily harm.

Ejection two times during a season for violent conduct - suspension for the remainder of the season.

All violations and penalties apply to coaches and players.

4.138 Conference Standings: Conference standings shall be determined by total of points accumulated: three points for a win, one point for a tie, and zero points for a loss. If two or more teams tie for first place in the final standings, co-champions/ tri-champions, etc. will be declared. In selecting the team(s) to represent the conference at the regional play-offs, the following system shall be used:

- 1. = Head-to-Head
- 2. = Goal differential (between contesting colleges)
- 3. = Team with the most conference wins
- 4. = Team with fewest conference losses
- 5. = Team with the fewest conference goals allowed
- 6. = Flip a coin

4.139 Conference Seeding Representative: The Orange Empire Conference representative at the Southern California Regional Playoff Seeding Meeting will be the head coach from the college that finishes in first place in the conference standings.

4.1310 All Conference Selections: The Orange Empire Conference Men's Soccer Coaches shall select the All Conference First and Second Teams, the Most Valuable Player and the Coach of the Year.

- A. All Conference Selections – Each coach shall select the number of players from his team based on standing placement. The Most Valuable Player will not be a part of this list.

<u>First Team</u>		<u>Second Team</u>	
<u>Place</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Number</u>
1	4	1	3
2	3	2	3
3	3	3	2
4	2	4	2
5	2	5	2
6	2	6	2
7	1	7	2
8	1	8	2

- B. If teams are tied, refer to section 4.135-A, All Conference Standings, to break team's total points.
- C. The Orange Empire Conference Men's Soccer "Coach of the Year" shall be voted upon by each school's head coach, or his designated representative, at the end-of-the-season conference coaches meeting. The head coach or his representative must be present at the time that the vote is taken.

4.1311 All teams participating in the Orange Empire Conference shall comply with rules and regulations set forth in the COA Athletic Code.

4.1312 The Orange Empire Conference will allow no protests. The final score at the conclusion of the contest will stand as the official record.

4.1313 Coaches Meeting: A conference soccer coaches meeting shall be scheduled the first week day following the last scheduled conference contest. The conference soccer representative shall call the meeting, conduct it, and send minutes to each participating school.