**Duarte Soccer League**

# Pre-game sheet

## Abbreviated rules

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**These rules are abbreviated.** The full text: **https://duartesoccer.org/statutes/**

## Before kickoff

**7.9** The first game on the field sets up the goals and nets.

**7.10** The last game on the field puts the goals and nets away.

**7.11** A team that does not set up or put away when required is fined.

**7.1** Each team brings a size 5 ball and looks after its own balls.

**7.3** Matching numbered jerseys, team shorts and shin guards.

**7.2** Captains wear an armband.

**7.8** Colours too alike: if the referee asks, the team on the right of the schedule changes; pinnies are fine.

**8.2** Referee fees are paid before kickoff.

## Players and IDs

**5.2** Only registered, eligible players may play; otherwise the game can be forfeited.

**5.5** A team that plays a suspended player loses the game.

**6.3** At most 5 players from the club’s lower division; 6 or more loses by forfeit.

**5.1** The game may start without IDs; they must reach the referee by the second half.

**5.3** Captains may check the IDs.

**5.4** Anything odd on an ID: tell the referee, who notes it in the report.

## The wait and forfeits

**7.6** The 15-minute wait starts at the scheduled time.

**7.7** Not 7 players, with a goalkeeper, ready after the wait: forfeit.

**7.5** More players may join as they arrive, if eligible.

**11.2** No-show: under 3 players identified on the field within the wait.

**11.4** 3 or more there but not 7: forfeit; each team pays its own fee.

**11.3** No-show: forfeit, and that team pays both referee fees.

## During the game

**9.1** Up to 7 substitutions, at any time.

**9.2** A player who comes off may not go back on.

**13.1** Protests go to the referee before the game ends.

## Conduct

**12.2.1** Insulting a referee: at least a 2-game suspension.

**12.3.1** Insulting an opponent: at least a 1-game suspension.

**12.3.4** Insulting the public: at least a 1-game suspension.

**12.6.4** Fans insulting a referee with obscenities: the referee may stop the game, and that team forfeits.

**12.7.1** Seems drunk or smells of alcohol: the player may not play.