



Streator Soccer League (SSL)

Player Handbook

Adult Recreational Soccer

WELCOME

Welcome to the **Streator Soccer League (SSL)**!

SSL is an adult recreational soccer league focused on **fun, safety, sportsmanship, and community**. This handbook summarizes the key rules and expectations for all players. Full details are outlined in the official League Bylaws.

By registering and participating, all players agree to follow this handbook, the SSL bylaws, City rules, and referee decisions.

LEAGUE OVERVIEW

- **League Name:** Streator Soccer League (SSL)
- **Program:** Adult Recreational Soccer
- **Governing Body:** SSL Board
- **Fields:** City of Streator facilities at Oakland Park, located at 508 James Street

SSL is recreational in nature and **not a competitive or professional league**.

ELIGIBILITY

Players must:

- **Be 18 years of age or older**
- **Not be enrolled in high school**
- **Be medically and physically able** to participate safely
- Complete registration and payment by deadlines
- Sign the **Waiver and Code of Conduct**
- Follow League rules, City laws, and park regulations

NON-DISCRIMINATION

SSL does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law.

TEAMS & ROSTERS

- **Format:** 6v6 (5 field players + 1 goalkeeper)
- **Roster size:** Maximum 12 players
- **Minimum to play:** 5 players
- **Co-ed league:** All genders are welcome; all players follow the same rules
- Players may only play on **one team per season**

Team Captain

- Each team must have **one designated captain**
- Captain must be a **rostered player**
- Only the captain may communicate with referees during matches

Coach

- Teams may designate **one coach**
- Coaches are **not players**
- Coaches may not enter the field or play
- Coaches communicate with referees **only through the team captain**

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

Jerseys

- Jerseys are provided by SSL and included in registration
- Teams submit top 3 color choices (assigned first-come, first-served)
- Assigned jerseys **must be worn** during games

Required Equipment

- **Shin guards are mandatory**
- Proper soccer footwear required
- **Metal cleats are not allowed**
- Jewelry or unsafe items must be removed
- Referee decisions on safety are **final**

Goalkeepers

- Any registered player may play goalkeeper
- No pass-backs allowed
- Goalkeepers must wear a **different color jersey**
- SSL will provide a pinnie if needed

RULES OF PLAY

- FIFA Laws of the Game apply unless modified for recreational play
- Two **30-minute halves**
- **10-minute halftime**
- Continuous “on-the-fly” substitutions
- **No slide tackling**
 - 1st offense: warning
 - 2nd offense: red card

FORFEITS

A match may be forfeited if:

- A team has fewer than **5 players**
- A team fails to appear
- A team notifies the League they cannot play

Forfeit Notice

- Must be given to the **League Commissioner** at least 1 hour before game time

Consequences

- Forfeit = loss
- More than **2 forfeits in a season** may result in exclusion from future seasons

WEATHER & FIELD CONDITIONS

- SSL may delay, suspend, reschedule, or cancel games due to:
 - Weather
 - Unsafe field conditions
 - City directives
- Player safety is the priority
- Updates will be shared via:
 - SSL Website: www.streatorsoccerleague.com
 - Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/streatorsoccerleague>
 - Email: streatorsoccerleague@gmail.com

REFEREES & CONDUCT

- SSL works with an **experienced referee assigner**
- Referees have **full authority**
- **Referee decisions are final**
- Only the **team captain** may respectfully ask questions

Zero Tolerance Policy

- No verbal or physical abuse of referees
- Applies **on and off the field**
- Violations may result in:

- Ejection
- Suspension
- Fines
- Removal from the League

CARDS & DISCIPLINE

- **Yellow Card:** Warning
- **Two Yellows:** Red card, ejection
- **Red Card:** Ejection, team plays short

Red Card Consequences

- First red: eligible next week
- Two consecutive reds: must sit out next game
- **\$20 fine per straight red card**

Disciplinary decisions are handled by the **Disciplinary Committee**. Appeals must be submitted in writing within **48 hours**.

PHOTOGRAPHY & MEDIA USE

The Streator Soccer League (SSL) may take photographs or video recordings during League games, events, and activities for purposes including, but not limited to, League promotion, communication, social media, and website content.

By registering for and participating in SSL, players grant permission for SSL to use photographs or video images of them taken during League activities, without compensation, for League-related purposes.

SSL will not intentionally identify players by name in photographs without consent and will make reasonable efforts to use images respectfully and appropriately.

Players with concerns about photography or media use may contact the League to discuss reasonable accommodations. Contact us via email at streatorsoccerleague@gmail.com.

SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

Spectators are welcome and encouraged to support the **Streator Soccer League (SSL)** in a **positive, respectful, and sportsmanlike manner**.

All spectators are expected to:

- Treat players, referees, League officials, and other spectators with respect;
- Refrain from abusive, threatening, or disruptive behavior;
- Follow all **City of Streator laws, park regulations**, and posted signage; and
- Remain in designated spectator areas and **off the field of play** at all times.

Spectators may not argue with, challenge, or verbally abuse referees. SSL enforces a **zero-tolerance policy** for any verbal or physical abuse toward referees, players, or League officials.

Teams are responsible for the behavior of their spectators. Failure to control spectator conduct may result in disciplinary action against the team, including warnings, suspensions, forfeiture of matches, or removal from the League.

The League reserves the right to **remove any spectator** whose behavior is deemed unsafe, inappropriate, or disruptive.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS & SMOKING

SSL has a **strict no-tolerance policy**:

- No alcohol or illegal drugs
- No smoking or vaping near fields or spectators
- Anyone under the influence may be removed

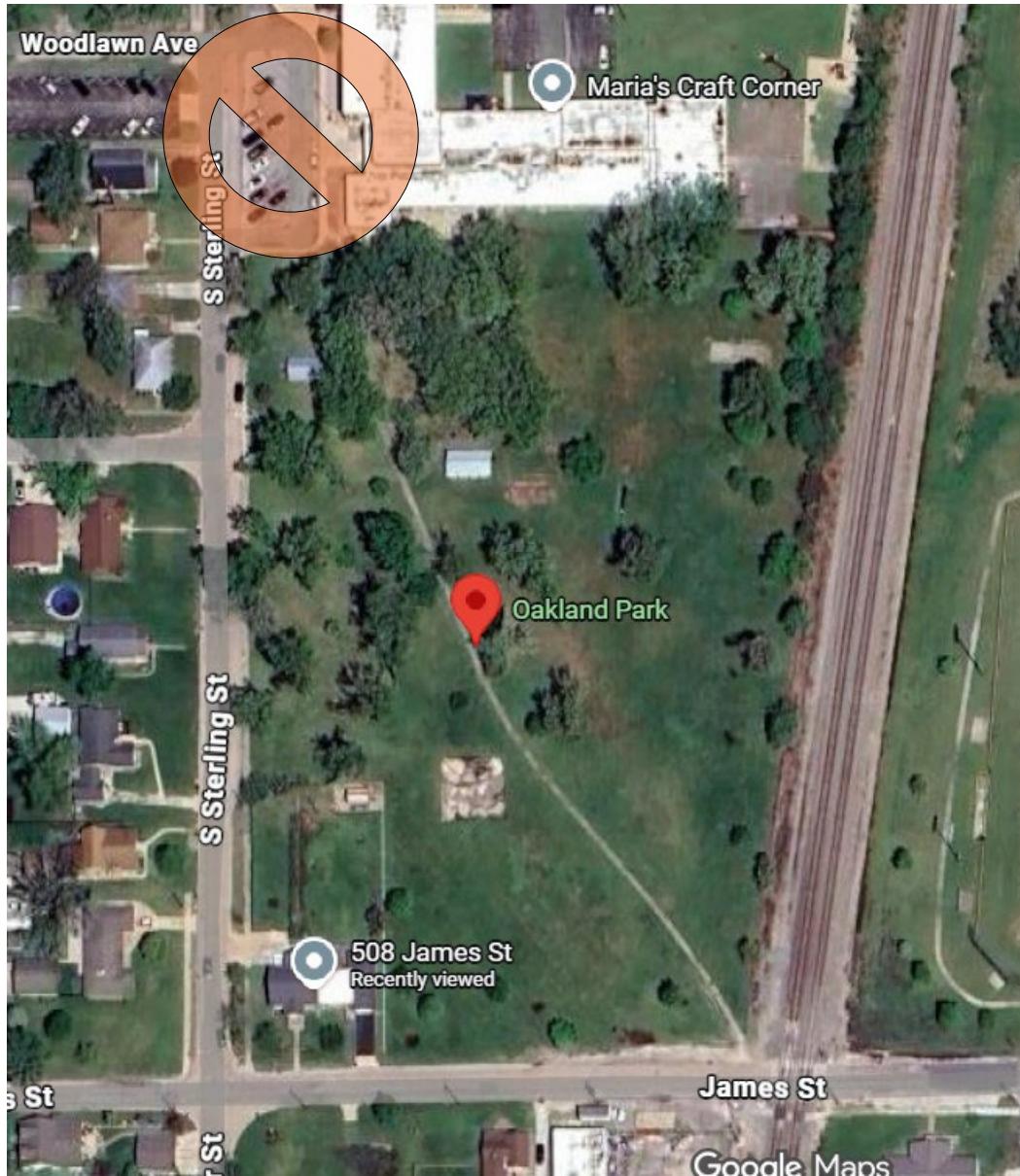
Violations may result in suspension or removal from the League.

PARKING POLICY

Players and spectators may not park in the church parking lot adjacent to the park or building. This lot is not authorized for League use.

All players and spectators must use street parking along the perimeter of the park or other designated public parking areas (James Street Recreation Area).

Unauthorized vehicles parked in the church lot may be towed at the owner's expense. The Streator Soccer League (SSL) is not responsible for towing, fines, or damages resulting from parking violations.



ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Soccer involves inherent risks. Players participate at their **own risk**.

SSL does not provide medical insurance. All players must sign a waiver.

COMMUNICATION

Official League communication may be shared via:

- SSL Website: www.streatorsoccerleague.com
- Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/streatorsoccerleague>
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Players are responsible for staying informed.

FINAL NOTE

SSL is about **respect, fun, and community**.

If you play hard, play fair, and respect everyone involved, you'll have a great season.

Welcome to the **Streator Soccer League** 



PLAYER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the **Streator Soccer League (SSL) Player Handbook, Participant Code of Conduct, and League rules**. I agree to follow all League policies, referee decisions, and **City of Streator laws and park regulations**.

I understand that failure to comply with these expectations may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from the League.

By signing below, I affirm that I meet the eligibility requirements and agree to uphold the standards and expectations of the Streator Soccer League.

Player Information

Player Name (Printed): _____

Team Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____