



## **BUFFALO BUMPER BALL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- All players must sign a liability waiver before playing. (See Leagues tab at [BuffaloBumperBall.com](http://BuffaloBumperBall.com).)
- Players must wear flat-soled, closed-toe shoes/sneakers. No cleats or studded footwear of any kind.
- For the safety of players and longevity of the equipment, all jewelry and glasses must be removed before playing. If glasses must be worn, the player takes full responsibility for damage or injury caused by the eyewear.
- Game play consists of four 8-minute quarters with 1-minute breaks after the first and third quarter and a five minute half time.
- Five players on each team are on the field at once (5 v 5). Substitutions are on the fly and may take place at quarter breaks and half time.
- The clock begins on time regardless if a team is still switching bumper balls (making substitutions).
- There are no offsides.
- “Kick-ins” replace throw-ins. (When the ball goes out of bounds, the team who did not touch the ball last, kicks it in from the boundary lines.)
- If the soccer ball gets stuck in a bumper ball, play will stop and a drop ball (BBB style) will commence.
- No intentional bumping from behind. First offense is a warning. A second offense will result in a free kick for the opposing team.

### **PENALTIES**

- Although Bumper Ball is extremely safe, a referee may deem a player’s conduct unnecessarily aggressive or unsportsmanlike. The player will receive a yellow card; followed by a red card and ejection from the game.

- A yellow card is a warning. A subsequent 2nd yellow card to the same player is equivalent to a red card. A red card can be given at any time regardless of previous yellow card violations.
- A red card results in the ejection of the offender from the game and suspension of the following game. Buffalo Bumper Ball is meant to bring people in WNY together for a safe, fun, community-building activity. We hope to never award a red card or ask a team to not return for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Please respect our rules; they are meant to ensure a safe, positive experience. The referee has the final say on all calls. Uncooperative conduct from players will result in the forfeiture of the team; repeat violations will result in the forfeiture of the team from the league, and registration refunds will not be given.