

Why Every Player Must Be Properly Registered

Protecting the Integrity of Bend FC Adult Soccer Leagues

Bend FC Adult Soccer Leagues are organized as **pay-to-play** recreational leagues for fun and fitness. Every participant is required to register, pay the applicable league and annual player card fees, and be properly rostered before taking the field. These requirements are not administrative formalities—they are essential to maintaining a safe, fair, and sustainable league for everyone.

Registration Supports the League

Player registration fees fund the services that make our leagues possible, including:

- Field rental and maintenance
- Match scheduling
- Referee assignments
- Referee compensation
- Employee wages and administrative support
- US Club Soccer sanctioning and player registration
- Liability and participant insurance
- Soccer equipment and facility maintenance
- Field lighting, electricity, water, and other operating expenses

Every registered player contributes their fair share toward these costs. When someone intentionally participates without registering or paying the required fees, those costs are unfairly shifted to the players who have complied with league requirements.

Registration Provides Important Insurance Coverage

A valid annual player card also provides participants with access to the insurance coverage available through the league's sanctioning organization. Players who are not properly registered may not be covered under those policies, creating unnecessary risk for themselves, other participants, league staff, and the club.

Fairness Matters

Allowing unregistered players to participate undermines competitive integrity and is unfair to every player and team that has fulfilled their registration obligations. Consistent enforcement of registration requirements helps ensure a level playing field for all participants.

Oregon Law

Oregon law recognizes that intentionally obtaining services without paying the required compensation may constitute theft of services.

ORS 164.125 (Theft of Services) provides, in part, that a person commits theft of services if they:

"...with intent to avoid payment... obtains services that are available only for compensation... by force, threat, deception or other means to avoid payment for the services."

A person who knowingly participates in a Bend FC Adult Soccer League match that requires payment and a valid player card while intentionally avoiding the required registration or annual player card fees may be obtaining services that are available only through paid registration. Whether any particular situation constitutes a violation of Oregon law depends on the specific facts and circumstances and is ultimately a legal determination.

Our Commitment

Bend FC is committed to providing a safe, organized, and professionally managed adult soccer experience. To protect all participants and ensure the continued success of our leagues, only properly registered and rostered players with a valid player card are permitted to participate in league matches.

We appreciate every player who follows the registration process and helps support the league. Your registration not only keeps the league operating—it helps ensure that all participants are treated fairly, remain properly insured, and enjoy a safe and well-managed soccer environment.