

SOCCER 101:

THE BASIC RULES OF MLS

1. FREE KICK

Free kicks can be either direct or indirect. A direct free kick is when a goal can be scored directly against the offending side. For an indirect kick, a goal can only be scored if, after the kick, the ball subsequently touches another player before the ball goes into the goal. For all free kicks, the offending team must be at least 10 yards from the ball or on the goal line until the ball is kicked.

2. YELLOW CARD

A player is cautioned and shown a yellow card if he commits any of the following seven offenses: is guilty of unsporting behavior; shows dissent by word or action; persistently infringes the laws of the game; delays the restart of play; fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in; deliberately leaves, enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission.

3. RED CARD

A player is sent off and shown a red card if he commits any of the following seven offenses: is guilty of serious foul play; is guilty of violent conduct; spits at an opponent or any other person; denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area); denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving toward the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick; uses offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures; receives a second caution in the same match.

4. OFFSIDE

An offensive player is considered to be in an offside position if he is closer to the goal line than both the ball and the second-to-last defender. He is not considered to be in an offside position if he receives the ball directly from a throw-in, corner kick or goal kick, or is in his own half of the field. A player is only penalized if, at the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his teammates, he is, in the opinion of the referee, involved in active play by interfering with the play, interfering with an opponent or is gaining an advantage by being in that position.

5. CORNER KICK

When the ball has wholly crossed the goal line (but is not within the goal area) after being last touched by a defending player, it is put back into play with a kick by the attacking team from the corner on the side the ball went out.

6. GOAL KICK

When the ball has wholly crossed the goal line (but is not within the goal area) after being last touched by an attacking player, it is put back into play by a kick from within the goal area by the defending team.



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SUPPORTERS' CHANTS

COLUMBUS 'TIL I DIE

Columbus 'til I die!
Columbus 'til I die!
I know I am, I swear I am
Columbus 'til I die!

WE SUPPORT COLUMBUS

(To the tune of *I Will Follow Him* from *Sister Act*)

We love you
We love you
We love you
And where you go we follow
We follow
We follow
'cause we support Columbus
Columbus
Columbus
And that's the way we like it
We like it
We like it
Ooooooooooooooooooooooooooh!
Ooooooooooooooooooooooooooh!

LA TURBINA SONG

Yo si le voy, le voy al Columbus!
Translation: If I support, I support Columbus

WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED

We shall not, we shall not be moved!
We shall not, we shall not be moved!
Not by Revs, F*re or United
We shall not be moved!

YELLOW SOCCER TEAM

(To the tune of *Yellow Submarine* by The Beatles)

We all cheer for the yellow soccer team
The yellow soccer team
The yellow soccer team
We all cheer for the yellow soccer team

WHEN THE CREW GO MARCHING IN

(Call & Response: C & R, are both sung to *When The Saints Go Marching In*)

C: Oh when the Crew!
R: Oh when the Crew!
C: Go marching in
R: Go marching in
All: Oh how I want to be in that number,
when the Crew go marching in
C: Oh when the Crew!
R: Oh when the Crew!
C: Go mar-ching in
R: Go mar-ching in
All: Oh how I want to be in that number,
when the Crew go marching in
C: Oh when the Crew!
R: Oh when the Crew!
C: Go steaming in
R: Go steaming in
All: Oh how I want to be in that number,
when the Crew go steaming in

WE ARE MASSIVE

Nordecke Call: We are
Stadium Response: Massive

The Crew Supporters sit in the northeast corner of Crew Stadium in an area nicknamed "The Nordecke." There are three main supporters groups: *The Crew Supporters Union*, *The Hudson Street Hooligans* and *La Turbina Amarilla*. For more information about the Crew Supporters, please visit THECREW.com

