

INDOOR SOCCER RULES OF PLAY- KINCUMBER INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE



Team:

A team consists of 5 players with a maximum of 4 substitutes. No team can start with less than 3 players.

Game:

The game is played in two twelve minute halves with a minute turn around at half time.

Officials:

The sport centre shall provide the referee who shall control the game, operate the scorecard and act as a timekeeper. The referee's interpretation of the rules shall be final and the teams have no choice in referees.

Uniforms:

All teams must have matching shirts by the start of the 4th competition game. **Penalty: one goal.** Whilst styles may vary, colours must be the same. Striped tops must also be matching, i.e. a blue top does not match a blue & white striped top.

Game Fees

IT IS THE CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT COMPLETE GAME FEES ARE PAID BEFORE THE GAME, OTHERWISE THE GAME CANNOT COMMENCE. The correct procedure is for the captain (or representative) to pay the game fee, pick up team card/receipt & hand to referee.

Teams Late on Court

Teams are required to arrive, make payment & be on the court on time. This has a follow on effect for all teams during the night, so please adhere to these rules.

Competition Points

The position of each team in the competition shall be determined by the accumulated points awarded, based on the results of games. The competition points shall be awarded as follows: 5 points (WIN), 3 points (DRAW), 1 point (LOSS).

In the event of a forfeit, the non-forfeiting team receive 5 points if played and paid for or 3 points for a no game played. In the event of a team entering late into the competition they shall be awarded average. Points for those games missed and those games will be denoted as draws on the ladder.

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Behaviour

For the enjoyment of all, games are expected to be played in a sportsmanlike manner. The stadium reserves the right to dismiss any team or member thereof for threatening, offensive or abusive behavior. The team shall be held responsible for the action of its members and spectators both on & off the court.

Finals

At the end of the competition there will be a finals series for the top four teams. **To qualify for the finals each player must have played at least one third of the minor round games whilst being registered.**

RULES OF INDOOR SOCCER GENERAL :

- All players must be 3 metres either side of the ball when a free kick is taken.
- Free kicks must be taken within 5 seconds of the referee's whistle, or the free kick may be reversed.
- A free kick taken before the referee's whistle is blown may cause a reversal of the free kick.
- Tackling from behind or by sliding is not allowed. Side tackles are allowed depending on the referee's discretion in the situation of 50-50 ball.
- Where a foul has occurred the referee may elect not to award a free kick and to allow play to continue under the advantage rule. The referee's decision is final.
- In summary – free kicks are awarded for: illegal tackles, obstruction, pushing, time wasting, handball, holding the nets, lifting the leg above hip height when attempting to kick the ball.
- Intentional handball will result in a penalty regardless of the whereabouts of the infringement
- Unintentional handball will result in a free kick
- With kick-offs the ball must be played backwards
- The ball is considered to be live at all times off all nets, although a goal cannot be scored directly from any net.
- The referee will drop ball if play is congested or deemed to be in a dangerous situation. Contesting players must wait for the ball to bounce once, after the referee has blown his whistle.
- The FOUL SYSTEM means that after the fifth foul in one half, every foul or infringement thereafter is a direct free kick – NO WALL, however, this is optional for the team with the free kick.
- If a player is lying, sitting or deemed to be on the ground, he cannot play at the ball regardless of whether it was unintentional. This also includes where a player has the ball kicked into him while on the ground. Such infringements will result in a free kick.
- A player in possession of or going for the ball may not be put off by an opposing player through the means of yelling or any verbal abuse. This will result in a free kick and a possible booking depending on the referee's discretion.
- A goal is scored when the whole ball has passed over the goal line.
- When goal-keeper clears the ball it must be played by two players before being returned to the keeper

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Penalty Kicks

- A penalty is awarded for fouls on the attacking team inside the goal area
 - The goal keeper leaving the area if deemed to be interrupting play
 - Defensive players inside the goal area
 - Intentional handball
 - Goal keeper making contact with the ball outside the goal area
 - An attacking player being intentionally fouled in a clear goal scoring situation
- A player is only allowed to take one step before taking the penalty kick. If the referee is not satisfied it will become the goal keepers ball. If a goal was scored it will not be counted.
- When a player is taking a penalty shot, the goal keeper must be stationary on the goal line until the ball has been kicked. A re-take of the penalty shall apply
- Penalties must be taken in one fluent motion. If the referee is not satisfied that this is the case, the penalty will be disallowed and become goal keepers ball.
- The penalty taker can directly shoot again if he has missed and the ball rebounded back out of the "D", however, if rebounding from the post, the ball cannot be played back twice.

Substitutions

A substitution can only be made when:

1. Your keeper has possession of the ball
2. A free kick is awarded
3. A goal is scored
4. At half time
5. In the event of an injury

The maximum number of substitutes is FOUR

A referee will send off any player that is bleeding, including goal keepers. Players will not be let back on court until the referee is satisfied the flow of blood has ceased and the wound covered. A substitution is permitted during this period.

Misconduct/Suspension

A yellow card is a caution and does not necessarily have to precede a red card. If the referee feels that the incident is severe he can give an immediate red card. Two yellow card offenses in the one game will result in a red card. A red card means the player is required to leave the court for five minutes. It is then at the discretion of the referee or duty manager to decide whether the player should be allowed to take his position again. If a red carded player is not allowed

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to take his place back in the game by management, he/she automatically incurs a one week suspension. This will be strictly enforced.

Note: If 2 players get red carded and there are only 3 players left , the game will end and the score at that time will stand, or forfeit points will be awarded to the non offending team.

When a game is cancelled due to misconduct, fees will not be refunded.

These rules have been put in place for the benefit and enjoyment of your game. We hope that you enjoy your season and goodluck to everyone