

“Laws of the Game”

-Indoor Soccer-

All basic rules of play as described by FIFA, USSF and USYSA will be used at Silver Creek Sportsplex with adaptations and exceptions as noted.

The Field of play at Silver Creek Sportsplex Field 1: 180' x 85' Field 2: 76' x 50' Field 3: 76' x 50' Field 4: 180' x 85' All flooring is Field Turf.	The Ball The game ball will be supplied by our Facility. Division Ball Size <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under 6 & Under 8 – Size 3• Under 10 & Under 12 – Size 4• Under 14 through Adults – Size 5
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Teams & Rosters

A match is played by two teams. The first team listed on the schedule shall be the home team. The team roster shall not exceed eighteen (18) players. The team roster is frozen at the end of the third game and no more changes can be made for the remainder of the season. If a non-roster player participates in a game after week three, those games will be forfeited. In all leagues, no player will be allowed to play without a membership. Only players and coaches on the roster with memberships are permitted in the bench area. Any roster issue must be brought forth by halftime. Failure to do so will have no effect on outcome.

Players on the Field

Each team consists of six (6) field players and a goalkeeper. Coed: Consist of 3 male and 3 female players on the field.

Minimum number of players needed to start play will be four (4), three (3) field players and a goalie. Coed: At least one of the four players needed to start the game must be a female.

Substitutions

Substitutions are allowed "on the fly" at anytime. During substitutions the following conditions shall be observed: a) The player leaving the field shall do so through the door at the bench. No jumping over the boards is allowed. b) The player entering the field shall also do so through the door at the bench but not until the player leaving the field is within one yard from the door.

Changing the Goalkeeper

Any of the other players on a team may change places with the goalkeeper during a stoppage of play AND the referee must be informed before the change is made.

Referees:

A referee(s) will be appointed to officiate each game at all levels. Their power of penalizing shall extend to offenses committed when play has been temporarily suspended and when the ball is out of play. Their decisions connected with the game shall be final and unquestionable and shall be extended to players, coaches and spectators. Referees have the discretionary power to stop the game for any violation {at his/her opinion) and to suspend or terminate the game whenever, by reason of the elements, interference by spectators, or other cause, he/she deems it necessary.

A referee shall refrain from penalizing in cases where he is satisfied that, by doing so, he would be giving an "advantage" to the offending team. If the referee applies the advantage clause and the advantage which was anticipated does not develop at that time the referee shall penalize the original.

Timekeeper/Scorekeeper:

The referees shall: {a) control the clock, (b) keep an accurate account of the score and the player scoring {c) supervise the timing of all "in box" penalties, and (d) turn in the game report to the front desk, to be signed by the referee(s).

The referee will not add additional goals to the scoreboard when there is an 8-goal difference in the score. Any additional goals scored will be kept on the game report only.

The Duration of the Game:

All league matches will consist of two (2) twenty-five (25) minute "running time" halves with a two (2) minute break at half-time. No timeouts.

All play-off games will consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute "running time" halves with a two (2) minute break at half-time. No timeouts.

Format may be changed pending league makeup and time constraints

A referee may stop the clock in the last few minutes of the game for obvious game delaying tactics (i.e. kicking the ball away, standing in front of the ball...etc.). The clock will restart when the ball is kicked.

Start of Play:

The team listed first on the schedule will be considered the home team.

The home team will kick off the ball.

When there is a jersey color conflict the home team will have to change.

The ball may be kicked either forward or backward. Every player shall be on their own side of the field and at least five yards from the ball or outside the center circle. The kicker may not play the ball again until it has been touched by another player.

Under 10 thru Adult Levels:

ALL kicks are Direct Kicks. (A goal can be scored directly from the kick-off.). The teams shall switch sides at half-time.

Stoppages of play for any unforeseen reason shall be restarted by a direct kick by the team that, in the referee's discretion, last had possession of the ball.

Ball in and Out of Play:

The ball is out of play when it touches any part of the netting outside or above the dasher boards. Restarts for balls going out of bounds shall be a direct free kick from the point closest to the netting where the ball went out of bounds.

Balls going out over the glass or hitting the netting above the boards behind the net will be restarted by a goal kick or corner kick. Any balls striking the boards directly above the goals and bouncing back into the field of play, without touching the net, will be considered in play.

The defending team shall stand at least ten {10} feet from the ball for all free kicks and kick-ins.

The offensive team, including the goalkeeper, shall have five (5) seconds to put the ball back into play once they are in possession of the ball. Failure to do so will result in the ball being turned over to the opposing team with a direct free kick. If the goalkeeper does not play the ball in five (5) seconds the opposing team will be awarded a direct free kick at the top of the penalty arc.

After a goalkeeper has possession of the ball {hand or feet}, they have five (5) seconds to put the ball back into play.

Any ball passing over the three (3) line in the air either by a pass, goal kick or goalie throw without touching another player of either team, the boards, or the field will be considered a three (3) line pass violation and result in a direct free kick from the red line for the opposing team.

Method of Scoring:

A goal is scored when the ball passes completely over the goal line between the goal posts and under the cross bar.

The team with the greatest number of goals shall be declared the winner. If at the end of play, teams have the same number of goals the game shall be considered a draw.

Off-sides:

There is no off-sides rule in the game of indoor soccer.

Fouls and Misconduct:

A direct free kick will be awarded if a player:

Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent

Trips or attempts to trip an opponent

Jumps at an opponent

Charges an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner

Charges an opponent from behind

Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent

Holds an opponent

Pushes an opponent

Charges the goalkeeper while he/she possesses the ball in their hands

Slides or slide tackles - any sort of slide by a field player whether going for the ball or not, no matter if contact is made or not, is considered a slide

Kicks the ball while on the ground (Dangerous play)

Obstructs an opponent with no attempt to play the ball

When playing as a goalkeeper and within their own penalty area;

The goalie picks up the ball if the ball is deliberately passed back to the goalkeeper by their own teammate.

If any of the above is committed by a defending player within the penalty area, a penalty kick should be awarded against their team.

A two-minute penalty will be awarded if a player:

Indulges in time-wasting tactics

Persistently infringes the laws of the game

Delays the restart of play

Shows dissent by word or action

Enters the field before the player they are substituting for is within two (2) yards of the bench

In the opinion of the referee commits a foul that is reckless or uses disproportionate force

Holds an opponent or opponents clothing in order to impede their movement

Steps onto the field of play with inappropriate or missing equipment (such as playing without shin-guards, dangerous jewelry, etc.)

When a player receives a two-minute penalty, that player will serve the two minutes in the penalty box, and his/her team will play short-handed for the two minutes. In the event of a goal by the opposing team, the team is no longer required to play short-handed.

If a goalkeeper is given a two-minute penalty, another player from the team may serve the penalty for the goalkeeper.

If a goalkeeper is given a four-minute penalty, the goalkeeper must serve the penalty.

If players from each team simultaneously receive two (2) minute penalties, both players must serve the entire penalty regardless of any goal being scored during that time.

A yellow card will be awarded if a player:

Persistently infringes the laws of the game and has already received a two minute penalty for this action

Shows by word or action, dissent with any decision by the referee

Is being guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct.

When a player receives a four (4) minute penalty, that player will serve the four minutes in the penalty box, and his/her team will play short-handed for the four minutes. In the event of a goal by the opposing team, two minutes will be deducted from the time.

If players from each team simultaneously receive four (4) minute penalties, both players must serve the entire penalty regardless of any goal being scored during that time.

A red card will be awarded if a player:

Is guilty of serious foul play

Is guilty of violent conduct

Uses foul or abusive language

Is guilty for the second time of a cautionable offense.

The red card must be shown to the player, the player must leave the field and the bench area and their team will play short-handed for a full five minutes. The expelled player will automatically be suspended for (two) 2 weeks and may receive additional suspension depending on the severity of the incident.

After a red card offense, play will resume with a direct free kick. (If the expelled player is involved with other teams in other leagues and/or nights that player will not be able to play until the suspension has expired.)

Any player who has been shown a red card before the match begins may be replaced by another player.

Any player (whether on the field or on the bench) that is shown a red card during the match shall cause his/her team to play one player short for a full five minutes.

111 Any player that has been shown a red card must leave the team bench area, and at the discretion of the facility management, may also be asked to leave the building and will be suspended for a minimum of two (2) weeks from all leagues that he/she participates in.

Any player that is suspended, is not allowed inside the facility for any reason. Any player found in the facility while on suspension, will have his/her suspension extended.

Free Kick:

As stated by FIFA with the following additions:

All players on the opposing team must be at least ten (10) feet from the ball when the free kick is being taken.

If the team taking the free kick takes more than five (5) seconds, the opposing team gets a direct kick.

Whoever kicks the ball into play on a free kick may not play the ball again until another player has played the ball. (Ex. Players cannot use the boards to play the ball to themselves.)

Penalty Kick:

Penalty kicks will be taken from the penalty spot on each field, which is clearly marked.

There is no limit on how many steps you can take before you shoot.

A goal keeper is permitted to move his feet while remaining on the line (i.e. moving sideways or up and down), but is not permitted to come off the line by stepping or lunging forward until the ball has been played. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward.

When a penalty kick is issued during the course of a game, the player who committed the foul will also be issued a minimum of a two-minute penalty. If the opposing team scores on the penalty kick, the player does not have to serve the penalty.

Throw-In:

There will be no throw-ins. There will only be kick-ins, which are direct free kicks.

Goal Kick:

A goal kick will be taken by the defending team any time a ball leaves the area of play over any point of the goal or the curved sections of the glass and is last touched by the attacking team.

The goal kick may be taken from the goal line mark within the goal area.

Corner Kick:

A corner kick will be taken by the attacking team any time a ball leaves the area of play over any point of the goal or the curved sections of glass and is last touched by the defending team.

The corner kick shall be taken from the designated spot on each field.

Corner kicks are DIRECT kicks.

General Rules

All referee decisions are final. This includes all weekend and holiday tournament games. There will be no confronting of any referees. Any individual who threatens a referee shall be expelled from the Silver Creek Sportsplex for a minimum of one (1) year. Management will not hear complaints concerning referees, except in writing form provided at the front desk. Management and the referee assignor will review all referee complaints.

Violent Play: The referees are instructed to be wary of fouls (pushes, attempts to kick the opponent's legs, etc.) downfield away from the primary action. Any player being called for any foul under these conditions will be given a yellow card and the game will restart with a direct free kick. A second offense by the same player will result in a red card.

All red cards issued for fighting will result in a minimum of a one year suspension. The suspension begins on the day the red card is given and is served for consecutive weeks for the duration of the suspension. The player with a suspension will not be allowed to the facility for a reason or charges will be filed.

Any player that clears its bench area during an on field altercation will automatically receive a 3 game suspension. The term "bench clearing" means one or more players leaving the bench area during an altercation.

A fight that starts after the conclusion of a game will result in a forfeit for both teams of their next regularly scheduled game and possibly further suspension.

If a player accumulates multiple red cards they are subject to severe suspension and possible banishment from the facility:

1 Red Card = 2 Week suspension **minimum** (possibly more, pending severity of actions)

2 Red Cards (1 Calendar year) = 6 Month suspension **minimum**

3 Red Cards (1Calendar year) = 1Year suspension **minimum**

Due to time constraints, the clock will not be stopped for any reason except for a serious injury incurred in the last few minutes of the game if the score is within three goals and at the referee's discretion.

As player's safety is our primary concern, an injury will be treated after play has been stopped, while the clock is running. The referee may put up to two minutes back on the clock after the injury is treated.

A referee may stop the clock in the last minute of the game for obvious game delaying tactics (i.e. kicking the ball away, standing in front of the ball, etc.). The clock will restart when the ball is kicked.

If a team wants to dispute another team's roster it must be done before the start of the 2nd half to the Manager on Duty.

Board of Appeals: Any long-term suspension may be appealed and will go through an appeals process. The appeal must be in writing. Silver Creek Sportsplex Suspensions committee and management team will make the final decision on all suspensions.

Rules Specific to Adult Soccer

Over 35 Men's teams: all players must be 35 or older.

Over 35 Coed teams: all male players must be 35 or older, all female players must be 30 or older.

Any player to be eligible for playoffs must play in at least 3 games throughout the season.

Rules Specific to COED Soccer (High School & Adult)

Each team must have a minimum of three (3) females on the roster and on the field at all times.

If a team plays with one (1) female, they cannot have more than three (3) males on the field.

If a team has no females present at a game, the game is reported as a forfeit. NO EXCEPTIONS!

If a team utilizes players from another team, the game is a forfeit.

REMINDER: All the coed soccer leagues are for fun and recreation. All players are to keep in mind that a suspension may be given for inappropriate actions without a red card being issued by a referee. The suspension will be issued by the Silver Creek Sportsplex staff upon review of the score sheets and the notations from the referee and league directors.