



Indoor Soccer Tournament Rules (2024) – Men's Open

Roster and Player Registration

1. **Roster Limits:** Maximum of 20 players per team.
2. **Player Verification:** Players must provide ID verification for eligibility (picture ID required). Other arena fees or requirements may be applicable. Must have wristband to play.
3. **Roster Submission Deadline:** Rosters must be submitted by the first scheduled game. Only registered players are allowed to participate.

Match Format

1. **Match Duration:** Games consist of two 15-minute halves. 2-minutes halftime, 3-minutes in between games. Time will start on-time, if teams are not ready within the first 5 minutes of game started, that team will forfeit at score of 5-0.
2. **Advancement:** The top 2 teams from each group advance to the semis. Ranking is based upon points (3 for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for loss). If teams are tied at the end of round play, the tiebreaker are as follows: Goals differential, followed by goals scored, followed by head-to-head play. If all tiebreakers are still equal, the team moving on shall be determined by fair play (no excessive cards Red. and/or finally on a coin flip).
3. **Tie Resolution:**
 - If tied after regulation in semi games, 3 players shoot-out will occur. If still tied, sudden death shoot out in same order will apply until a winner emerges.
 - If tied after regulation in finals, a 2-minute overtime shall occur, follows by the same shoot-out structure.
 - Shoot-out structure is as follows: During game, no time limit, from yellow dot. During shoot-out extra time phase, 5 seconds limit to score.

Gameplay Rules

1. **Number of Players on the Field:**
 - 6 players, including the goalkeeper, on the field at any time.
 - Substitutions are unlimited and made on-the-fly. Too many players on the field will result in an automatic Blue card.
2. **Ball Out of Play:** Restart with a kick-in from the touchline or a goalie throw in.
3. **Fouls and Free Kicks:**
 - All fouls result in a direct free kick unless in the penalty box (then a penalty shoot-out applies).
 - Slide or (playing on the ground allowed). Slide allowed only to block a pass or shot; slide tackles of a player, any contact made of a player, or into a player shall result in a direct free kick for the opposing team, and an automatic blue card.
4. **Goalkeeper Rules:**
 - The keeper cannot use their hands outside the penalty box. Goalie must start slide with in the penalty box and can travel outside the penalty area up to 3 feet.
 - Time holding the ball is restricted to 5 seconds, in the penalty box, hands or feet.

5. **Timekeeping:** If play is delayed (intentional or unintentional), referees may stop the clock. Last game of group play, semis, and finals will have the clock stopped under 2 minutes to maintain integrity and time wasting.

Additional Rules

1. **Footwear:** Indoor/turf shoes only (no cleats allowed). Shin guards are required, with socks always covering shin guards.
2. **Player Safety:** No jewelry or accessories that could harm players.
3. **Ball Type:** Official indoor soccer balls must be used, and will be provided by the arena, no outside balls allowed.
4. **Disciplinary Actions:**
 - Blue cards lead to a 2-minute penalty (team plays short).
 - Second Blue card or straight Yellow cards lead to a 2-minute penalty (team plays short), and an 4-minute penalty for offending player.
 - Third Blue card or straight Red cards result in ejection and suspension for the tournament.
5. **Fair Play:** Teams displaying unsportsmanlike conduct risk forfeiting the game. Zero tolerance for fighting.