

Wasilla Youth Soccer Association

Laws of the Game - Indoor 2005

I. Number of Players

The maximum number of players allowed on the court is 5 for each team.

II. Players Equipment

The Wasilla soccer uniform consists of a red/white reversible jersey, red shorts, shin guards covered by red socks and rubber soled gym shoes (non-marking and not to be worn in from the street). If games are played at Wasilla's Sports Complex, outdoor soccer shoes are allowed. Each team will wear uniforms of a color and design so as to be readily discernible from their opponents.

The goalkeeper may wear a jersey of a color and design different from all other players and referees. Goalkeepers may also wear sweatpants.

Players not in compliance cannot participate.

III. Referees

All decisions rendered by the referee are final. Verbal contact may be made with the referee by the team captain only and will be subject to all rules regarding civility.

Players receiving a yellow card will be required to serve a one (1) minute penalty with no substitutions allowed.

Players receiving a red card will be ejected from the game with no substitution and will be additionally penalized by being removed from the teams' roster for the one game subsequent to the game from which the ejection occurs.

IV. Duration of Play

Each game will consist of two (2) equal halves of 15 minutes for U-8 and 20 minutes for all other age divisions with a 5 minute rest period between halves.

If a tie exists at the end of the period of play it will stand.

Each team coach will arrange their player substitution list in such a manner as to allow equal playing time among their players (each player should play at least 15 minutes of each game). The exceptions to this rule being a player not allowed to play because tardiness for game or not being in full uniform.

V. Start of Play

To start play, the ball will be placed on the center spot and kicked into the opponents half of the field. The kicker may not play the ball again until it has been touched by another player. To be considered in play, the ball must have traveled at least one

circumference. No opposing player may be closer than ten (10) feet to the ball until it is in play.

If any team is unable to field four (4) players at the posted starting time, the league game will be forfeited and a friendship game with each team fielding an equal number of players, not to exceed rule 1, will be played. If neither team is able to field four players, the league game shall be recorded as a tie and a friendship game played.

VI. Ball In and Out of Play

The ball will be considered to be in play when:

- A. The ball wholly crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar.
- B. Play is stopped by the referee
- C. The ball touches an overhead obstruction
- D. The ball wholly crosses over the court boundaries.
- E. The goalie in placing the ball back in play throws or kicks the ball beyond the half line without it having contacted the floor or another player

VII. Method of Scoring

A goal is deemed to have been scored when the whole ball crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar, provided that it has not been thrown, carried or propelled by the hand or arm of an attacking player.

A goal will be not be deemed to have been scored if the attempt on goal was attempted from within the ten (10) foot semi-circle inscribed in front of each goal mouth (crease). This does not preclude the ball being played by an attacker in an attempt to clear it from the goal box as long as no contact nor interference occurs with the goalkeeper.

VIII. Offside

Offside is not called for Indoor.

IX. Returning the Ball to Play

- A. After a goal, the ball will be returned to play by kickoff (Sec V).
- B. Balls having crossed out of bounds will be returned to play by throw-in under the following provisions:
 - 1. Balls having crossed the goal line last touched by an attacker with no goal being scored will be placed in play by a goal kick or goalie throw-in from within the goal box.
 - a. In returning the ball to play, the goalkeeper shall place the ball on the floor at rest. After having released the ball, the goalkeeper has the option of kicking or picking the ball up to return it to play via a throw-in.

2. A ball having crossed the goal line last touched by a defender will be returned to play by an attacking player standing outside of the field of play facing the vertex of the angle formed by the sideline and the goal line and placing the ball in play by throw in.

3. A ball having hit an overhead obstruction will be considered having been played out of bounds and will be placed back in play by throw in from the point on the touchline closest to the object struck.

4. All balls will be returned to play within five (5) seconds of being controlled by the goalkeeper or having been retrieved after having been played out of bounds.

5. No player may be closer than ten (10) feet to the player executing the throw-in/corner throw-in.

X. Free Kicks

A. Direct kicks: there will be no direct kicks while inside of a gymnasium. Direct kicks will be used during play at the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex.

B. Indirect kicks: can score only after having been touched by a second player. All players other than the kicker must remain at least ten (10) feet from the ball until it has traveled a distance equal to its circumference after being kicked.

XI. Penalty Kicks

A penalty kick is a direct kick awarded for an offense committed inside the crease and is awarded as follows:

A. The ball is placed on the penalty spot located twenty (20) feet perpendicular to the goal line and equidistant from the goal posts.

B. No player other than the kicker may be closer than ten (10) feet behind the ball.

C. The goalkeeper must remain stationary on the goal line until the ball is contacted by the kicker.

D. The ball is deemed to be in play upon being contacted by the kicker, but the kicker may make no second play on the ball until it has been contacted by a second player.

XII. Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions are allowed. If the ball is in play, the player being relieved must be off of the court prior to the substitute entering the court. The referee need only be informed in the case of a goalie substitution.

XIII. Coaching From the Bench

Coaching is allowed if kept to a minimum, is constructive and is positive in nature