

Co-Ed Indoor Soccer Rules

ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION:

1. Any at least part-time student is eligible to participate
2. AU faculty, staff and their spouses/children are eligible to play
3. Players may be added to rosters during the first week of the season, but not after that.
4. All players must be recorded on the game sheet before they are allowed to participate.

TEAMS:

1. Teams must have a minimum of 5 players on the roster. At least two players on the roster must be of minority gender. There may only be 2 players who were on the Anderson University soccer roster from the previous season that can play **at the same time**.
2. If more than 2 soccer players are playing at one time, it will result in an immediate penalty kick for the opposing team.
3. Teams consist of five players on the floor at one time. At least one player must be of minority gender. If a player of minority gender is not on the court, the team is not allowed to fill that position and must play with a person down.

EQUIPMENT:

1. The IM department will provide the soccer ball if desired. Teams must bring their own ball to warm-up. Outdoor balls will not be kicked against the gym walls at any time.
2. Teams may choose to wear the same color but is not required.

GAME TIME:

1. Each game will consist of two 20 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime.
 - a. Time is stopped only in case of injury to players or temporary loss of the ball.
2. If the end result is a tie, then a 5-minute overtime will be played. If at the end of the overtime there is still a tie, then the game results in a tie.
3. During playoffs, there will be five-minute golden goal overtime until a winner is decided. If the teams are still tied after two five minute overtimes, the game will be taken to penalty kicks. It will be played to 3, and if they are tied, it will be sudden death penalty kicks until a winner is decided.

PLAY THE GAME:

1. A regulation team consists of five players with one required to be of minority gender.
 - a. Each team must have four players on the floor to start the game (Four of the same gender is allowed). If a team does not have four players to start they must forfeit the game.
2. A team may substitute "on the fly". The player leaving must be off the court of play before the substitute is permitted on and all substitutions must come off and on from the same side of the court.
3. At the beginning of the game the ball shall be kicked back to another player and the kicker cannot kick the ball a second time until it has touched another player. At the kickoff, the opposing team must remain 10 feet from the ball until it is kicked for the first time.
4. If the game is temporarily suspended for any reason other than out of bounds, the Referee will re-start the game by dropping the ball at the point closest to where play was suspended or the closest point outside the penalty area if the ball was in the penalty area at the time of the stoppage. No player may play the ball until the ball has touched the ground.
5. No one on either team shall enter the box that is designated in front of the goals in a time where the ball is present in the box. If a defensive player enters the box to block a ball from going into the goal, there will be a penalty kick from half court on an open goal. If the player misses, then the defensive team shall receive the ball and be allowed to pass it indirectly from the corner of the box. If an offensive player enters the box in a time where the ball is present in the box, the result of the penalty will be an indirect free kick for the opposing team on the corner of the box.
6. A player may kick the ball in order to score a goal at **any place** on the court.
7. No player will lift his leg higher than his or her waist in order to kick a ball.
8. If a player has fallen to the ground, he or she may not make a move on the ball until they have stood back up.
9. There will be no slide tackling.
10. If the ball is caught between the net and the wall, then an indirect kick will be given to the defensive team at the corner of the net.

Fouls:

1. Free Kicks: All free kicks (kick-offs, goal kicks, kick-ins) shall be indirect.
2. A free kick will be given on any foul besides entering the box as a defensive player, in which a half court penalty kick shall be given.
3. A Foul includes:
 - a. Handballs (any part of arm shoulder to fingers)
 - b. Pushing, shoving, and elbowing
 - c. High kicking
 - d. Entering the box when ball is in box (offensive and defensive)
4. Excessive fouls will result in a yellow card. If a 2nd yellow card is given, then a red card will follow resulting in player ejection.

Player Misconduct:

1. Excellent conduct is expected from all players. A player will be sent off the field and will be suspended from all intramural sports if:
 - a. Player uses foul or abusive language or plays in a dangerous manner.
 - b. Any fighting takes place. All involved players will be ejected. Players who leave the bench will also be ejected. The game may be forfeited if the officials feel it cannot be continued without risk to players and officials.
 - c. Teams who engage in fighting will be removed from the fieldhouse.
 - d. Any serious incidents will result in information being forwarded to the Director of Student Engagement.
 - e. Ejected players cannot be replaced in that game and they will be ineligible for the rest of the tournament.
 - f. Unintentional handling of the ball will not be called. Intentional handling, including swinging at the ball, will be called.

The officiating will be done by the referee and he/she is in absolute control of the game. Teams are responsible for keeping their spectators under control. Misconduct of spectators, players or coaches can result in assessment of an indirect free kick, ejection, or forfeiture of the game. Spectators must also remain in the area designated by the officials. The officials shall have the power to make decisions on any matters or questions not specifically covered in the rules.