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# 2023 2024- Modified Indoor Soccer Rules 7v7 & 9v9

7v7 & 9v9 Indoor Soccer (Boardless) follows the FIFA/IFAB Laws of the game, with the following modifications:

Providing the principles of the rules are followed, the rules may be modified locally in the following aspects:

- Size of the field of play (to accommodate available space)
- Number of players (to accommodate age and field size)
- Substitutions relating to numbers allowed
- Duration of the periods of play relating to facility booking periods

# Law 1 - The Field of Play

 The field dimensions are determined by the facility used and marked accordingly, using all markings required by the IFAB Laws of the Game.

# Law 3 - The Players

- A match is played by two teams, with the maximum number determined locally by age and field size. 7v7, 8v8 and 9v9 - are all permissible depending on circumstance. 8v8 must use 9v9 rules and regulations.
- The minimum number to start or continue a match will be at the competition's discretion.

#### Law 5 – The Referee

- For 7v7 the match will be officiated by <u>a referee and two assistant referees</u>, or a single referee (district choice)
- For 9v9 the match will be officiated by a <u>referee and two assistant referees (as per the 11v11 game format)</u>
- For U17 and U19 games taking place on a 1/3 field size, a referee and two assistant referees must be used.

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#### Law 7 - The Duration of the match

- The match consists of two equal halves, the length to be determined locally by field booking times.
- There is no allowance for time lost.

# Law 9 - The Ball In and Out of Play

- Normal ball in and out of play principles apply from the Laws of the Game, relating to boundary lines or when the game is stopped by the referee.
- The ball is also out of play when it touches the ceiling or building structure overhanging the field of play.
- The restart will be a throw-in to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball, at the touchline closest to where the ball touched the ceiling.

### Law 11 - Offside

- For 7v7 the offside rule will not be used.
- For 9v9 the offside rule will be used. Offside will be active from the halfway line.

# Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct

- If a player is sent off, their team is reduced in numbers on the field, and the player takes no further part in the match.
  - Competition rules will determine whether spitting on the field is a Caution or a Send Off offence.

# Law 13 - Free Kicks

 Until the ball is in play, all opponents must remain at least 5 yards from the ball for 7v7 games format and 8 yards from the ball for 9v9 games format, unless they are on their own goal line between the goal posts.