



2007 Soft Soccer Rules and Regulations

Section I

A. MISCELLANEOUS

The game is played using three of the four walls at each gym site.

- No spectators are allowed on any of the other walls.
- The bottom row of the bleachers will be considered the fourth wall.
- The ball can be played continuously off of all four walls.

Each team will have five players on the court and one of those players will be designated the goalie.

- Four players must be present at game time to begin the game.
- Ten players is the preferred maximum per team.

Each team will provide one official to officiate half of the game.

- Coach, assistant coach or parent will be okay to use.

The clock will not stop during a quarter or 10 minute interval.

- There are no coach or team time outs during the game.
- In case of injury, the official may stop the clock if he/she needs to.

The soft soccer goals are 6' wide by 3' tall.

The ball issued by Kids, Incorporated is the official game ball.

- If you lose the ball or it is torn up, please come by the Kids, Incorporated office and pick up another one.

Shin guards are strongly recommended and should be worn under the socks.

Food and drinks are not allowed in the gyms.

- Please leave just outside the main entrance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kids, Incorporated at 376-5936.

B. THE GAME

There will be two 20 – minute halves with a substitution at 10 minute intervals or quarters.

- All players must play one full uninterrupted quarter per game.
- There will be a 5 minute break between halves.
- The referee will keep the time if there is not a clock at the school.

Teams will switch ends of the court at halftime

There is a substitution rule, but substitution can only be made when the outgoing player has reached the bleachers or the sideline area.

Each team will change goalies at the quarter (10 minutes).

- A goalie may not play that position for two consecutive quarters.
- A goalie may only use his/her hands when inside the basketball lane.
- A goalie may throw or kick the ball while inside the basketball lane.

During the game, the goalie is the only person allowed in the goal area / penalty area.

- All other players must stay out of this area.
- The goalie may wear a different colored shirt, if you choose to provide one.

All kicks will be a direct kick, except for kickoffs, which means another player (any player on either team) does not have to touch the ball before it goals into a goal.

- Indirect kicks, or kickoffs, must touch another player before scoring.

- This includes the kickoff after a point has been scored.

On any direct kick, the opposing players must be at least 6' away from the kicker.

- On the kickoff, no opposing player can be inside the 6' tip-off circle and must be on their own half of the court.
- The kickoff must be touched by another player before the kickoff player can touch the ball again.

There are no off-sides.

- Tripping, holding, pushing, handballs, slide kicks, etc. are illegal and will result in a direct kick.
- Violations occurring in the penalty area (basketball lane) will result in a penalty kick from a point half way between mid-court and the free throw line.
- Intentional handling of the ball by the defensive team in the penalty area (basketball lane) will result in a penalty kick from the free throw line.
- On penalty kicks, the goalie is the only defensive player allowed in front of the goal.
- All other players must be behind the free throw line and its extension.

A ball going completely into the bleachers (higher than the top of the bottom step) is instantly out of bounds.

- The opposing player may then retrieve the ball and immediately set the ball on the sideline where it went out of bounds and kick the ball.

A ball trapped against the wall by a player or players will result in a drop ball by the official at that point.

If the ball hits the basketball goals, it will be played like the playable walls.

- **Ball is still in play!**

A handball will only be called when a player deliberately uses his/her hands to his/her advantage during a play.

The ball should completely cross the goal line (line between the front goal posts) before being counted as a score.

- If the goalie inadvertently carries the ball into the goal, it will not count as a score.

No penalty kicks will be allowed for intentional handling of the ball by the defensive team in the basketball lane.

There will be no overtime for games ending in a tie.

- This is due to time constraints.