



Youngstown State University
Campus Recreation & Intramural
Sports

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1. **Forfeit Rule:** The team that doesn't have a minimum of 4 players ready to start when its game time **forfeits** the game.
2. For co-rec play only, a minimum of three females must be on the field at all times.
3. Five players play on each team at once, including the goalie. A minimum of 4 players can start for each team. Five players is the maximum number of players for each team on the field.
4. For co-rec play, the forfeit rule still applies. The co-rec team has to have a minimum of 4 players ready to start when it's game time and they still have to have a minimum of 3 females included in the 4 players needed to start the game.
5. ID's have to be collected by the team's captain and given to the referee at least 10 minutes before the start of the game. If a player comes late the ID has to be given to the referee and then written down before that player is allowed to play.

6. Athletic wear must be worn at all times while playing. No jeans or cargo bottoms are allowed. Tennis shoes or indoor soccer shoes must be worn at all times while playing. No hats are allowed to be worn while playing. The player who doesn't wear athletic wear will not be allowed to play.

7. Only the captain from each team is allowed to talk to the referees during play or at halftime. If a player other than the captain complains to the referees a warning will be given to that team's captain. If it happens again then the other team gets a direct kick wherever the ball is at the time.

8. Substitution is done while play is going or when there is a stoppage of play. This will be allowed as long as the player being substituted gets off the floor fast and doesn't interfere with play. This is up to the referee's discretion to decide if the substitution is going correctly.

9. An indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team if the ball should go out of play. The kick shall be taken from the spot where the ball was kicked.

10. **NO** slide tackles, no sliding. The goalie **cannot** slide feet first. A direct kick will be awarded to the other team.

11. Three-line rule is in place. The ball cannot cross three lines without touching a player. If the ball does cross three lines and does not touch a player, then the ball comes back to the first line where it was kicked. Then it's the other team's possession with an indirect free kick.

12. A corner kick shall be awarded to the offensive side if the defensive side last touches the ball leading to it going out of play behind the net.

13. A goal kick shall be awarded if the offensive side kicks the ball out of play behind the net or lands behind or on top of the net.

14. When the indirect or direct kick is taken, the player/s blocking the kick has to be 10 yards away from the ball. The referee will tell the player/s blocking the kick were stand for the 10 yards. The player/s blocking the kick cannot move until the ball is kicked.

15. The walls around the field are out of play. If the ball goes out of play, then the ball is placed where it was kicked. It's the other team's possession with an indirect free kick.

16. A direct kick is when the player can shoot on goal without the ball having to touch someone. An indirect kick is when the ball has to touch someone before going in the goal. It's the referee's discretion to decide when it's either a direct or indirect kick according the type of foul.

17. Game play will consist of 2 – 12 minute halves.

ADDITIONAL RULES

DIRECT KICK FOULS: Pushing, tripping, kicking, handball outside the penalty box, etc.

INDIRECT KICK FOULS: Unintentional handball in the box, etc.

PENALTY KICK: Direct kick foul in the box, intentional handball in the box, instigation of a fight – (first physical contact with intent to injure, after the whistle has been blown!) The ball will be placed on top of the arc of the penalty box.

INSTIGATION: Minimum of one game suspension for any player involved!