

# **CECIL SOCCER LEAGUE WINTER INDOOR LAWS OF THE GAME**

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## **GOAL**

To provide an opportunity for every player to have fun playing soccer during the winter season. All games are friendly matches. Coaches and players are expected to display the highest standards of good sportsmanship always.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- I. Court Locations**
  - A. Cecil Sports Arena**
  - B. All American Sports Academy**
  
- II. Teams must have an adult coach present at the game**
  
- III. Teams will be contained inside the net**
  - A. Field players should be inside the net**
  - B. All others outside of the net.**
  
- IV. All non playing children need to be kept under supervision by Adults**
  - A. The balcony is off limits and not a soccer specified area**
  - B. Food and drinks are allowed by fans**
  - C. No dribbling of balls or running in the hallways, only in designated “play/practice areas”**
  - D. Safety first—no horseplay**

## **LAWS OF THE GAME**

- I. FIELD OF PLAY**
  - A. Playing is the entire court.**
  
- II. Ball is out of play when it:**
  - A. Is out of bounds**
  - B. Hits the ceiling**
    - 1. Indirect free kick at point where it contacted ceiling for the other team but never closer to the goal than the goal box.**
  
- III. Goals will be approximately 5 feet high by 10 feet wide**
  
- IV. EQUIPMENT**
  - A. Ball: Outdoor balls-#3 (U8, Soccerroos), #4 (U10-12), #5 (U15). Facilities will provide the balls.**
  - B. Home team wears red jersey. They are first named on schedule day.**
  - C. Indoor turf shoes or tennis shoes should be worn, not spikes. Shoes**

- must be tied or worn correctly so as to not come off during play.
- D. Shin guards required for all players and must be completely covered by socks

### **III. NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

- A. Up to 12 players will be rostered on a team.
1. Relies, in part, to numbers of applications and team applicants
- B. Players need not have previous outdoor soccer experience.
- C. Players can only be rostered on one team
- D. Coaches can only coach one team
- E. Players on field (including goalie) = 6v6
- F. Teams must field the required number of players to start the game
1. Teams not having the required number of players will use players from the other team for a friendly scrimmage.
2. Both teams must begin the game fielding a full team.
- G. Unlimited substitution on the fly; players must be off the field before the sub can enter the field of play.
1. Counts as a foul if player leaving the field plays the ball

### **IV. REFEREES**

- A. A referee shall be appointed to officiate
- B. Referee's authority commences as soon as he enters the field of play and decisions made on plays are final

### **V. DURATION OF GAME**

- A. Games will begin on time; no grace period
- B. Games will consist of two 24-minute halves with a 3 -minute half time

### **VI. START OF PLAY**

- A. Home team defends the solid goal side the first half
- B. Home team has kick-off the first half
- C. Passing back on kick-off is allowed
- D. Defending players must be at least 10 feet from the ball on kick-off and all free kicks

### **VII. BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY**

- A. Ball is out of play when;
1. It leaves the playing area
2. When a goal is scored
- B. Except when a goal is scored, any ball put out of play will be put back in play by the non-offending team with a indirect kick from the sideline at the closest point on the court to where the ball went out of play
- C. When a goal is scored- ball will be placed in the middle of the court as in the beginning of the game

### **VIII. METHOD OF SCORING-** is accomplished when the whole of the ball has

**passed over the goal line within the confines of the goal posts and crossbar unless propelled there illegally**

**IX. OFFSIDES; THERE IS NO OFFSIDES**

**X. FOULS AND MISCONDUCT**

- A. Any player receiving a red card will be ejected and team plays short for 2 minutes. Ejected player cannot return but team can sub in another after 2 minutes**
- B. Any player receiving a yellow card will serve a 2 minute penalty in a designated penalty area and team plays short during the penalty**
- C. 2 yellow cards= a red card (see above)**

**XI. FREE KICKS**

- A. Free kicks are either direct or indirect just like outdoors.**
- B. All free kicks must be taken within 5 seconds of placement of the ball**
- C. Defending players must be at least 10 feet from the ball when the free kick is taken**
- D. Free kicks taken by the defending team in their own penalty area can be placed anywhere in the penalty area**

**XII. PENALTY KICKS-**

- A. Are taken from the top of the penalty area for socceros and U8 groups.**
- B. Are taken from the top of the arc for all other age groups (U10, U12, and U15)**

**XIII. Kickins, not THROW INS, which are indirect.**

- A. Ball will be put back in play with a kick-in**
- B. A goal cannot be scored direct from a Kick-in. It must touch another player before entering the goal to count as a goal.**
- C. Ball must be played within 5 seconds of placement**

**XIV. GOAL KICKS**

- A. To be taken by the defending team anywhere in their penalty area**
- B. Ball must be played within 5 seconds of placement**

**XV. CORNER KICKS; free kicks can be taken 3 feet from the corner**

**XVI. KEEPERS**

- A. The keeper must distribute the ball within 5 seconds of handling it**
- B. Keeper distribution:**
  - 1. Keeper may only kick the ball on the ground.**
  - 2. No drop kicks**
  - 3. If keeper uses his/her hands to distribute the ball, the keeper may throw the ball anywhere inbounds.**
  - 4. The keeper may kick the ball anywhere inbounds if the ball is**

**not picked up or touched with his/her hands**

**C. Keeper is not limited by steps in the penalty area**

**XVII. OTHER**

**A. No field player is allowed to slide or slide tackle- penalty is a free kick at the point of the infraction**