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MILWAUKEE RECREATION FUTSAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Any rule not specifically covered will be governed in accordance with the National Federation of State High School Association Soccer Rules.

Rule 1: Players

- Each team shall consist of six (6) players on the field – 1 goalkeeper and 5 field players. A team may begin with as few as four (4).
- Coed team composition: Never less than 2 females are allowed on the field at a time.
- If during a game a team has fewer than four (4) eligible players due to ejection, the game shall be terminated.
- If during a game a team has fewer than four (4) eligible players due to injury, the game may continue at the official's discretion.

Rule 2: Play

Start of Game

- After the referee has given a signal, the game shall be started with a kick-off. The ball is in play when it is kicked in any direction.
- A dropped ball is a way of restarting the match after a temporary stoppage. Play may also be restarted with an indirect free kick if, in the opinion of the official, one team had clear possession of the ball when the stoppage occurred.

Timing

- The duration of the game shall be two (2) twenty (20) minute halves. Halftime shall consist of three (3) minutes.
- Regular season games may end in a tie.
- A player/team have four (4) seconds to put the ball into play, (all free kicks and goal clearance).
- The referee will publically count and use hand signals to notify teams/players. Counting will begin once the referee determines that the player has full control. If a player attempts to delay the restart, the referee will begin counting even if the ball is not physically in possession.
- Failure to put the ball in play within 4 seconds or less, will result in possession being given to the opposing team.
- Grace Period Rule: The official will allow a five (5) minute grace period before forfeiting a game due to lack of players. As soon as four (4) players are present, the game must begin. The grace period is charged against playing time.

Scoring

- A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.
- A goal may be scored if a goalkeeper throws, punts, or dropkicks a ball into the ball into their own goal.
- A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in; it must touch a member of either team before crossing the goal line to be counted as a goal.
- Goals may be scored directly from a direct kick.
- Goals may be scored from an indirect kick, but must be touched by another player.
- A goal cannot be scored directly from the kick-off.

Substitutions

- Substituting may occur anytime during the game on the fly.
- Substitutes shall go to their team entry position and cannot enter the game until the player they are replacing is completely off of the field.
- A player who receives a yellow card must be substituted.
- A player who receives a red card is ejected from the game and cannot reenter.
- A player bleeding must be substituted from the game.
- Goalkeeper may be changed on the fly as well except in the case that the substitute occurs between the goalkeeper and one of the players already in play on the field. In that case, the official must be informed of the substitution and the change must be made during a stoppage in play.

- For the purpose of substitution, teams not only will change sides for the second half, but they will change benches as well.

Mercy Rule

- If a team is ahead by seven (7) or more goals with two or less minutes remaining in the second half, the game shall be called.

Ball In and Out of Play

The ball is out of play when:

- It has completely crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air.
- The ball touches the ceiling or net (the restart will be an indirect kick for the opponent from the spot of last touching).

There will be no whistle to restart play except:

- When a team asks the official for five (5) yards.
- When a play has been stopped to caution or eject a player.
- When a penalty kick has been awarded.
- When a goal is scored.

Fouls and Misconduct

Free kicks shall be classified under two types:

- Direct – from which a goal can be scored directly against the offending side. All direct kicks awarded in the penalty area shall merit a penalty kick.
- Indirect – from which a goal cannot be scored unless the ball has been touched by a player other than the kicker before passing into the goal.
- Direct Free Kick Fouls (Penal Fouls) will result in a team accumulation of fouls. The referee will notify each team of their respective accumulation of fouls. If a team incurs more than 5 fouls in a half, a penalty kick will be awarded to the opposing team for each subsequent foul after 5 penal fouls.
- Advantage may be called during play. Even if advantage is applied the accumulated foul remains in effect.

Yellow & Red Cards

- Yellow Card – The player sits out two minutes, substitution is allowed. The player may not re-enter the game until permission is given from the referee.
- Non-Violent Red Card – The player is ejected from the game and suspended the next game. Two yellow cards in the same game are equivalent to one non-violent red card.
- Violent Red Card – player is ejected from the game, and suspended the next two games.
- Two violent red cards in one season, the player is ejected from the league.
- Any team that receives three red cards (violent or non-violent) in one season will be ejected from the league.
- Any suspension due to fighting will be just cause for ejection from the league.
- Any coach/player who steps onto the field during a hostile situation, whether helping or not, is subject to suspension.

Kick-Ins

- When the ball passes completely over a sideline, it shall be kicked in from the point where it crossed the line by a player of the team opposite that of the player who it last touched.
- A player shall place the ball on the ground on or behind the sideline at the point the ball exited the field of play. The ball shall be kicked back into play immediately after it has crossed over the line. Five (5) yards shall be given by the defensive team.
- If the ball is improperly kicked into play, the restart shall be taken by a player of the opposing team.
- If the ball fails to enter the field of play, it shall be kicked again.
- If an opponent interferes with or in any way impedes the actions of the kicker while the kick-in is being taken, the official can administer a yellow card for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Goalkeepers cannot handle a ball that is kicked-in directly to them by their own teammate.
- A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in. It must touch a member of either team before crossing the goal line to be counted as a goal.

Drop Ball

- A drop ball occurs when the ball is caused to go out-of-bounds by two opponents simultaneously.
- Following a suspension of play for an injury or other situation in which no team has clear possession of the ball.
- A foul by both teams occurring simultaneously.
- The spot of the drop ball is where the ball becomes dead unless this is in the goal area, in which case the spot is the nearest point on the goal line in the field of play.

Goal Clearance

- A goal clearance is awarded to the defending team when the ball crosses the end line, having last been touched by the attacking team. Similar to a goal kick, but the goalkeeper must release the ball with their hands in the penalty area.
- The opposing team may not enter the penalty area during a goal clearance.

Corner Kick

- When the ball is last touched by the defending team and goes over the end line, a member of the attacking team shall take a kick from the corner of the court.
- Players from the opposing team must give the player taking the corner kick five (5) yards.
- Corner kicks are direct free kicks.

Slide Tackling

- Slide tackling of any sort is strictly prohibited.
- Slide tackling is defined as a player sliding in a way that endangers another player, i.e. sliding while trying to take the ball from another player's control or fighting for possession.
- Any slide tackle foul called is deemed to be a penal/accumulate foul.
- Sliding is not a violation as long as it does not endanger any other players on the field.

Goal Keeper Restrictions

- A goal keeper in his own half may not possess the ball for more than four (4) seconds.
- A goal keeper cannot receive/play a ball directly from a team mate unless a defender had previously played the ball while in the keeper's own half or if the teammate carries the ball into the opponent's half and subsequently passes the ball to the keeper while in his/her attacking half or and defending half. Infringement results in an indirect free kick to the opponent.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the manager to control the behavior of their players on the bench and on and off the field/park. Managers and players are responsible for their conduct from the time they reach the park until the time they leave.
- B. No person shall interfere with or in a manner hinder, threaten, harass, intimidate any participant or employee of Milwaukee Recreation. This includes affecting the enjoyment and betterment of the leagues. Conduct may lead to discipline up to and including removal from participation with Milwaukee Recreation programs.
- C. Derogatory remarks, profanity, obscene gestures, threats, etc. - directed toward any game official, Milwaukee Recreation employee, MPS staff, other players or spectators will not be tolerated. These infractions may lead to discipline up to and including removal from participation in Milwaukee Recreation programs.
- D. Fighting is defined as any attempt by a player or non-player to strike or engage anyone in a combative manner unrelated to the sport. Such acts include, but are not limited to, attempts to strike an opponent(s) with arm(s), hand(s), leg(s), or foot (feet), whether there is contact or not. Any player involved in a physical confrontation (fighting) will be ejected immediately and is subject to further disciplinary action.
- E. Deliberate throwing of equipment or items in anger or disgust will not be tolerated. This will result in immediate ejection from the game without warning and may lead to discipline up to and including removal from participation with Milwaukee Recreation programs.
- F. Arguing on the judgment of an official will result in a team warning. A repeat offense will result in the ejection of that player, manager or coach. The official's decision involving judgment calls is final.
- G. The manager is the only person to confer with an official on a disputed play. Such conferences must be kept to a minimum and will be conducted in a sportsmanlike manner. Constant arguing, harassment, or intimidation will not be tolerated and could mean ejection from the game and may lead to discipline up to and including removal from participation within Milwaukee Recreation programs.
- H. When a player, manager or coach is ejected, the following procedures will be followed:
 - a. The ejected player must produce a valid photo identification. The manager is required to comply with the official's request. Lack of cooperation from any manager or team in regard to such ejection may lead to discipline up to and including removal from participation with Milwaukee Recreation programs.
 - b. Ejected players are to leave the field/court of play immediately. This includes the player bench and the area around the bench. If necessary to control the game, officials have the authority to eject offenders from the park/gym. When ejected from the park/gym, they are to leave immediately. It is the manager's responsibility to see that the individual abides by such rules. If the manager is ejected, a team representative may fill in.
 - c. If a player is ejected and continues to harass the official, the manager will be warned to control their player's action. If the manager does not comply, the game will be forfeited. In any serious unsportsmanlike conduct incident such as teams fighting or complete loss of control of players by a manager, the official shall have the authority to forfeit the game without a warning.
 - d. Ejected players subject to discipline are notified of such action by the Adult Sports Office. The player disciplined has the right to a hearing if a suspension extends beyond three (3) games. Request for a hearing must be made to the Adult Sports Office within three (3) days of notification of such discipline if applicable.