

## **Crown Sports Center**

### **Indoor Soccer League Rules and Regulations (UPDATED 01-03-2010)**

#### **Player Eligibility:**

-Age divisions are determined by a player's age as of August 1, 2009 for all boys and girls leagues.

-Players may participate in an older group in all age classifications except adult. A player is only eligible to play up one age division from their determined age division. A player may only play on one team per age division. If a player is playing on a premier team they cannot play in a lower division in the same age group. However, they are allowed to play up an age division. The same would apply for any intermediate players – they are unable to play in the recreation level of same age division. Any questions on this rule, please contact your program coordinator for clarification.

**-Rosters are to be submitted prior to the first game for all leagues.** After the first game, coaches may add or delete players to their roster. The program coordinator needs to be aware of your changes. Rosters will be frozen prior to teams playing their second game. No additions may be made. Coaches should take this into consideration when submitting rosters. Players may not drop from one roster and add to another roster in the same division at any time.

-The maximum roster size for all teams is 17 players. ALL teams in the intermediate and premier divisions must have numbers on their jerseys and be **coordinated on the roster that is turned in.**

**-ALL PLAYERS PARTICIPATING WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A PLAYER/ID CARD. THE ID CARD WILL NEED TO BE SHOWN TO THE OFFICIAL PRIOR TO THE GAME BEGINNING. IF A PLAYER DOES NOT HAVE A PLAYER CARD, THEY DO NOT PLAY. ADDITIONAL PLAYER/ID CARDS MAY BE PURCHASED FOR \$5.00.**

#### **Protests:**

- Crown Sports Center will not consider protests related to judgment calls of officials or application of rules. However, any suspected misapplication of rules may be brought to the attention of Crown Sports Center.

- Protests concerning player eligibility must be made to game officials and/or a Crown staff member prior to the completion of that game. The Crown staff member may require protested player and coach to provide identity of player in question. Refusal to comply with this request shall result in immediate forfeiture. -

-All protests must be submitted in writing to Crown Sports Center within 24 hours of the date of the game. Coaches of protested players must provide proof of age (birth certificate) to the director within 7 days after notification of such a protest.

### **Suspensions:**

-- Crown Sports Center shall have authority to impose suspensions for any of the following reasons:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct which causes any player or coach to be ejected from a game. That player or coach will also not be permitted to participate in the team's next game. Players or coaches issued a red card after any game will be suspended from that team's next game or games. In addition the suspended player / coach must meet with the director/program coordinator prior to being reinstated.

**-Players on more than one team that receive a red card will also serve a suspension from those games as well.**

- Any verbal or physical abuse directed towards officials, opponents, opposing coaches, or Crown staff member during or following a game will not be tolerated. If there is **any** physical contact or verbal threats against an official or staff member, the offender will receive an automatic suspension for the season or longer. Crown Sports Center officials may extend said suspension for up to three years.

- Spectators are considered an extension of the team, but may not enter the field. Coaches will be held responsible for the actions of their spectators. **Spectators who enter the field before, during or after a game are eligible for suspension or removal from grounds and may result in disciplinary action against the team.** Harassment and unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators will not be tolerated. Crown Sports Center officials may take disciplinary action against teams for the conduct of their spectators.

### **Inclement Weather Policy:**

-In case of inclement weather cancellation information will be listed on our website @ [www.CrownSportsCenter.com](http://www.CrownSportsCenter.com). Crown Sports Center will attempt to make all cancellations 2 hours prior to game time. If there is doubt, coaches only should contact crown. The Crown Sports Center cancellation line is 410-742-6000 x 111. Please listen to the complete message. Canceled games will be made up if possible.

### **Scheduling:**

**-Teams having special scheduling requests must submit their requests in writing on the Crown Sports Center Schedule Request Form at least one week prior to the starting date of the season. All requests will be reviewed but not guaranteed to be granted.** Any requests received after the schedules have been made will most likely be denied. Make-up times, dates, and fields are at the discretion of Crown Sports Center. Make-up games may be scheduled on weekday evenings, weekdays in which school is not in session, or teams may be scheduled two games on any given Saturday or Sunday.

- **Teams that forfeit a game will be assessed a fee equal to the cost of the referees scheduled for that age division (the forfeiting team will pay for both team's referee fees).** This fee must be paid to Crown Sports Center before

the team's next scheduled game. Any team forfeiting a game or games may be denied admittance to future sessions at Crown Sports Center.

### **Equipment:**

-Crown Sports Center will provide game balls for all games. Ball size #4 for U6 - U12 divisions and #5 for all other age groups.

-Only flat soled shoes or multi-stud rubber artificial turf shoes may be worn. Absolutely NO outdoor cleats.

-All playing members of a team (except keeper) must have shirts of the same color and design. In case of two teams having the same color uniforms, the visiting team will wear pennies. Pennies will be supplied by Crown Sports Center. Goalkeepers must wear a different color than that of either team.

-Shin guards are required for all players in leagues of U18 and younger. Players wearing a hard cast will be permitted to play if it is adequately padded, approved by the head referee / Crown Staff member. No jewelry or hats may be worn during a game.

-First Aid: Crown Sports Center has a limited first aid kit. It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain their own first-aid kit and first-aid given to players. First-aid is not the responsibility of the officials or any Crown Sports Center representatives. Ice packs for injuries are available from Crown Sports Center at the Fast Break Café.

### **Coaches on the Field:**

-Coaches will be on the field in our U6 leagues only. In these leagues the coaches will also serve as the game officials. There will be no referee/official fee in U6.

**All teams must have an adult (over 21) in the team box for all games.**

**Teams may not have more than 2 coaches in the box at anytime.**

**Spectators are not permitted in the bench area during the game for any reason.**

### **PLAYING RULES**

**1. Time:** Games will consist of two twenty-four minute halves. Time is running except in cases of injury or other situations deemed necessary by an official. If time expires after an awarded penalty kick, that penalty kick will be completed. Game times for tournaments may be different from those listed above.

**2. Time Outs:** NO Timeouts

**3. The home team** will be the first team listed on the schedule and will occupy the Home team box.

**4.** There will be **no pre-game coin toss**. The home team will kick-off to start the game. The visitors will kick-off to start the second half. Teams will not switch goals at half-time.

**5.** All age groups will play **six players** (five plus keeper). Team can begin a game with 5 players. Forfeits will be declared if a team has less than five players

to start a game or if the team has less than four players to finish a game.

**6. Slide Tackling and/or *SLIDING IS NOT PERMITTED* by any field player for any reason. The player may receive a yellow or red card for slide tackling / sliding. Goal keepers are not permitted to slide outside of the goal box for any reason. Note, if the goalkeeper slides outside the box to save a goal a FREE KICK will be awarded at the spot of the infraction and a blue card issued. The coach will choose what player sits the 2 minute penalty.**

**7. Substitutions:** Substitutions are free and unlimited as long as such substitutions do not interfere with the flow of the game. **However, when making substitutions while the ball is in play, players may not enter the field until the player substituted is within the 10' of the substitution box in front of the team areas.** Goalkeepers may substitute only during non- foul stoppage of play. Officials should be notified of a goalkeeper change. Penalty for failure to notify official of keeper substitution is loss of possession. **Guaranteed Substitutions will be awarded when a goal is scored. The game official will raise his left arm to signal the substitution and drop his arm to restart play.** The game will restart with a whistle when substitutions are sufficiently in position and the player box doors are shut.

**8. Any ball touching the side netting, top netting or entering a team box is considered out of bounds.** A defensive clearance that hits the top netting in the defensive half will result in a direct free kick from the center spot. **The defensive wall will be set up at the top of the yellow arc.** A defensive clearance, attempted pass, shot or deflection that hits the side netting will be spotted on the side wall at the nearest point of exit of the playing area and direct kick will be awarded. The ball will be placed one yard **(or additional 1-2 feet for U8 and U10 divisions)** off the wall from the spot closest to where the ball touched the netting or went out. A defensive clearance, attempted pass, shot or deflection that hits the top netting will be spotted on white dot on the side of the field where the ball hit. A direct kick will be awarded. Teams who fail to place the ball properly (and restart within 5 seconds) will lose possession of the ball (similar to illegal throw-in outdoors). **The U8 and U10 divisions will be given 8 seconds for a restart.**

**9. Instead of a goal kick, a goalkeeper will restart play w/ball in hand.** This restart will occur when the ball touches the netting behind either goal and was last touched by an offensive player. If the ball last touched a defensive player, a corner kick is awarded.

**10. On all free kicks, the defensive team must remain 5yds (15 feet) from the ball until the ball is kicked. The defensive team must immediately retreat to (15 feet) from the ball. Failure to do so is encroachment and results in a two minute penalty.**

**11. Only one whistle** will be sounded for free kicks unless it is a guaranteed substitution situation. Players will have **5 seconds to take the kick** after it is positioned. Failure to take such kick within five seconds results in a free kick for the opposing team.

On any free kick the kicker may not touch the ball again until the ball has been touched by another player.

**12. The center line rule will not be in effect.**

**13. Crown Sports Center will not use a three line rule or off-sides rule.**

**14. CARDS**

Blue Card---2 Minute "Minor" Penalty-(Blue Card-player serves entire 2 minute penalty and team plays man down for 2 minutes or until a goal is scored)

Example-encroachment, persistent fouling/violations, etc.

Yellow Card---5 Minute "Major" Penalty – (Yellow Card-player serves 5 minute penalty and team plays man down for 2 minutes or until a goal is scored)

Example-dissent, language, rough fouls, etc.

**Two yellow cards DOES equal a red card. (see # 15)** . The team will play a man down for the remainder of the game.

Carded players must serve the entire time of the penalty regardless if a goal is scored.

**15. Game Ejections (Red Card team will play a man down for remainder of game) Verbal/Physical Abuse towards official, coach, opponent, fan or Crown Sports Center employee. Player or Coach will serve a minimum 1 game suspension or additional suspension as decided by Crown Sports Center.**

**16. Penalty kicks** will be awarded for direct free kick fouls which occur within the penalty area. The keeper must stand with heels on the goal line and may not move forward until the ball is kicked. The kicker may not kick the ball until the referee signals with a whistle. The kicker may not play the ball a second time until the ball touches the keeper or another player.

**Penalty Kicks - U8 and U10 - Ball placed on the top of the white box.**

**U12 division and older - Ball will be placed at the top of the yellow arc.**

**17. Goalkeepers:** After gaining possession (safety first-protect the keeper) of a ball, the goalkeeper must release it within five seconds. If the goalkeeper kicks the ball while he is outside of the penalty area, he may not handle the ball inside the penalty area until it has been touched by an opponent. The goalkeeper may not pick up a ball that has been intentionally passed to him by a teammate off of that teammate's foot. If there is obstruction or inadvertent charging committed against the goalkeeper, the referee will award an indirect free kick. Violent or serious foul play against the goalkeeper may result in a two minute penalty or ejection. After the keeper has gained possession the defense must either stand still or take the closest exit out of the box. **The goalkeeper may not punt or dropkick the ball.**

**18. \*\*\*Goalkeeper- Ball distribution/ball in hand- *The keeper may only throw the ball.* Once the keeper controls the ball and then releases the ball the goalkeeper may not touch the ball again until the ball has been touched by another player. Note- the Goalkeeper may use his/her feet to save a shot or clear a ball. \* \* \***

Any goalkeeper infraction results in a free kick (direct) awarded to the opponents at the center spot mark.

19. All free kicks resulting from side netting out of bounds are direct. Kick-offs

are indirect. Any goal kick “ball in hand” situations are also direct. The kick-off may travel **forward or backward**.

20. Crown Sports Center will follow Major Indoor Soccer League rules for all situations not otherwise covered in these rules.

**21. Standings** will be based on three points for a win and one point for a tie, and one point subtracted for a forfeit. Scores will be reported by game officials. Ties in standings will be broken by:

- a. head to head play (wins/losses, then goal differential in head to head play)  
May be different in tournament play.
- b. if tie still exists then total least goals allowed.
- c. if still tied, we will have co-champions.

22. Any team forfeiting a game must pay all officials scheduled for that game. This payment must be made directly to Crown Sports Center prior to that team’s next game. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of all remaining games.

**23. Tournaments** held at Crown Sports Center will follow these rules except:

- a. length of games will be announced prior to tournament
- b. there will be no time-outs unless otherwise notified by referee.
- c. all tournament play will be six-a-side (five plus keeper)

24. All Crown Sports Center leagues will adhere to special mercy rule if the losing team requests. On any goal differential of 8 or more goals, the trailing team may add an extra field player.

## **ADDITIONAL RULES – ADDED 1/3/2010**

### **25. BLOOD RULE**

- If and when an official observes a player is bleeding, or has an open wound, or has an excessive amount of blood on his/her uniform (clothing), the player must leave the game.
- In an instance when a substitute is not available, the official may allow time for the player to receive medical attention, but the time may not be excessive in the judgment of the official.
- If a substitute is available, the player must leave and may not re-enter until after the clock has run and a substitution opportunity occurs.

**26. ACCUMULATION OF YELLOW CARDS** - if a player receives (1) yellow in a game, but is receiving (1) yellow card in several separate games (a total of 4 yellow cards) this will constitute a red card and player will sit out the next game his/her team plays. Player will need to meet with Crown Sports Center management prior to being able to participate. Player will need to contact Crown Sports Center to set up this appointment.

Contact Crown Sports Center at 410-742-6000 for any further information.

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