

7 v 7, 8 v 8, 9 v 9 - 2017-18 Indoor Soccer Rules

7 v 7, 8 v 8, 9 v 9 Indoor Soccer follows the FIFA/IFAB Laws of the game, with the following modifications:

Providing the principles of the rules are followed, the rules may be modified locally in the following aspects:

- Size of the field of play (to accommodate available space)
- Number of players (to accommodate age and field size)
- Substitutions – relating to numbers allowed
- Duration of the periods of play – relating to facility booking periods

Law 1 – The Field of Play

- The field dimensions are determined by the facility used and marked accordingly, using all markings required by the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Law 3 – The Players

- A match is played by two teams, with the maximum number determined locally by age and field size. 7v7, 8v8, 9v9 - are all permissible.
- The minimum number to start or continue a match will be at the competition's discretion.

Law 5 – The Referee

- The match will be officiated by a referee, or a referee and one or two assistant referees.

Law 7 – The Duration of the match

- The match consists of two equal halves, the length to be determined locally by field booking times.
- There is no allowance for time lost.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play

- Normal ball in and out of play principles apply from the Laws of the Game, relating to boundary lines or when the game is stopped by the referee.
- The ball is also out of play when it touches the ceiling or building structure overhanging the field of play. The restart will be a throw in to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball, at the touchline closest to where the ball touched the ceiling.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

- Competition rules will determine whether spitting on the field is a Caution or a Send Off offence.
- If a player is sent off, their team is not reduced in numbers on the field, but the player takes no further part in the match.

Law 13 – Free Kicks

- Until the ball is in play, all opponents must remain at least 5 yards from the ball, unless they are on their own goal line between the goal posts.