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HOLLANDIA **OFF THE WALL**



TOURNAMENT RULES



The boarded indoor soccer game provides a fast, entertaining game with minimum delays. The compact spectator areas at the Henk Ruys Soccer Centre provides a great social environment for athletes, parents and spectators.

These rules are designed to promote these aspects of the game, while taking special measures to ensure the safety of players, especially around the boards.



POOLS

- i. Each team is guaranteed three (3) games.
- ii. U9 and U11 divisions will not have standings or medal rounds as per SSA and CSA development policy.
 - a. U9 and U11 divisions with three (3) teams will play two (2) games against each team within its pool.
 - b. U9 and U11 divisions with four (4) or more teams will follow the below formats for round robin, excluding any medal rounds.
- iii. U13-U19 age divisions with three (3) teams will play one (1) game against each team within their pool. The top team after the round robin will advance to the Final. The remaining two (2) teams will play a semi-final game, with the winner advancing to the Final.
- iv. Age divisions with four (4) teams will play one (1) game against each team within their pool. The top two (2) teams after the round robin will advance to the Final.
- v. Age divisions with five (5), seven (7), or nine (9) teams will play one (1) game against each team within their pool. The top two teams after the round robin will advance to the Final.
- vi. Age divisions with six (6) teams will be split into two (2) pools of three (3) teams. Each team in Pool A will play each team in Pool B. The top two (2) teams overall after the round-round will advance to the Final.
- vii. Age divisions with eight (8) teams will be divided into two (2) pools. Each pool will play one game against each team within their pool. The top team in Pool A and the top team in Pool B after the round robin will advance to the Final.
- viii. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide final team placement.



POOL RANKING

- i. All teams are ranked on the following four (4) criteria, in order of importance:
 - a. Total number of points -- Each team receives three (3) points for a win and one (1) for a tie.
 - b. Previous match results -- Winner of the match between two (2) teams tied shall be awarded the higher position.
 - c. Goal difference -- Subtract total goals allowed from total goals scored in calculating goal difference. A maximum difference of five (5) will be allowed for any one (1) game.
 - d. Least number of goals against (all goals count).
- ii. If two or more teams are still tied under criteria 1 (a-d), the teams must then contact Tournament Headquarters to be assigned a time for penalty kicks to take place to decide the winner.

OVERTIME PERIODS

- i. No overtime periods will be played in round robin play.
- ii. In playoff competition, no overtime periods will be played. Regular FIFA penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner.



PLAYOFF PROCEDURE

- i. It is the responsibility of the team officials to determine if a team advances to the playoffs (semi-finals & finals). Information on standings will be available at Tournament Headquarters and online at hollandiasoccer.ca

GAME PROCEDURE

- i. Except as otherwise provided here, the FIFA 'Laws of the Game' shall apply to any and all competition.
- ii. U9 shall be played on a modified field. The field size will be reduced and goal lines will be established. The wall on either side will be live. If the ball wholly crosses the goal line, the game is restarted by a Corner or Goal kick.
- iii. For U9, the game shall be played by two teams, each consisting of five (5) players on the court, one (1) of whom shall be the Goalkeeper.
- iv. For U11-U13, the game shall be played by two teams, each consisting of seven (7) players on the court, one (1) of whom shall be the Goalkeeper.
- v. For U15-U19, the game shall be played by two teams, each consisting of six (6) players on the court, one (1) of whom shall be the Goalkeeper.
 - a. A game shall not commence or continue if either team has less than four (4) players.
- vi. All boards and areas in white are live, except for the area above the yellow line behind both goals. Any ball contacting the wall above this line will be rendered out of bounds. The netting above the red line surrounding the playing area is out of play. All other areas in grey and the railing in front of the spectator areas are out of play.



- vii. A special ball that is suited to the tile surface will be provided by the tournament host, and must be used for all games. Teams do not need to provide game balls.
- viii. Any player who tries to dispossess an opponent of the ball by sliding shall be guilty of slide tackling and will be cautioned.
- ix. Any player using a tackle with reckless force causing an opponent to make contact with the boards will be shown the yellow card and cautioned. If the tackle is deemed to be of excessive force the offending player will be shown the red card and ejected for serious foul play.
- x. Hard casts are not permitted under the jurisdiction of FIFA and CSA. Soft casts are permitted under the referees discretion.
- xi. The first team listed on the schedule is the Home Team.
- xii. The Home Team must have an alternate jersey and be prepared to change, if in the opinion of the referee, there is a colour conflict.
- xiii. Please leave the field and team areas clean after each game.
- xiv. In all games in which a winner must be declared, the format will be set forth by the Tournament Committee (see above).
- xv. Guest players:
 - a. MUST be registered with SSA (or equivalent governing soccer body) and play in an equivalent or lower division to what they are registered in in their existing league.
 - b. MUST have completed and signed the Hollandia Off the Wall guest player form.
- xvi. Players are permitted to play on only one team for the tournament. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to this rule in unique situations.
- xvii. On-field warm up time will be minimal.



SUBSTITUTIONS

- i. Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed at any time during the game, as long as:
 - a. The players do not interfere with the play or enable their team to gain a direct advantage.
 - b. Players are within 2 metres (6ft 7in) of the bench area before a substitute player may enter the field of play.
 - c. Substitutions are made only to and from the team bench.
 - d. The taking of a free kick shall not be delayed to allow a substitution to be made.
- ii. Should a team having too many players on the playing area score a goal, the goal shall be disallowed. The play shall be restarted by an indirect kick taken from inside the goal area.
- iii. Bench doors must remain closed during play with the exception of substitutions.
- iv. Players arriving after the game has started must wait for a stoppage in play and receive the referees' permission to go across the field of play to their teams' bench.
- v. Should a player enter or leave the field of play for any other reason not mentioned in Law 3 the player shall be cautioned and if play is stopped to administer caution play shall be restarted with an indirect free kick awarded to the opposing team in accordance with Law 13.





PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

- i. Equipment shall consist of a numbered shirt, shorts, socks, shin pads, and footwear designed for indoor use.
 - a. No cleats of any kind are allowed on the tile surface.
 - b. All players on the same team shall wear the same coloured shirts and shall not have any identical numbers.
 - c. Goalkeepers shall wear colours which are distinguishable from all other players and referees.
- ii. Players must not wear equipment or anything which endangers themselves or other players including any kind of jewelry.

THE REFEREE

- i. A referee shall be appointed to officiate in each game. The referee's authority shall commence as soon as the referee enters the playing facility and shall extend to offences committed when the game is in progress or when the game is over and the referee has left the facility.
 - a. The referee's decision on points of fact connected with play shall be final.
 - b. The power and duties of the referee are as per the FIFA 'Laws of the Game'.
- ii. Appropriate equipment and inappropriate jewelry will be at the discretion of the referee.
- iii. If an assistant referee is appointed to the game, their duties are to act as a time-keeper and assist the referee to control the game.
- iv. **The referee shall receive special instruction to ensure the safety of the players by ensuring that there is absolutely no physical play in the immediate vicinity of the boards.**



DURATION OF MATCH

- i. The duration of the game shall consist of two (2) twenty (20) minute halves with a three (3) minute break at half time for U9 and two (2) twenty-five (25) minute halves with a three (3) minute break at half time for U11-U17.
- ii. Time shall be extended at the end of each half of play to allow the taking of a penalty kick to be concluded.
- iii. In all games in which a winner must be declared, the format will be set forth by the Tournament Committee.
- iv. If the score is tied at the end of the match where a winner must be declared, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken. All players of both teams are eligible to take part in the taking of the kicks from the penalty mark (except any players serving a yellow card penalty at the end of the game or any players ejected from the game). The following conditions will apply:
 - a. Both teams must have the same number of players eligible to participate in kicks from the mark. If one team has more players eligible they must reduce eligible players from their lineup to ensure even numbers of eligible players on both teams. All players will remain at the centre line except the keeper and kicker taking the penalty kick. The keeper from the team not taking the kick shall wait on the side at the spot where the penalty area line connects with the boards.
 - b. The referee will decide on which goal the kicks will take place on.
 - c. The referee will toss a coin with both team captains. The winner of the coin toss shall have the choice whether to kick first or second.
 - d. Both teams shall take five (5) kicks taken alternatively.



- e. Each kick shall be taken by a different player. Not until all eligible players of a team, including the goalkeeper, have taken a kick may a player of the same team take a second kick.
- f. Any player who is eligible may change place with the goalkeeper at any time during the taking of the kicks.
- g. The taking of the kicks shall be in accordance with Law 13.

START OF PLAY

- i. At the beginning of the game, the home team will decide which goal it will attack in the first half of the game. The visiting team takes the kick-off to start the game. The home team will kick-off to start the second half of the game.
- ii. At the kick-off, all players shall be in their own half of the playing area. All players opposing the team taking the kick-off shall not be less than 3 metres (9ft 10in) from the ball until it is kicked. The game shall be started by the referee giving a signal. The ball is in play once it is kicked. For any infringement of this law, the kick-off shall be retaken. A goal may be scored directly from a kick-off.
- iii. Should the player who took the kick-off touch the ball a second time before it has been touched or played by another player, an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team in accordance to Law 12.
- iv. After a goal has been scored, the game shall be restarted by a kick-off, to be taken by the opposing team that was scored on.
- v. At the end of the first half of play, the teams shall change ends and the kick-off shall be taken by the team who did not start with the ball at the beginning of the first half.
- vi. For any stoppages not mentioned in these Laws, the referee shall restart the game with a dropped ball. The ball shall be dropped at the place where the ball was, when play was stopped. The ball shall be in place as soon as it touches the floor.



BALL IN & OUT OF PLAY

- i. The ball is out of play:
 - a. When play has been stopped by the referee.
 - b. When the ball has wholly crossed the out of play yellow line above each goal at the end of the field (U11-U19) or has wholly crossed the goal line at the end of the field (U9).
 - c. When the ball contacts the netting above the red line.
 - d. When the ball hits any of the grey wall, or the railing above the netting protecting the spectators, leaves the field of play, or touches the ceiling.
- ii. In the event of the ball striking the ceiling or going out of the playing area the referee shall restart the game with an indirect free kick that shall be taken from the place where the ball was last touched by a player of the opposing team.
- iii. The ball is in play at all other times, including:
 - a. When it rebounds into play from any of the white boards or walls under the out of play yellow line marked on both ends of the field.
 - b. When it rebounds from the referee when the referee is in the playing area.

METHOD OF SCORING

- i. A goal is scored when the whole of the ball has crossed over the goal line, between the goal posts and under the crossbar.
- ii. The referee shall be the sole judge as to whether a goal has been scored.





OFF-SIDE

- i. There is no off-side.

TIME CARD PENALTIES

- i. A yellow time card penalty is a four (4) minute penalty that must be served by the guilty player which includes the goalkeepers. The team is reduced by one (1) player while the player is serving the penalty. If a team is playing shorthanded due to a yellow time card penalty and they are scored against the penalty is now over the player may leave the penalty box and the team returns to full strength. When a player is serving a four (4) minute yellow time card penalty and their penalty has expired they may return to the field of play on the signal from the referee. Play does not need to be stopped for the player to return to the field of play.
- ii. A red card offence is a six (6) minute penalty. The player receiving the red card will need to leave the field of play immediately. The team with the red card penalty will play shorthanded for the penalty in its entirety, no matter how many goals are scored. The team with the red card penalty will not have to put an additional player in the penalty box to serve the penalty.
- iii. Times are not added together, and time served shall be that of the most severe time penalty.
- iv. No team shall be more than two (2) players short.
- v. If a third player from a team shall be penalized while two players of the same team are serving penalties, the penalty of the third player shall not commence until the penalty time of the first player already penalized, has elapsed. Nevertheless, the third player penalized must at once proceed to the penalty box but may be replaced by a substitute until such a time as the penalty of the penalized player shall commence.



- vi. When any team shall have three (3) players serving penalties at the same time because of the delayed penalty rule, and a substitute for the third offender is on the floor, none of the three (3) penalized players on the bench may return to the floor until play has stopped. When play has been stopped, the player whose full penalty has expired may return to play.
- vii. Any player in the penalty box at the end of the game, should the game go to penalty kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner, is ineligible to take part in the penalty kicks.

FREE KICKS

- i. Free kicks shall be awarded under the heading: "Direct and Indirect"
- ii. For any infringement of the Laws of the Game when the ball is in play, the referee may award a free kick to the team opposing that of the offending player. The free kick shall be taken from the place where the offence occurred, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Any free kick awarded for an offence committed close to the wall shall be taken 1.5 metres (4ft 11 in) from the wall, at the point nearest to where the offence occurred.
 - b. Any indirect free kick awarded to the attacking team within the opponent's penalty area shall be taken from the part of the penalty area line which runs parallel to the goal-line, at the point nearest to where the offence was committed.
- iii. At the taking of the free kick, the ball shall be stationary and all opponents shall be not less than 3 metres (9ft 10 in) from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play when it has been kicked and it moves.
- iv. A player taking a free kick shall not touch the ball for a second time until it has been touched by another player. For any infringement of this Law, an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team.



- v. All defensive free kicks awarded in the defending teams penalty area must leave the penalty area from the original kick before the ball is in play.
- vi. In the event of the ball striking the ceiling or going out of the playing area the referee shall restart the game with an indirect free kick that shall be taken from the place where the ball was last touched by a player of the opposing team.

PENALTY KICKS

- i. A penalty kick shall be taken from the penalty-mark. At the top of the penalty area, all players with the exception of the goalkeeper and the player taking the kick, shall be outside the penalty area and behind the penalty mark/ball but within the playing-area and not less than 3 metres (9ft 10 in) from the ball until the ball has been kicked.
- ii. The goalkeeper must remain on his/her goal line facing the kicker between the goal posts, until the ball is kicked.
- iii. The ball must be kicked forward. The player shall not play the ball a second time until it has been touched by another player. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves. A goal may be scored directly from a penalty kick.
- iv. Time of play shall be extended at the end of play to allow a penalty kick to be taken.
- v. For any infringement for the above Law, the referee shall allows the kick to be taken:
 - a. If the infringement is by a player from the attacking team and the ball enters the goal, the kick is retaken.
 - b. If the ball does not enter the goal the referee will stop play and award an indirect free kick to the opposing team at the place where the infringement occurred.



- c. If the infringement is by a player from the defending team and the ball enters the goal, the goal is allowed.
- d. If the infringement is by a player from the defending team and the ball does not enter the goal the kick is retaken.
- e. If the infringement is by a member from both teams the kick is retaken.

PROTESTS

- i. No protests will be heard on any judgement calls by the referee. Protests will be allowed on eligibility or other technical matters. All decisions by the referee will be final concerning the outcome of games.
- ii. Protests, problems, or complaints will be dealt with provided they are in writing and submitted to the Tournament Committee within one (1) hour after the completion of the game.

FIELD MARSHALS

- i. Field Marshals will be provided by the Tournament host.
- ii. Please remember coaches and managers are responsible for the behaviour of their players and fans as per the SSA Code of Conduct.
- iii. All spectators must watch the games from the stands areas. Spectators who attempt to watch any games at field level will be asked to move upstairs to the stands.



DISCIPLINE RULES

SPECIAL NOTE -- Any player pushing or body checking another player into the boards shall be immediately ejected from the game.

The purpose of the live boards is to create a fast-moving environment without delays when the ball goes out of play as in unboarded games. "Boarding" of an opponent by propelling them into the boards is considered serious foul play and is punishable by a penalty or possible ejection.

Players are required to play under control when approaching the boards, and not to table using the boards to stop an opponent. Referees will remind players of the need to play under control when approaching the boards. Tackles along the boards will be penalized by a free-kick to the team in possession of the ball at the time that the tackle is made.


The Hollandia Off the Wall Tournament Committee has established a Tournament Discipline Committee.

- i. Discipline guidelines will follow the rules set forth by Saskatoon Youth Soccer.
- ii. An ejection resulting in a one (1) game suspension cannot be appealed
- iii. Suspended players or team personnel cannot be on the bench during any games.
- iv. Misconduct by players or team officials reported to the referee shall be dealt with by the Tournament Discipline Committee prior to the next game.




- v. If the right to a hearing is not waived, or if the Tournament Discipline Committee at their sole discretion shall so decide, the Tournament Discipline Committee shall conduct hearings to deal with misconducts that may be deemed above and beyond that which constitutes a one (1) game suspension.
- vii. The Tournament Discipline Committee, if warranted, will send the misconduct of any player, coach, or spectator related to the club to the respective soccer association the individuals are involved in where further discipline may occur.
- viii. Discipline Infractions -- The Tournament Discipline Committee will follow these guidelines:
 - a. The Tournament Discipline Committee may take any disciplinary action it sees fit, including suspension from Tournament play. Any suspension shall take effect immediately and shall be from all tournament games.
 - b. The Tournament Discipline Committee will forward their findings and reports to the governing body whose player was subject to discipline.
 - c. Guidelines for the Hollandia Off the Wall Discipline Committee can be found in Appendix A.
- ix. Offences against Officials, at the discretion of the Tournament Discipline Committee may be referred to SSA to deal with, in which case offenders are suspended with immediate effect until the SSA has taken action.
- x. Any player or team official reported for misconduct who elects to have a hearing, or where the Tournament Discipline Committee has called the hearing, shall attend the hearing and may be accompanied by a club representative.
- xi. Failure to attend, after notification by Tournament Staff, shall result in immediate suspension until the player or team official involved requests a further hearing in writing, and appears at that subsequent hearing.



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- xii. The Tournament Discipline Committee shall hold a hearing into the behaviour of any player or team official alleged by the Tournament Staff to have brought the game into dispute.

HEARINGS

- i. A Tournament Discipline Hearing Committee shall have no less than three members, one of whom shall act as Chairperson.
 - ii. The Tournament Discipline Hearing Committee shall satisfy itself that the person charged has details of the charge.
 - iii. The person charged or his/her representative, shall be entitled to make a submission.
 - iv. At any time, the Chairperson and, through him/her, members of the committee, may ask questions of the witness to clear up any doubts which may exist.
 - v. If the charge is found “not proved” the session will be declared closed.
 - vi. If the charge is found “proved” the Committee shall proceed to decide whether any, and if so what, disciplinary action shall be taken.
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SK LAWS

- i. All players eligible to play in the Hollandia Off the Wall Tournament are “minors” in the Province of Saskatchewan. Possession or use of alcohol by minors is illegal. Any report of use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will result in expulsion from the tournament.
- ii. Any person who defaces, destroys, steals, or otherwise abuses the facilities of the Hollandia Off the Wall Tournament or any Hollandia property will be expelled from the tournament.



REFUND POLICY

- i. There will be no refunds after the registration deadline.
- ii. Refunds prior to the final registration deadline will be in full.



MISCONDUCT AGAINST OPPONENTS OR PERSON OTHER THAN MATCH OFFICIALS OR ORGANIZERS

NAME/DESCRIPTION OF MISCONDUCT	FINE	SANCTION(S)
.1 Player: Serious foul play - including the use of excessive or brute force when challenging the ball	As per competition regulations	1st - 2 matches 2nd - 5 matches 3rd - 6 matches
.2 Player: Violent conduct - including elbowing, punching, kicking, running the goalkeeper, or other acts deemed violent (except against a match official)	As per competition regulations	1st - 3 matches 2nd - 6 months 3rd - 1 year
.3 Player: Biting or spitting at an opponent or any other person (except when against a match official)	As per competition regulations	All soccer related activity (prov wide) 1st - 6 matches 2nd - 1 year 3rd - 2 years
.4 Player: Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (except a goalkeeper in their own penalty area)	As per competition regulations	1 match
.5 Player: Denying a goal or obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick.	As per competition regulations	1 match
.6 Player: Using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures (except when against a match official)	As per competition regulations	1st - 3 matches 2nd - 6 matches 3rd - 1 year
.7 Player: Receiving a second caution (yellow card) in the same match	As per competition regulations	1st - 1 match 3rd - 2 matches 5th - 3 matches
.8 Team Personnel: Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team. ie. Holding onto the ball, kicking the ball away, obstructing movement.	As per competition regulations	1 match
.9 Team Personnel: Deliberately leaving the technical area to: show dissent towards, or remonstrate with, a match official; act in a provocative or inflammatory manner.	As per competition regulations	1st - 5 matches 2nd - 6 months 3rd - 1 year
.10 Team Personnel: Enter the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner	As per competition regulations	1st - 3 matches 2nd - 6 months 3rd - 1 year

.11 Team Personnel: Deliberately throwing/kicking an object onto the field of play	As per competition regulations	1st - 1 match 2nd - 5 matches 3rd - 6 months
.12 Team Personnel: Entering the field of play to: confront a match official (including at half and full-time); and interfere with play, and opposing player or match official.	As per competition regulations	1st - 5 matches 2nd - 6 months 3rd - 1 year
.13 Team Personnel: Physical or aggressive behaviour (including spitting or biting) towards an opposing player, substitute, team official, spectator or any other person (ie. ball boy/girl, security, or competition official) (except when against a match official)	As per competition regulations	All soccer related activity (prov wide) 1st - 8 matches 2nd - 1 year 3rd - 2 years
.14: Team Personnel: Receiving a second caution in the same match	As per competition regulations	1st - 1 match 3rd - 2 matches 5th - 3 matches
.15 Team Personnel: Using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures (except when against a match official).	As per competition regulations	1st - 3 matches 2nd - 6 matches 3rd - 1 year
.16: Using unauthorized electronic or communication equipment and/or behaving in an inappropriate manner as the result of using electronic or communication equipment	As per competition regulations	1 match
.17: Violent conduct	As per competition regulations	1st - 5 matches 2nd - 6 months 3rd - 1 year

MISCONDUCT AGAINST MATCH OFFICIALS AND ORGANIZERS

NAME/DESCRIPTION OF MISCONDUCT	FINE	SANCTION(S)
.1: Using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures toward a match official or organizer	\$300	1st - 6 matches + RiS participation 2nd - 12 matches + \$600 fine 3rd - 1 year + \$2500 fine + \$1000 bond
.2: Failing to leave the field of play after dismissal, and/or delaying the restart of play due to negative reaction to referee sanctions, and/or refusing to comply with the directives of the match official	\$300	6 matches

.3: Entering the match official change room/personal space without invitation to engage in discussion in a threatening or unwarranted manner

\$300

All soccer related activity (prov wide)
1st - 6 matches + RiS participation
2nd - 12 matches + \$600 fine
3rd - 1 year + \$2500 fine + \$1000 bond

.4: Refusal to leave the match official change room/personal space in a timely manner after being dismissed or directed

As per competition regulations

All soccer related activity (prov wide)
1st - 6 matches + RiS participation
2nd - 12 matches + \$600 fine



Hollandia Off the Wall is approved
by Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. and sanctioned by the
Saskatchewan Soccer Association.

More information available online at hollandiasoccer.ca

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