



Saskatoon Adult Soccer

Rule Changes for 2020 Outdoor Season

As per IFAB and FIFA Rules

Dropped Ball

- If play is stopped inside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for the goalkeeper
- If play is stopped outside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for one player of the team who last touched the ball
- The opposition must be 4M away when a dropped ball is awarded
- If the ball touches a referee and goes into the goal, the team possession changes, or a promising attack starts, a dropped ball will be awarded.

The drop ball requirement has been removed to reduce handling of the ball and has been converted to an indirect free kick. If the drop ball is inside the penalty area after hitting the Referee, the ball automatically goes to the Goalkeeper. The Referee leaves the ball on the ground, and the Goalkeeper picks it up.

Free Kicks (All Indirect during SAS Mini-League)

- When a defending team takes a free kick in their own penalty area, the ball is in play once the kick is taken; it does not have to leave the penalty area before it can be played.
- When there is a 'wall' of three or more defenders, the attacking players are not allowed within 1M of the wall.

Goal Kicks

- The Ball is in play once the kick is taken; it can be played before leaving the penalty area

Handball

- Deliberate Handball remains an offense

The Following 'handball' situations, even if accidental, will be a free kick:

- The ball goes in after touching an attacking player hand/arm
- a player gains control/possession of the ball after it has touched their hand/arm and then scores, or creates a goal-scoring opportunity
- the ball touches a player's hand/arm which has made their body unnaturally bigger
- the ball touches a player's hand/arm when it is above their shoulder (unless the player has deliberately played the ball which then touches their hand/arm)



The Following will not usually be a free kick, unless they are one of the above situations:

- the ball touches a player's hand/arm directly from their own head/body/foot or the head/body/foot of another player who is close/near
- the ball touches a player's hand/arm which is close to their body and has not made their body unnaturally bigger
- if a player is falling and the ball touches their hand/arm when it is between their body and the ground to support the body (but not extended to make the body bigger)
- If the goalkeeper attempted to 'clear' (release into play), a throw-in or deliberate kick from a team-mate but the 'clearance' fails, the goalkeeper can then handle the ball

Kick Off

- The team that wins the coin toss can now choose to take the kick-off or which goal to attack (previously they only had the choice of which goal to attack)
- **There will be no gathering at a Coin Toss. The Home Team chooses every game, at every level.**

Quick Free Kick and YC/RC

- If the referee is about to issue a YC/RC but the non-offending team takes the free kick quickly and creates a goal scoring opportunity, the referee can delay the YC/RC until the next stoppage if the offending team was not distracted by the referee

Substitutes

- A player who is being substituted must leave the field by the nearest point on the touchline/goal line (unless the referee indicates the player can leave quickly/immediately at the halfway line or a different point because of safety, injury etc.)

Team Officials

- A team official (coach) guilty of a misconduct will be shown a YC (caution) or RC (sending-off): if the offender cannot be identified, the senior coach who is in the technical area at the time will receive the YC/RC.