

2019-20 - 7 v 7, 8 v 8, 9 v 9 - Modified 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
- **Offside – there is no offside in Modified Indoor Soccer (adopted August 22nd, 2019)**

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 **single referee, or a referee and one assistant referee (off field)**

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

- 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.
- Competition rules will determine whether spitting on the field is a Caution or a Send Off offence.

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.

If an off field assistant referee is appointed, their duties, subject to the decision of the referee, are:

- to assist the referee in controlling the match both on the field and with the team benches.
- to manage the substitution process.

- The assistant referee will also indicate:
 - when the whole of the ball leaves the field of play at the near touchline.
 - which team is entitled to any restart.
 - when misconduct or any other incident occurs out of the view of the referee.
 - when offences have been committed whenever the assistant referee has a better view than the referee (this includes, in certain circumstances, offences committed in the penalty area).

- The assistant referee will use a whistle and arm signals for communication, the same as an assistant referee in the boarded game.