

# **Modifications of USSF Rules for Indoor 2016 Fall Cup Tournament Play**

## **GENERAL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES**

### *Food and Other Foreign Objects*

- (a) Players are not allowed to chew gum or eat anything at any time on the field.
- (b) No food or drink products are allowed on the turf surface.
- (c) No spitting on the turf. The offender may be subjected to ejection from the facility by facility staff.
- (d) Only WATER is allowed in the technical bench areas. All empty bottles and containers must be removed or thrown away after every game.
- (e) Any foreign material (i.e. pre-wrap, athletic tape, Band-Aid wrapping, etc.) around the technical bench areas must be removed or thrown away after every game.
- (f) Unless modified herein FIFA Laws of the Game will be applied to all indoor games

## **ROSTERS AND PLAYER PASSES**

Teams must supply an official tournament Game Roster prior to the start of each match.

## **RULES OF PLAY**

Conform to USSF Laws of the Game and UAYSL modifications for indoor play unless otherwise noted. U6 and U8 Divisions will conform to US Youth Soccer Laws of the game for those age groups.

### **Game Time**

Games will start no later than 5 minutes after the hour and end no later than on the hour; however, a ten-minute grace period will be given to teams without the minimum number of players to start the game. This grace period will count as part of the game time. The clock is running.

### **Number of Players**

- (a) U6/8 recreational teams will play 4v4 on ½ End Zone fields.
- (b) U9-U14 will play 7v7 on 1/3 Full Field.
- (d) U14-U19 will play 6v6 on 1/3 Full Field.
- (e) If playing in a combined age bracket, teams must comply with the rules as set for the older age group in the bracket.
- (f) U9-U19 games - All teams must have a minimum of five players at the start of the game; one must be the designated goal keeper. If a team for any reason falls to four players the match is terminated, and the team that cannot field at least five players must forfeit.

## **Player's Equipment**

Indoor, turf and molded cleats are all acceptable equipment. There will be absolutely no soft ground baseball, football or metal cleats allowed.

## **Kickoff**

The ball must move forward.

## **Offside**

Off-side will be called in all age groups matches, except U6/8, according to FIFA Offside Rules.

## **Ball Out-of-play**

Across the Touchline Throw-ins apply. The ball must re-enter the field of play within one yard of where it exited the field, and it may be thrown into the penalty area.

## **Sliding**

Slide tackling will be allowed in all Tournament age divisions except U8 and U9.

## **Distances from Restarts**

*THROW-INS:* Opponents must be at least (2) yards away from the thrower.

*ALL OTHER RESTARTS EXCEPT DROPPED BALLS:* Opponents must be at least 10 yards away.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Substitutions may be made at any stoppage with permission of the center ref. Substitutions may not enter the field of play without the permission of the referee. If a team is found to have more than the maximum number of players on the field, the extra players entering the field will receive a yellow card.

## **LENGTH OF GAMES**

Games will consist of two twenty-five minute halves with a two-minute halftime—52 minutes total for all Divisions except U6/8 which will play (4) 10 minutes quarters with 2 minutes between periods. There will be NO ADDED time for any reason! (injuries included)

Semi-Finals and Final Matches if tied at the end of regulation play will go straight to modified FIFA Kicks from the Mark. (Only (3) kicks instead of (5) and then (1) to (1) until a winner is declared) Only players on the field at the end of the match may participate in the kicks. There are no finals for U6/8 Divisions.

## **Ejections**

A player that has been ejected from a match may not play in the next scheduled game. A coach that is ejected from a match must sit out the next (2) matches for each team they coach. A second send off in the tournament will remove the player or coach from further participation in the tournament.

***Coaches shall be shown Yellow (Caution) and Red (Send Off) Cards***