

## **7 v 7, 8 v 8, 9 v 9 - 2018-19 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 – can be called in the opponent's half of the field OR the attacking third of the field depending on the size of the field of play, and the age group playing. **Individual competitions to determine.**

### **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.