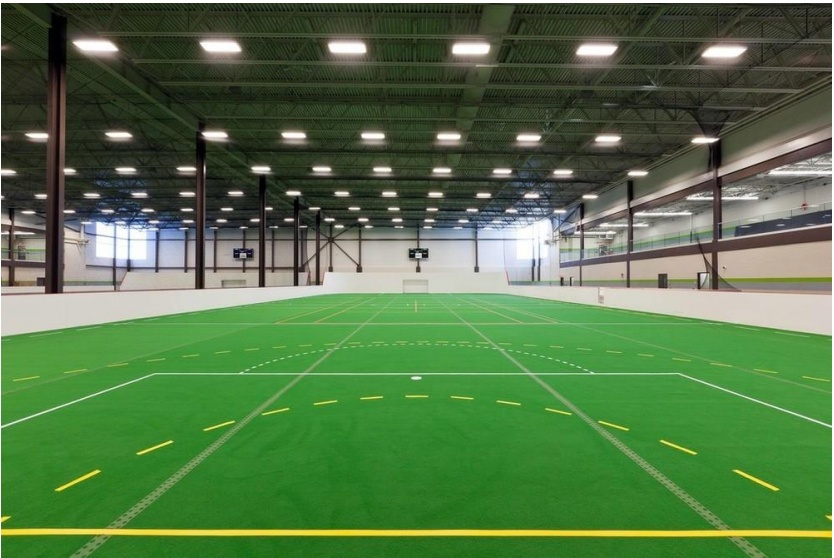




# The Rules of Indoor Soccer

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Changes to the rules are indicated in bold and underlined.

## Rule 8 – The Start and Restart of Play

Old:

all players, except the player taking the kick off,  
must be in their own half of the field

New:

all players, **except the player taking the kick off,  
must be** in their own half of the field

*This was actually changed in 2017, but was left marked as a change in 2018, as that is when we first saw it in the Laws of the Game.*

## Rule 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play

Old:

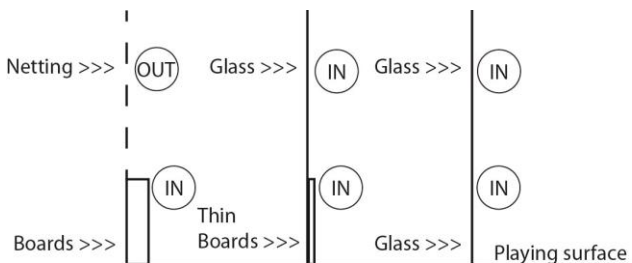
None

New:

**The glass above ‘thin’ boards is now in play, as it is difficult to judge a ball in or out at the joint of boards and glass**

*This been changed as it was proving very difficult in the newer centres to recognize whether the ball has touched the boards or the glass.*

The diagram has also been modified:



## Rule 12 – Fouls and Misconduct Serving Time Penalties

Old:

A player must serve the time penalty he is assessed unless:

it is his second caution in the match – in this case the player is sent off and a teammate of the player must serve the cautionable time penalty

a player is assessed a major time penalty. That player is sent off and a 5-minute major time penalty is assessed against the team, who play with one less player on the field of play, subject to the provisions of Rule 12. A team-mate of the player does not have to serve the major time penalty.

New:

a player is assessed a major time penalty **(including a second caution in the match)**. That player is sent off and a **2 or** 5-minute major time penalty is assessed against the team, who play with one less player on the field of play, subject to the provisions of Rule 12. A team-mate of the player does not have to serve the major time penalty.

*Two bullet points have been merged into one for efficiency. It also means that a team mate does not have to serve a two-minute penalty for a player who*

*received a second caution. It is now treated the same way as a 5 minute penalty, where the team plays short, but nobody sits in the penalty box.*

**Rule 12 – Fouls and Misconduct**  
**No relief of Major Time Penalty**

Old:

There is no relief of a major time penalty if a team is scored upon. The team continues to play shorthanded.

New:

There is no relief of a major time penalty **(2 or 5 minute)** if a team is scored upon. The team continues to play shorthanded.

*Clarifies that this applies to 2 and 5 minute Major Penalties.*

**Rule 12 – Fouls and Misconduct**  
**Limit on Time Penalties**

New:

**‘Technical Offence Or’** has been added to the beginning of each bullet point.

*Clarifies that the Limit on Time Penalties applies to all categories of penalties.*

**Rule 12 – Fouls and Misconduct**  
**Time Penalties Assessed to a Player Already Serving a Time Penalty**

Old:

If there are fewer than 5 minutes remaining in the match then the team must reduce the number of players on the field (subject to the minimum) to serve the additional penalty.

New:

If there are fewer than 5 minutes remaining in the match then the team must reduce the number of players on the field (subject to the minimum) to serve the additional penalty, **to commence after all penalty time to the player has expired.**

*Clarifies when the additional penalty will commence.*

## **Indoor Soccer Modifications**

### **For U9 & U11 (New)**

**In order to standardize rules around the province, we now have ‘published’ modifications to the Rules of Indoor Soccer for U9 and U11 games. Some of the Rules have no modifications and most are self-explanatory.**

### **Rule 1 – The Field of Play**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer, except that the Defensive Zone Line will also be used as the retreat line.

### **Rule 2 – The Ball**

- Each competition will determine a ball size appropriate for the age group.

### **Rule 3 – The Number of Players**

- Competition Rules *may* include an additional player on the field per team for U9 matches.

### **Rule 4 – The Players’ Equipment**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer.

## **Rule 5 – The Referee**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer, but refer to Rule 12 regarding Disciplinary Sanctions.

## **Rule 6 – The Assistant Referee**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer.

## **Rule 7 – The Duration of the match**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer, although Competition Rules *may* reduce the length of periods of play for U9 and U11.

## **Rule 8 The Start and Restart of Play**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer, with the following exceptions:
  - All starts and restarts in U9 are 'Indirect'.
  - In U9 and U11, the 'Retreat Line' will come into effect in two situations during the game.
    - A Goal Kick
    - A Free Kick to the defending team within its own goal area
    - The Retreat Line in U9 and U11 Indoor Soccer will be the nearest Defensive Zone Line.
    - If a member of the opposing team comes inside the Retreat Line before the ball has left the goal area and interferes with play, the Referee will stop play and the restart will be retaken.
    - When the ball has left the Goal Area, play will resume as normal and the opposing team can move inside the Retreat Line.

- Players can play the ball long if they wish in U9 and U11.

## **Rule 9 – The Ball In And Out of Play**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer.

## **Rule 10 – The Method of Scoring**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer.

## **Rule 11 – Three-Line Violation**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer.

## **Rule 12 - Fouls and Misconduct**

- For U11 – as per the Rules of Indoor Soccer, with the exception that the team will not play short if a player is serving a time penalty.
- For U9 – blue, yellow and red cards will not be used.
- In U9, if a player is playing roughly, the referee should request that the coach substitute the player, and the coach should advise the player to play in a fair manner.
- Any player who 'boards', spits at or strikes an opponent should take no further part in the game.

## **Rule 13 – Free Kicks**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer, with the exception that all free kicks at U9 are 'indirect'.
- The "Retreat Line" is in effect in U9 and U11 for free kicks taken by the defending team from within its own penalty area (see Rule 8).

## **Rule 14 – The Penalty Kick**

- U11 – As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer
- U9 – There are no penalty kicks in U9. If the defending team commits an offence inside their own penalty area, an indirect free kick is taken at the top of the penalty arc.

## **Rule 15 – Ball Out of Play: Ceiling or Side**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer. Except that the kick is 'indirect'.

## **Rule 16 – The Goal Kick**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer, with the following exceptions for U9:
  - The kick is 'indirect' in U9.
  - For U9, the goal kick may be taken from any point in the Penalty Area
- The 'Retreat Line is in effect in U9 and U11 (see Rule 8).

## **Rule 17 – The Corner Kick**

- As per the Rules of Indoor Soccer. Except that the kick is 'indirect' in U9.