



Peterborough Area Youth Soccer Indoor Soccer League Rules: Grades 3/4-5/6-7/8

All standard FIFA soccer rules apply
with the following modifications. (Changes in bold italic)

- 1) Sliding is not allowed. Opponent will be awarded an indirect kick. (Exception: goalkeeper diving to save shot.)
- 2) Offside is not enforced.
- 3) Walls, bleachers, etc. are in play. However, the spectators in the bleachers and walls above the spectators are out of play as is the ceiling **and all gym equipment such as, but not limited to, ropes, curtains, and basketball backboards.**
- 4) If a ball gets stuck in a dangerous area (corner, gymnastic equipment, etc) or goes out of the gym, then play will be stopped and restarted with a drop ball.
- 5) There are no corner kicks. If a ball goes up on the stage it is put back in play with a goal kick.
- 6) During indirect/direct kicks opponents must be at least 4 yards away. An indirect kick must be passed before there can be a shot on goal. **If, in the opinion of the referee, a shot takes place before a pass, the indirect kick is awarded to the opposing team.** Indirect kicks for offenses in the penalty area are taken at the closest point outside the penalty area.
- 7) Penalty Kicks; If a female is in the goal then a female must take the kick and visa-versa. PKs only in 5/6 and 7/8 league play. 3/4 direct kicks only outside penalty area.
- 8) Goalkeepers must throw a ball that is picked up. It cannot be punted. The ball must bounce once or be touched by a player before it crosses the halfway line. The violation results in an indirect kick at halfway to the other team. Goalkeepers may place the ball on the ground and play it with their feet directly over halfway. They may not pick the ball up again on that possession.
- 9) [A player is not removed by a team with a 4+ goal lead]
- 10) Third player in rule: If two opposing players are challenging for possession of the ball against the walls, bleachers, or corners and a third player goes in to challenge, the offending team shall lose possession and an indirect kick will be awarded to opposite team.
- 11) Goalkeepers must wear colored pinneys at all times.
- 12) Referees will not show yellow or red cards. Rather they may require a player to be substituted after reckless play that in the opinion of the referee calls for a "cooling-off" period. The referee will inform the coach when the player may return to the game (not to exceed one quarter.)
- 13) If a player or parent is negatively affecting the game, the Referee has full authority to ask the offender to leave the gym. If offender refuses to leave, **the referee will abandon the game, and the league may award a forfeit to the opposing team.**
- 14) Ties in playoff games (5/6 and 7/8 leagues only) will be decided as follows:
 - a) One five-minute period – no golden goal
 - b) A second five-minute period – no golden goal
 - c) 5 Penalty kicks per team
 - d) Another 5 penalty kicks per team (all players must shoot once before any player can shoot a second time.)