



The Rules of Indoor Soccer

2017-2018 – Summary of Changes



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Modifications

Rule changes are indicated in bold and underlined

Old: Provided the principles of these Rules are maintained, the Rules may be modified in their application for matches for players of under 12 years of age, for women footballers, for veteran footballers (over 35 years) and for players with disabilities.

New:

Provided the principles of these Rules are maintained, the Rules may be modified in their application for matches for players of under 12 years of age, over 35 years of age, and for players with disabilities.

Reference to ‘women’ players removed, to match 2017-18 IFAB Laws. Other wording adjusted to match Laws.

Rule 1 – The Field of Play

Old: None

New:

An optional mark may be placed 15 feet closer to the goal line than the restart mark at the centre of the defensive zone line.

To assist with enforcing the required distance at restarts

Rule 3 – The Number of Players

Player changing the goalkeeper without referee permission

Old: the referee cautions the players concerned when the ball is next out of play

New:

the referee cautions the players concerned when the ball is next out of play, **but not if the change occurred at halftime, (including extra time, or the period between the end of the match and the start of extra time and/or kicks from the penalty mark).**

Changed to match upcoming 2017-18 Laws

Rule 5 – The Referee

Decisions of the Referee

Old: The referee may only change a decision on realizing that it is incorrect or, at his discretion, on the advice of the assistant referee, provided that he has not restarted play or terminated the match.

New:

The referee may not change a decision on realizing that it is incorrect or on the advice of another match official if play has restarted, or the referee has signalled the end of the first or second half (including extra time) and left the field of play or terminated the match.

To match 2016-17 Laws

Rule 8 – The Start and Restart of Play

Time Restrictions on Restarts

Old: None

New:

On any start or restart, the team entitled to the kick has five (5) seconds to play the ball.

In the event of taking more than five (5) seconds, the kicker is penalized by a 2-minute technical offence penalty for delaying the restart. However, that team remains entitled to the restart.

New placement and heading for simplicity and consistency

Kick Off

Old: all players are 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

To match 2017-18 Laws

Kick Off

Old: None

New:

The team taking the kick must have all 'eligible' players on the field prior to taking the kick

New wording – to avoid trickery

Kick Off

Old: the ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward

New:

the ball is in play when it is kicked and **clearly moves, in any direction**

To match 2016-17 Laws

Dropped Ball

Old: None

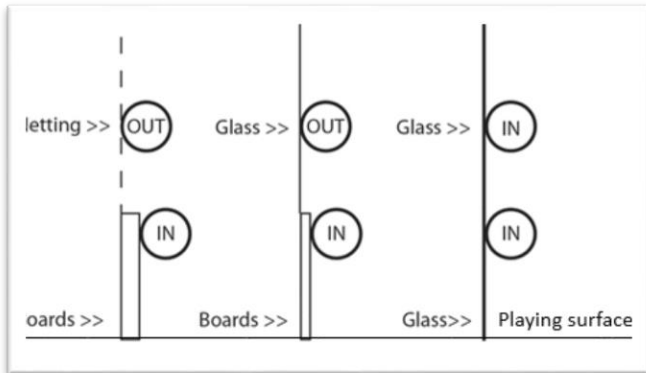
New:

If a dropped ball enters the goal without touching at least two players, play is restarted with:
a goal kick if it enters the opponents' goal
a corner kick if it enters the team's own goal

Matches 2016-17 Laws

Rule 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play

The 'Playing Surface' has been added to clarify the picture



Rule 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

Technical Free Kick Offences – goalkeeper restrictions

Old: touches the ball with his hands at any time after having had the ball under control and unchallenged for more than 5 seconds

New:

touches the ball with his hands at any time after having had the ball under control and unchallenged for more than 5 seconds, anywhere on the field

Added for clarification

Rule 13 – Free Kicks

Old: the ball is in play when it is kicked and moves

New:

the ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves

Matches 2016-17 Laws

Rule 14 – The Penalty Kick

Old: The ball: must be placed on the penalty mark

New:

The ball: must be stationary on the penalty mark

Matches 2016-17 Laws

Old: The player taking the penalty kick:
must be properly identified

New:

**The player taking the penalty kick: must be clearly
identified**

Matches 2016-17 Laws

Old: The referee decides when a penalty kick has been completed

New:

The penalty kick is completed when the ball stops moving, goes out of play or the referee stops play for any offence.

Matches 2016-17 Laws

Old: The player taking the penalty kick infringes the Rules of Indoor Soccer:

New:

The player taking the penalty kick or a team mate offends:

Matches 2016-17 Laws

Old: The goalkeeper infringes the Rules of Indoor Soccer:

New:

The goalkeeper or a team mate offends:

Matches 2016-17 Laws

Old: if the ball does not enter the goal, the kick is retaken

New:

if the ball does not enter the goal, the kick is retaken; the goalkeeper must be cautioned if responsible for the offence

Matches 2016-17 Laws, but 'must be' replaces 'is', for emphasis

Rule 15 – The Ball Out of Play: Ceiling or Side

Old: the ball is in play when it is kicked and moves

New:

the ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves

Matches 2016-17 Laws

Old:

None

New:

all opponents must be at least 15 feet from the ball

Previously missing!

Rule 16 – The Goal Kick

Old:

A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal wall....

New:

A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal wall or touches the goal wall netting....

Clarification for practical purposes

Rule 17 – The Corner Kick

Old:

A corner kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal wall....

New:

A corner kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal wall or touches the goal wall netting....

Clarification for practical purposes

Old:

the ball is in play when it is kicked and moves

New:

the ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves

Matches 2016-17 Laws

Kicks From the Penalty Mark

The coin toss to decide which goal will be used has not been included from the Laws of the Game.

The choice will remain with the referee, and it will be based on practical considerations at each facility.

The 'scoreboard' (far) end is most commonly used, as it allows the most spectators to see the outcome of each kick

Old:

none

New:

The penalty kick is completed when the ball stops moving, goes out of play or the referee stops play for any infringement of the rules.

Matches 2016-17 Laws