



Women's Soccer Rules

General Rules

- THE REFEREE'S DECISION IS ALWAYS FINAL
- No offsides
- No Sliding, Except for goalies
- Kick-ins rather than throw-ins will be taken from the sidelines when the ball goes out of play
- Kick-ins are direct
- All free kicks are direct
- The referee will start the time at the scheduled start time. please make sure to be on time and ready to take the field.
- There must be 4 people on the field (3 for indoor) to avoid a forfeit. Teams are given 3 minutes after their start time to assemble the required players. after 3 minutes, if a team doesn't have enough to play, they will forfeit. the game will still be played but the winning score will remain at 3-0.
- Shinguards are optional but recommended
- Advanced players may participate/sub in both advanced and intermediate divisions, but not the rec division. intermediate players may participate/sub in all 3 divisions, and rec players may sub in rec and intermediate. **Recent top-level college, semi-pro, and professional players may only play in advanced.**
- During the playoffs/finals, in the case of a tie, the match will be decided by penalty kicks (best of 5).

Regular [FIFA Rules](#) apply including but not limited to the following:

- Yellow/Red Cards
- Corner Kicks
- Fouls & Misconduct
- Handballs
- Penalty Kicks

Substitutions During Game Play

- Sub on the fly
- Player must leave the field fully to sub before the substitute takes the field as to not give their team an unfair advantage

Goalkeepers

- During the regular season, goalkeepers may play for any team
- During playoffs, goalkeepers may only play for their assigned team

RED CARDS

- If a player is ejected from A MATCH, they will be suspended from participating in the following MATCH
- IF A PLAYER Is Ejected from a second MATCH within the SAME season, they will be SUSPENDED FOR the remainder of the season
- IF A PLAYER IS EJECTED FRom A THIRD MATCH AT ANY POINT FOLLOWING THE INITIAL TWO SUSPENSIONS, THEY WILL BE PERMANENTLY BANNED FROM THE LEAGUE

FORFEITING

PLEASE REFER TO OUR [FORFEIT POLICY](#) FOR DETAILS REGARDING FORFEITS.

PLAYOFFS

- SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT PLAY.
- PLEASE SEE [SUBS POLICY](#) FOR PROTOCOL REGARDING SUBS DURING PLAYOFFS.

Sportsmanship

- WSC Does NOT TOLERANT VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND
- OUR LEAGUES ARE INTENDED TO BE FUN, FRIENDLY, AND COMPETITIVE

Futsal

We follow FIFA rules and the Chicago Futsal Academy rules listed below:

- No cleats allowed at Chicago Futsal ACADEMY
- The ball remains in play at all times unless the ball hits the ceiling or the netting behind the goal and above the walls or is kicked out behind the sub bench area.
- If the ball hits the net along the ceiling, it's a kick-in for the opposing team from the center spot. If the ball hits the net along the sides, it's a sideline kick-in from where the ball went out. if the ball hits the net above the goals, it's a corner or goal kick depending on whom it last touched.
- Goalies may kick or throw the ball on a goal kick; however, they cannot throw beyond the halfway point.
- a Yellow card results in a 2-minute ejection of the player who received it. That player may not be replaced during the 2-minute period and the team will be required to play down a player (or more depending on the amount of cards given). if the opposing team scores before the 2-minute mark, then the player who received the card (or a different player) can re-enter the game.
- A red card results in the permanent removal of the player who receives the card. That player's team must play down for the remainder of the game.
- if a player has the ball on the wall, 2 opposing players are not allowed to challenge. it is only 1v1 on the wall.
- the referee's decision is always final.