



PISA

RULES OF PLAY

All Fields:

- Free Kicks – opposing players must be a distance from the ball equal to that of the kickoff before it is kicked.
 - Dasher Fields – 15 feet.
 - Open Field – 24 feet.
- Subbing on the fly is permitted. Players leaving the field must be within **reasonable distance** of bench area, **as determined by the referee** before the entering player is permitted on. The player entering the field may not be involved in play until the player leaving is off the field. First team violation will result in a verbal warning. Any violation after a two-minute penalty will be assessed.
- **KICKOFFS ARE INDIRECT**

Open Field: *FIFA Outdoor Rules Apply with the following exceptions:*

- Goalkeepers are not permitted to punt the ball back into play. **(U8 and U10 exempt from rule)**
- Goal kicks and throws from the goalkeeper **MAY EXCEED** the midfield line.

Dasher Fields: *US Indoor Soccer Rules Apply with the following exceptions:*

- Throw-ins (or punts for U8's & U10's) from the goalkeeper **MAY NOT EXCEED** three lines without bouncing or touching another player. **Violation will result in an Indirect Free Kick (IFK)** taken from the **blue dot** on the first line the ball crossed.
 - All Goalkeeper distributions **are thrown from within the penalty arch.** (U8's & U10's CAN punt)
 - Opposing players must be at least 15 feet from the penalty arch.
- Balls hitting the side netting or beyond, will be restarted with an **IFK** taken from where the ball was initially kicked. **(U8 and U10 exempt from rule; play continues)**
 - If kicked from within the penalty area, restarts will be from the top of the penalty arch.
- **CORNER KICKS** will be awarded when the ball hits the netting behind the goal between the **yellow lines** on netting.
- Free kicks or kicks crossing over **three lines** without bouncing or touching another player shall result in an **IFK** taken from the **blue dot** on the first line the ball crossed.
- Boarding is charging an opponent into the dasher field walls and is considered a foul.
 - This includes a fair charge.
 - **The force on contact will determine the degree of penalty** – from dangerous play to serious foul play.
- Players **MAY NOT** use the boards to gain an advantage by **holding onto the top railing** or **extending their body from the boards (hands on wall) to shield the ball.**
 - A **Direct Free Kick (DFK)** will be awarded for holding
 - An **Indirect Free Kick (IFK)** will be awarded for obstruction.
- Shoelaces that come untied present a dangerous situation that could cause a player to crash head first into the boards. Players will be sent off the field immediately to tie their laces.

Time Penalties

- Any player issued a **BLUE CARD (caution)** will receive a **2-minute penalty**. Offending team will play a man short for the full 2 minutes.
- A player receiving a **2nd BLUE CARD** will receive a **YELLOW CARD** and an administrative warning that the player's next Penalty Card will require an ejection.
- Any player issued a **3rd BLUE CARD** will be issued a **RED CARD** and will be sent off for the remainder of the game and shall not play in the teams next game (**one game suspension**). The team of the offending player will play short for the **entire 2 minute penalty**.
- A Straight **RED CARD** (If punches are thrown, see "PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT" below) will result in a **5-minute penalty**. At the end of the **5** minutes, the player sent off may be replaced.
- **PENALTY BEGINS ON THE RESTART WHISTLE.**
- Balls hitting the ceiling (LIGHTS, BEAMS, INSULATION) will result in a **2-minute penalty**.
 - Restart will be an **IFK** taken by the opposing team from a location directly below the point of contact. *A deflected ball hitting the ceiling shall not be penalized.*
- At no time will a team play more than 2 players short due to multiple penalties. As penalty time expires any remaining penalty time will begin until all penalties are served.
- Goalkeeper is in possession when any part of his/her body has control of the ball. This also includes **one hand on the ball** and when the keeper is **lying on the ball, regardless of complete control**.
- Charging or running into the goalkeeper will not be tolerated.

Sliding

- Slide tackling is **NOT PERMITTED** (contact with another player when sliding to challenge for the ball)
 - A player will be called for sliding any time they intentionally leave their feet to play the ball when **challenging an opponent** and contact or near contact is made.
 - **First offense will result in a verbal warning** and an **IFK** is awarded to opposing team.
 - **Second offense by the same player** shall result in a **BLUE CARD** and a **2-minute penalty**.
 - **Third offense by the same player** shall result in a **RED CARD** and a **5-minute penalty**.
- Goalkeepers **while in the penalty arch** are **ALLOWED** to slide and use their body to make a save or get control of the ball in ways that are permissible by FIFA rules.
- Goalkeepers are **NOT ALLOWED** to slide **outside the penalty box**. Penalty shall be awarded as stated.

Clarification: A player (including the goalkeeper outside the penalty box) may slide to save a ball from going out of play, from going into the goal, to score a goal, or to play a ball when there is no other player within playing distance (including a teammate) as determined by the referee(s).

PLAYING RULES:

A Foul occurs if a player:

- Holds an opponent
- Handles the ball (except by the Goalkeeper within his Penalty Arch)
- Plays in a dangerous manner (e.g. commits boarding or a slide tackle)
- Impedes the progress of an opponent ("Obstruction")
- Prevents the Goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands
- AND when a player commits the following in a manner that the Referee considers careless, serious, reckless, or involving excessive force:
 - Kicks an opponent
 - Trips an opponent
 - Jumps at an opponent
 - Charges an opponent
 - Strikes or elbows an opponent
 - Pushes an opponent

***NEW RULE* Sportsmanship Rule:**

When a differential of (5) goals is reached by either team, the team down by 5 can add a player to the field, and may continue to add players for each goal scored over the 5 goal differential.

Even play would resume if the goal differential reaches 4.

TEAM SIZES:

- U8's & U10's – 7 field players + keeper
- U11's & U12's – 6 field players + keeper
- U14's & High School
 - Open Field – 7 field players + keeper
 - Dasher Field – 5 field players + keeper

ADULT LEAGUES – 7 field players + keeper

PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT:

- **Any player that throws a punch (ZERO TOLERANCE)**
 - Will automatically be ejected & removed from the league for the remainder of the season.
 - Local Police will be contacted and legal actions can be assessed.
- Any player deliberately trying to injure another player will be given an automatic one game suspension.
 - Any player involved in a fight will be given a one game suspension.
 - Any player receiving **2** one game suspensions will be ineligible for the remainder of the season.
- **SUSPENDED PLAYERS WILL LEAVE THE FACILITY IMMEDIATELY**
- Player(s) using vulgar language or gestures will be issued a YELLOW card for the first offense and A RED card and ejection for any following offenses.
- Players taunting any and all opposing players or performing excessive celebrations will be penalized.
- Rules for dissent:
 - 1st offense - Blue Card
 - 2nd offense - Yellow Card
 - 3rd offense - Red Card and Ejection
- Chewing Gum, Chewing Tobacco and Sunflower Seeds are all BANNED from PISA. Use of BANNED substances will result in removal from the facility.
- **NO SPITTING IN THE FACILITY.** Spitting by a player or coach during the game will result in an ejection and a **5 MINUTE PENALTY** with a live restart will be assessed.

COACH / MANAGER CODE OF CONDUCT:

- As above where applicable
- It is the coach's responsibility to abide by and enforce all facility rules among his team players and fans.
- **PISA Management and Referees** have the authority to remove any person(s) from the facility for **ANY** conduct determined to be improper or out of line.

**ALL REFEREE DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND ARE NOT TO BE CHALLENGED!
PISA MANAGEMENT WILL ALWAYS BACK THE RULING MADE ON THE FIELD.**