

WWSL



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Indoor Half-Field Competition

The information contained within this document provides additional or specific rules and regulations for matches scheduled by WWSL for their Indoor Half-Field Competitions.

With the exception of league specific rules mentioned in this document, all matches shall be played in accordance with “The Rules of Indoor Soccer Half-Field Competitions 2020-21” as sanctioned by the Manitoba Soccer Association.

RULE 1: THE PLAYING AREA

1. For WWSL indoor matches, all non-playing individuals or spectators are not permitted at field level and must be seated within the facility’s designated spectator seating areas. Should no other person be available to supervise children within the facility’s designated spectator seating areas, children 12 years old or younger will be permitted to remain at field level, located behind the safety netting, away from the playing area. Children must be supervised by an adult player, coach or manager where the children are located. Should these conditions not be met, the match shall not be started or it shall be halted in the event that the match has already commenced. In both scenarios, the team in question shall be asked to resolve the situation or the match shall be abandoned.

RULE 3: THE PLAYERS

1. The game shall be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than 9 players on the field, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. A game shall not commence or continue if either team has less than 6 players.

2. For WWSL matches, teams may register 25 players per season, and can dress 20 players per game.

3. Cards should be submitted to the referee prior to the start of each game. In special circumstances where all of the team cards are not present they must be submitted to the referee by the end of the game. If the cards are not submitted by the end of the game the team will forfeit the game.

4. Teams may have up to four (4) registered non- playing personnel (team officials) on their team’s bench, e.g. coach, manager. All players who are dressed to play, along with the non-playing personnel, shall be under the jurisdiction of the referee.

5. A maximum of three (3) players may be brought up to guest for a team per game. For half field games, guest players brought up will not count towards the 12 maximum per season.

6. Youth or adult guest players shall not be permitted to play in League play-offs or end-of-season tournament games.

7. The League will follow the appropriate MSA rule regarding youth call-up eligibility. The youth player must have a properly authorized "Youth to Senior Permit" and a Youth Player ID Card. The youth player must be indicated with a (Y) on the game sheet. Teams in Division Three or lower are not permitted to call up youth players from Premier/ Regional clubs or from Provincial/National programs.

8. Guest players may be brought up to play for a higher division team that are registered in the same competition (Senior or Masters). The guest player must have a properly authorized Guest Player Permit form available on the WWSL website. The guest player must be indicated with a (G) on the Game Sheet.

SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Unlimited substitutions on the fly within the team bench area.

RULE 5: THE REFEREE

1. In cases of emergency where no official is available, the teams must agree on having a person officiate the game.

RULE 7: DURATION OF THE GAME

1. A 5 minute warm up will be allowed before the start of the game.

2. In WWSL matches, the duration of the game shall be two equal periods of 25 minutes with a two (2) minute half-time interval.

If a team does not have the minimum six (6) players required after seven (7) minutes of the scheduled start, the match will not be played. If a team arrives late for the game but within the seven minute grace period, the game may be shortened to allow the following games to begin on time.

RULE 11: OFFSIDE

There is no offside in WWSL half-field competition.

RULE 12: FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

1. In WWSL matches, any form of slide tackling (sliding on the surface within playing distance of the opponent to tackle for the ball) or attempting to slide tackle whether contact occurs with the ball or player is not permitted.

A player who commits a slide tackle or attempts to slide tackle an opponent shall be penalized by the awarding of a free kick to be taken by the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred and will receive a caution.

Should a player of the defending team commit a slide tackle or attempt to slide tackle an opponent within his own penalty area, shall be penalized by the awarding of a penalty kick to the opposing team and receive a caution.

A goalkeeper is allowed to block a shot while going down on the floor (falling) with his hands, body or legs. A goalkeeper is not allowed to attempt to slide feet first in an attempt to play the ball, as this is a slide tackle and shall be penalized by the awarding of a penalty kick to the opposing team and receive a caution.

If the slide tackle is in the penalty area and is an attempt to play the ball for which the referee has awarded a penalty kick the offending player shall be cautioned.

GAMES REQUIRING A WINNER

Extra time:

Extra time and kicks from the penalty mark are the two methods approved for determining the winning team where competition rules require there to be a winning team after a match has been drawn.

In WWSL matches which require a winner, if the score of a play-off game is tied at the end of regulation time, kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine a winning team.