

## 2025 Pre-Season Indoor Invitational

### General Governance

- **FIFA Laws of the Game** apply, with modifications by state association, and tournament-specific rules.
- Rules may change before tournament start; final rules published on website before the tournament and at the fieldhouse during the tournament.
- **Players can only play on one team** during the tournament. Violators cause team forfeits.

### Equipment & Uniforms

- **Shin guards mandatory**
- Matching uniforms; **no duplicate jersey numbers**
- Home team changes colors if teams are wearing the same color.
- Goalkeeper must wear a distinct color.

### Playing Conditions & Weather

- Games will be played as scheduled **regardless of weather**.
- Only Tournament Director(s) can alter schedules or formats.

### Point System

Result	Points
Win	3
Tie	1
Loss	0
Forfeit	opponent gets 4-0 win

- Teams that forfeit a game **cannot advance** to finals.
- Fewer than 3 bracket games? Points will be **prorated**.

### Division Formats

Each structure depends on number of teams in the division (3 to 8 teams). Includes round robins, semifinals, and finals based on placement. Ages may be combined based on number of teams entered.

### **Tiebreakers (in order)**

1. Head-to-Head (only if 2 teams tied)
2. **Goal Differential** (max +4 per game)
3. **Goals For** (max 4)
4. **Goals Against**
5. Most Wins
6. Most Shutouts
7. Penalty Shootout

### **Substitutions**

- Allowed with referee consent.

### **U8/U9/U10 Build-Out Line (7v7)**

- Promotes building out from the back.
- Opposing players retreat behind build-out line on GKs or keeper possession.
- **No punts/dropkicks**; violations = indirect free kick.
- Line also affects offside calls.

### **No Heading Rule**

- No heading for **U11 and younger**.

### **Minimum Players to Start**

<b>Format</b>	<b>Minimum Players</b>
7v7	5
9v9	6
11v11	7

### **Game Length (No OT Except PKs for Semi/Finals)**

- **U8–U10 (7v7):** 40 min game
- **U11–U12 (9v9):** 45 min game
- **U13–U15 (11v11):** 50 min game
- **High School (11v11):** 50 min game

## **Shootouts**

- Follow **FIFA rules** (5 players each, then sudden death).
- Only players on field at end of regulation may participate.

## **Red Cards**

- Must report to tournament director(s) with coach after game.
- **1-game minimum suspension** (possibly more).
- Red in final = suspension in next year's tournament.

## **Referee Abuse**

- Zero tolerance: player, coach, or spectator will be **removed from complex**.

## **Refund Policy**

- No refunds **after acceptance** into the tournament.

## **Eligibility**

- Players **can only be registered to one team** participating in the tournament.

## **Team Discipline**

- Coaches are held accountable for the **behavior of coaches, players and fans**.
- **Verbal abuse** toward opponents or referees by anyone associated with the team will not be tolerated.
- Violations may result in:
  - **Game forfeiture**
  - **Expulsion from the tournament**
- **Red card procedure:**
  - The red-carded player **and their coach** must **report to tournament director(s)** immediately after the match.

## **Protests**

- **No protests are allowed** for any reason.