



Pinnacle Sports Youth Indoor Soccer “House Rules”

Rule 1—The Field of Play

Each scheduled game will be held on one of our two fields located within Pinnacle Sports.

Rule 2—Number of Players and the Ball

Roster sizes are as follows:

U9-U12 = MAX 14 Players at a game

U13 and up = MAX 18 Players at a game

*Roster sizes may be adjusted to accommodate additional players at Pinnacle Sports digression.
(We don't want kids to miss out)*

Players on the field:

U9-U12 = 7v7 total – Goalkeeper + 6 field players; ball size 4.

U13 & up = 6v6 total – Goalkeeper + 5 field players; ball size 5.

Rule 3 – Scores, Results & Standings

- For scoring purposes, a +/-6 goal difference will be utilized. Meaning, if the score is 10-0 the result will be recorded as 6-0. If the score is 11-4 the result will be recorded as 10-4.
- In the event of a team leading by five goals, the losing opponent may add one additional player to the field. Should the score get within four goals, teams will again play even strength. If the game gets more lopsided (more than five goals), teams can add an additional player (a maximum of two extra players).
- Standings—Three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. If teams have the same number of points at the end of a session and a tiebreaker is needed, it will be as follows: (1) head-to-head competition, (2) goal differential (goals scored—goals against), (3) goals scored, (4) goals conceded.

Rule 4 – Referees

A one referee system will be schedule for all games.

The referee fee (\$15 per team) is paid directly to the referee prior to the start of the game.

Teams should have the exact amount for each game.

If a referee does not show up for a game the game should go ahead as scheduled and will count towards any standings. The teams involved can decide if they want to use a coach/club member to step in and officiate the game or play without a referee. There will be no reschedules if the referee does not show up

Rule 5—Substitutions



There are unlimited substitutions throughout the game for both teams in all ages. Substitutions for field players and goalkeepers may be made at any time on an unlimited basis, provided the player/s that are being substituted for are within three (3) feet of their own bench area, or off the field at their own bench area before the substitution is made.

There is no guaranteed substitution. All substitutions are on fly.

Rule 6—Player’s Equipment

Indoor soccer shoes, turf shoes or tennis/racquet shoes are permitted on the field of play. NO CLEATS. We appreciate the players bringing a change of shoes especially during the winter months. Please try not to bring snow, ice, water, mud, etc., onto the turf playing surfaces.

Shin-guards are mandatory for all players in all divisions.

No jewelry such as chains/necklaces, bracelets, earrings, etc., may be worn.

All players must wear the same-colored jerseys as their teammates, with a permanent number on the backside of the jersey/t-shirt. Goalkeeper’s jersey must be a different color from both team’s jersey color.

Rule 7—Duration of the Game

- All games U9 & up are 52 minutes running time.
- There is no half-time.
- Play is extended to permit the taking of a penalty kick or shoot-out.
- Please remember there is no guaranteed warm-up time on the field prior to your game. Use outside space of arena where appropriate.
- All regular league games that end in a tie will stay a tie.

Rule 8 – Build Out Line

U9 and U10 divisions will play with a build out line.

When the goalkeeper has the ball in their possession (goal kick or in their hands) the opposing players must drop back behind the first red line (build out line) on the field.

As soon as the goalkeeper puts the ball in play from a goal kick or releases it out of their hands the opposing players are permitted to cross the build-out line and play resumes as normal.

Rule 9 – Heading and Punting

U12 and under – Heading is NOT permitted

U13 & above – Heading IS permitted

PUNTING and DROP KICKING BY GOALKEEPERS IS NOT PERMITTED IN ANY AGE

Rule 10 – Out of Bounds & Corners

All restarts are direct.

A ball is classified as out of bounds if:



- The ball hits the netting around the fields, hits the ceiling or attached equipment, enters the bench area or goes over the netting.
- When the ball goes out of bounds, the game is restarted from where it was last touched. With the following exceptions
 - If it goes out of bounds between the two blue lines on the wall, either side of the goal. If this happens a corner kick or goal kick will be awarded.

If the ball hits the ceiling or equipment attached to the ceiling the game is restarted from the center of the closest red line from where the ball was last touched.

If the ball is put out of bounds from inside the penalty area the game is restarted from the top of the arc except when it goes out for a corner kick.

Rule 11 —Three-Line Violation

Defined—A player is guilty of a three-line violation when a pass, or last touch of the ball crosses the three lines (two red lines and the halfway line) in the air towards the opponent’s goal. This is without it touching another player, or the perimeter wall in the field between the red lines.

In the event of a three-line violation the game will restart from the center of the first line that the ball crossed.

Rule 12—Fouls/Misconduct/Penalties

All misconduct fouls shall result in a two or five-minute penalty (shootout or penalty kick will take place depending on if the foul was inside the penalty box or not).

Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in a two-minute penalty, but no shoot-out will be awarded.

Any type of misconduct fouls will not be tolerated by the Pinnacle Sports management. Serious and continued misconduct will result in a forfeit and banishment from the facility. Do not ruin it for your children or teammates.

Times Penalties

- Yellow Card may or may not have a time penalty (referees’ discretion) but will never have a shootout.
- Blue Card results in a two-minute penalty with a shootout or penalty kick.
- Red Card results in a five-minute penalty with shootout or penalty kick.

The player receiving the Red Card is ejected from the remainder of the game and automatic one (1) game suspension from the next scheduled game. Amount of games a player is to be suspended will be decided at the discretion of the Director of Soccer.

All five-minute penalties are classified as “hard.” This means that no matter how many goals are scored by the opponent, the offending team will continue to play short-handed throughout the duration of the five- minute penalty.

During any free kick, the opposing team must not be within a 10-foot radius of the ball.



The team taking the free kick has five seconds to put the ball in play off all free kicks.

In the event of a restart from the top of the arc the game can only be started after the referee's whistle.

No spitting is allowed anywhere in the facility! If a player, coach or spectator (your parents) is caught, it will result in a five-minute penalty, plus removal from facility for all future participation.

No slide tackling PERIOD! It will result in a two-minute penalty. If a player slides without putting another player at risk this is permitted at the referee's discretion.

Any time there is a foul inside the box it is a penalty kick.

Any unsportsmanlike behavior inside the box will result in a direct free kick from the top of the arc.

Boarding is automatic Blue Card minimum two (2) minute penalty plus shootout/penalty kick...Red Card ejections (5 hard minutes) plus shootout/penalty kick based upon if foul occurred inside or outside of the penalty box.

Any red card issued to any player, coach and/or manager will result in an automatic suspension for the following game. Second red card in any session carries a minimum of a three-game suspension. More severe disciplinary actions will be considered, including the removal of all privileges to participate in any activities at Pinnacle Sports.

Shoot-out Situation: Offender is serving time penalty being removed from the field of play. Defending team is numbers down...All players of both teams are behind center line. Shooter with the ball is at the middle of the offensive red line. As soon as the shootout taker touches the ball it is a live ball situation. If goal is scored, penalized player may return to the game and the restart is with the even numbers. If goal is not scored, game continues for duration of the penalty. Penalized player returns if opponent scores or when penalty time expires.

Rule 13—Goalkeeper (GK) Restrictions

Hand to Hand—A GK who has had hand control of the ball and then having released the ball from his hands to be played either by themselves or a teammate, shall not handle the ball again until it has been touched or played by an opponent, unless a stoppage of play occurs. GK's are not allowed to bounce the ball to themselves indoors.

Pass back-outdoor rules apply.

Five-second distribution—A GK with possession of the ball in their hands or at their feet within their penalty area, must distribute the ball outside their penalty area within five seconds of having received the ball within their penalty area. All above infractions will result in a direct free kick for the opposing team at the top of the arc.

Rule 14—Team Roster and Release/Indemnification Form

No paper waiver or roster forms

Prior to the start of the season, coaches/team managers must "invite" players to join their team through our online system. (A demonstration of this will be conducted at each league meeting prior to the start of the season.)



Instructions on how to “Invite” your players can be found on our website using the link below <http://pinnaclesports.org/league-player-registraZon/>

Rule 15 – Schedule & Rescheduling Procedures

All scheduling conflicts and requests must be submitted in writing prior to the registration deadline or at the league meeting before the start of each session. **WE DO NOT GUARANTEE THAT WE CAN HONOR ANY REQUEST.**

All reschedule requests/cancellations after the league meeting require a \$50 reschedule fee per game, due at time of request. If you would like to reschedule/cancel a game, you must provide us with **5 days notice and pay the \$50 reschedule fee.** Failure to give at least 5 days notice will also result in a fine equivalent to the full referee fees for any game/s involved.

Call 330-239-0616 to notify us of your reschedule request.

WE DO NOT GUARANTEE THAT ANY GAME WILL BE RESCHEDULED.

We will do all we can to reschedule the game or find a new opponent. If we cannot reschedule or find a new opponent for the game, the team left without a game is able to use the field time during the scheduled game hour for their soccer enjoyment. We strongly encourage this as we do not want to see teams miss an opportunity to play more soccer!

The reschedule fees are non-refundable regardless of whether the game is rescheduled or not.

All rescheduling related fees must be paid 72 hours prior to your next game and the credit card on file will be charged. Failure to do so may result in removal from league without refund.

All forfeits are recorded at 5-0.

Any 3 forfeits in one session will result in your team’s removal from that session, with no refund.

Rule 16—Miscellaneous

- Running time clock for all injuries. If an injury takes longer than five minutes, then the time may be stopped.
- “Goal Cap” - There is no limit to the number of goals any individual player may score in one game, regardless of the league.
- Practice Area—Please do not kick the balls at any walls! No balls outside of playing fields.
- Referee fees for all divisions are \$15 per team for a one-person system.
- If a referee does not show up for a game. The game should go ahead as scheduled and will count towards any standings. The teams can decide if they want to use a coach/club member to step in and officiate the game or play without a referee. There will be no reschedules if the referee does not show up
- No boys will be allowed to play in the girls divisions unless authorized by Pinnacle Sports. Girls in boys leagues/teams are allowed.

COVID-19 Policies



We will continue to follow CDC Guidelines as well as any mandates or recommendations set forth by the State of Ohio Department of Health.

CDC Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/workplaces-businesses/index.html>

Ohio Department of Health: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/staPc/responsible/Youth-Collegiate-Amateur-Club-Pro-Sports.pdf>

Based on how guidelines and recommendations may evolve at a federal, state, and local level: additional guidelines may be added or adjusted at any time per Pinnacle leadership.

From the Management at Pinnacle Sports:

“Please do not allow your players, parents, spectators, or yourself to get caught up in the game and forget the real reason why you are here. Let the players’ play and enjoy themselves! Sportsmanship and respect are a necessity in our minds and should be in yours. Good Sportsmanship and respect means enjoyment for all. Best of luck to all teams!”

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Emergency Policies and Facility Requests

911 Policy

It is the Pinnacle Sports Policy

If there is an injury, please notify the Pinnacle Sports Staff immediately. Pinnacle Sports Staff will call for emergency service if necessary. If an ambulance is required (if under 18) the bill will be charged to the family of injured party or to the injured party if an adult (18+).

Facility Requests

Wear a change of shoes into facility to help the wear and cleanliness of the fields

Do not kick balls against any of the walls throughout the facility Do not park in front of any entrance/exit ways

Do not disturb any other activities within the facility

Please help us maintain cleanliness by picking up after yourself