

2012 Grafton Indoor Soccer Tournament Rules

1. All WYSA outdoor rules shall apply unless an exception is noted below.
2. U-8 games shall play with 4 players and no goal keeper. Substitutions will be permitted “on the fly” as long as neither player is involved in the play. U-10, U-12, and U-14 games will consist of 6 players, one of which shall be designated as a goal keeper.
3. U-8 games will have four 10 minute quarters. All other games have two 20 minutes halves. The clock runs continuously with no stoppage.
4. There will be no pre-game coin toss. To start the game, the home team gets choice of sides and visiting team kicks off. At half time, teams switch sides and the home team kicks off. Home and Away team designations are listed on the Tournament Schedule.
5. Only indoor footwear will be worn. No casts, jewelry etc. will be allowed.
6. There will be no offside infringements.
7. A three line violation occurs if any ball is kicked or thrown across the three lines marked on the walls or floors of the gym without first touching the floor, wall, bleachers, or another player. The violation results in an INDIRECT kick from the center of the first line crossed. There will be no three line violations in U-8 games.
8. There will be NO slide tackling allowed.
9. Substitutions can be made at any time. A player MUST LEAVE THE FLOOR BEFORE THE REPLACEMENT CAN ENTER THE GAME. Goalkeepers can be changed only when play has been stopped, with the referee's approval.
10. All fouls will result in an INDIRECT kick. Opposing players are to be a minimum of 10' from the spot of the kick. If a player continues to use violent or dangerous tactics, or repeats a violation after being warned by the referee, the referee may impose a 2 minute ejection for that player.
11. The ball may be played off of the walls, bleachers, and doors. **There will be no out-of-bounds called with these exceptions:**

- If the ball touches the ceiling or any structure making up the ceiling, an INDIRECT kick will be awarded to the non-violating team. The kick will be taken at the center of the nearest of the three lines.
- A ball striking the wall or bleachers higher than the line indicated by the tape line will constitute a ball being out of play. An INDIRECT kick will be awarded to the non-violating team at the point directly below where the ball struck the wall or ceiling. There will be no throw-ins in any of the games. The ball will be put in play by a GOAL kick, CORNER kick or INDIRECT kick.
- At GES (Grafton Elementary School) any ball entering bench the area will be out-of-bounds and returned to play with either a goal kick or corner kick.
- At GHS (Grafton High School) the east side of the gym will be taped off and used for seating. This tape line indicates an out-of-bounds line. Any ball crossing this line will be out of play. Play will be restarted with an INDIRECT free kick.
- The goal area and penalty area are one and the same.

12. Corner kicks must be taken from the spot marked on the floor.

13. Goalkeepers may NOT punt or drop kick the ball at any time. A goalkeeper may not use his/her hands on a pass back. Once the goalkeeper has possession of the ball, he/she has 5 seconds to put the ball into play. They may throw the ball overhand or underhand. The three line violation will be in effect for all balls thrown by the goalkeeper.

14. Tournament standings will be recorded for the U-12 and U-14 age levels only! U-10 and younger games are considered to be “non-competitive” per WYSA rules, and scores and standings are not recorded.

15. Team standings are based on points earned during the tournament games. Games in preliminary rounds will be scored with 6 points for a win, 3 points for a tie, 1 additional point for a shut-out, and 0 points for a loss. Bonus points up to a maximum of three may be added for each goal scored, win or lose. The two or four teams with the highest point totals after regular tournament games will play in the semi and/or championship games on Sunday afternoon. There may be multiple divisions in certain age groups which could result in cross-over games to determine the champion.

In case of a tie in the standings, the following tie-breaker sequence will be used to determine who will play in the championship game. a. The result of head-to-

head competition b. Most games won c. Most total goals scored d. Goal differential e. Coin toss

16. Championship and semi-final games that end in a tie will be decided by one 5 minute overtime-sudden death. If the game is still tied after the first overtime, there will be a second 5 minute overtime with both teams removing one player. This practice will continue until a winner is declared. All overtimes will be sudden death (1st team to score wins).

17. Protests are not allowed. The decisions of the referees are final.

18. Every player in uniform must play an average of approximately 25% of each game.

19. NO BALL PLAYING IS ALLOWED IN THE HALLS OR CAFETERIA. * This is a condition for use of the schools for the Tournament. Violations will be reported to the Tournament Committee and repeated infractions could result in forfeit of a game.

*** Please do not bring practice balls.**

20. Ball size: A USYSA regulation futsal ball will be used for all games.

21. Shin Guards MUST be worn. Socks must be pulled up and shirts tucked in while on the playing field.

22. Coaches should assemble their teams in the hallway prior to their game. Players should know their positions before entering the gym. The clock will run, even if you are not ready. After the game, leave the floor immediately and use the hallway for post game comments. If everyone cooperates, we can keep all the games on schedule.

23. After your last game, have all players report to the cafeteria at Grafton High School to receive their awards.

24. In accordance with WYSA tournament regulations, the issuance of all red and yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, or supporters will be reported immediately to the home state association. All matters involving a referee assault shall, in accordance with USSF Rule 3.2.8, be referred immediately to the Wisconsin Association.

Any player or coach receiving a red card during the tournament will be subjected to suspension according to the following guidelines per WYSA's recommendations. If a red card is issued during the last game of the tournament, the tournament director will take the appropriate action and reports will be sent to the WYSA office.

E1 Serious Foul Play: 1–2 games

Depending on the severity of the offense committed against an opponent. Tournament Director's ruling is final.

E2 Violent Conduct: 2–3 games

Committed against any other person, includes gross misconduct; fighting, striking, kicking or other gross physical activity. The tournament has the discretion to suspend a player or coach for the remainder of the tournament. Tournament Director's ruling is final.

E3 Violent Conduct: 2–3 games

Spitting; committed against any other person. The tournament has the discretion to suspend any person guilty of this offense for the remainder of the tournament. Tournament Director's ruling if final.

E4 Serious Foul Play: 1 Game

Denying an "Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity" by use of the hands. Committed by defending players.

E5 Serious Foul Play: 1–2 Games

Denying and "Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity" – Professional Foul Depending on the severity of the offense short of excessive force!

E6 Language: 1–2 Games

Offensive, insulting or abusive language.

E7 Second Cautionable Offense: 1–2 Games

Depending on the severity of the offense. There are cases where the second yellow could qualify as a "straight" red card; where as other offenses would only warrant a yellow. This is at the discretion of the referee for the reason of the send off.