

Milwaukee Yard 5v5 Recreational Soccer Rules

General

- Shin guards are mandatory. They must be covered by long socks or pants. Players will not be allowed to play without them.
- Indoor shoes, turf shoes, gym shoes or outdoor cleats (no metal bottoms) are allowed.
- No gum, food or drink (other than water) is allowed on the field.
- No spitting on the field
- Game is 43 minutes long. Clock is set to 45 minutes to allow teams to get on/off the field and get ready to play.
- Only players and coaches are allowed on the field. No spectators are allowed. Spectators must remain in the hallway.
- No warming up in the hallways; this includes passing/throwing the ball, stretching, running, etc

Laws

- USSF rules apply except for the modifications noted below
- Games will be 5v5-4 field players and 1 goalie (upstairs)
- Games will be 5v5-4 field players and 1 goalie or 6v6-5 field players and 1 goalie (downstairs, coaches agreement)
- No slide tackling allowed
- No offside
- Goals cannot be scored on a kick off-kick off at the center spot is indirect
- All free kicks on the DEFENSIVE half are Direct. All free kicks on the OFFENSIVE half are Indirect.
- Defensive players in a wall or around the ball will need to be 5 yards away.
- Subs are unlimited and on the fly.
- No headers are allowed. A purposeful header will result in an Indirect free kick for the opposing team.

Downstairs Field

- Out of bounds will be played
- If the ball goes out on the side, it will be a kick in for the team that didn't kick it out
- If the ball goes out on the end lines, it will be a goal kick for K-1 & 2-3, regardless of who kicks it out
- Corner kicks will only be taken for 4-6
- Benches will be on the end lines, near the goal

Upstairs Field

- All boards, walls and curtains are considered in play.
- If the ball goes behind the goal or on the other side of the curtain or off the net, the restart is a goal kick
- Goal boxes extend to the wall/board to allow keepers to pick up the ball next to their goal.
- Benches will be on the sideline with the wall/windows

Goal Kicks

- The ball cannot travel in the air past the half line unless touched by a player first. Result will be an indirect kick from the center spot for the opposing team.
- When a team is up by 5 or more goals, they must stay behind the half line until the ball is played.

Goalkeepers

- May use hands inside the box. Must use feet outside the box.
- No punts or drop kicks allowed.
- May throw, roll or put down and kick/pass the ball.
- May throw over the half line in the air
- May not throw the ball into the opposing team's goal.
- If the keeper throws the ball into their own net, it is considered a goal.

Player Eligibility

- All players must be registered with Milwaukee Yard for Winter Soccer 5v5 League.
- Kindergarten/1st/2nd Grades will use a Size 3 Soccer Ball
- 3rd/4th Grades will use a Size 4 Soccer Ball
- 5th/6th Grades will use a Size 5 Soccer ball
 - When groups are combined, they will use the Soccer Ball of the lowest grade

Scoring

- No goals will be count if scored from inside the goal box
- If a team is winning by 5 or more goals, the opposing team may add a player
- All scores are recorded with a 3 goal differential
 - Example: a game ending as 10-3 will be recorded as 6-3

Results & Playoffs

- Schedule and standings will be posted at milwaukeeyard.com
- All teams participate in the playoffs
- Awards will be given to the 1st & 2nd place teams in each division