



Soccer – Synthetic Field

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GRADE

Open A

Mixed B (Maximum 4 males on pitch)

Under 18

FORMAT

- Is played on the synthetic court at St Pauls Anglican Grammar School
- Synthetic Soccer is a blend of Outdoor Field Soccer Rules and Indoor Soccer Rules
- Round robin competition followed by knockout finals
- Finals will be held at the completion of the round robin
- 7 players allowed per team (one of which is goal-keeper), plus substitutions
- For the mixed section – maximum of 4 males on field at a time
- Each team to provide one scorer / time keeper.

UMPIRES

- Each group will be required to supply an umpire on a rostered rotation basis.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- Uniforms must be of like kind and colour.
- Smaller sized outdoor soccer balls will be provided

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Introduction

Synthetic Soccer is a team sport played by two teams on a synthetic field with a goal at each end. The layout of the court is similar to a Netball court. The arc area around the goalie is protected with no attacking or defending players allowed to play the ball in this area apart from the goalie. Therefore shots on goal must be taken from outside the goal arc.

Object

The object of the game is to kick the ball between the opposition's goal to score.

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The Start of Play

1. At the beginning of the game, the choice of ends and kickoff shall be decided by the toss of a coin. The winning team shall have the option of the choice of ends or the kickoff. All players line up in their defensive half. The referee will signal the start at which time a player will kick the ball forward out of the centre circle. All players shall not be deemed to be in play until the ball has travelled out of the circle. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been touched by another player.
2. After a goal is scored, the game is restarted again in the manner mentioned above, the kickoff being taken by a member of the team which did not score.
3. After half time, the teams shall change ends and the kickoff is taken by the opposite team than the one that had the first kickoff.

Infringements:

For any infringement of the above, the kickoff shall be retaken. However, if the player taking the kickoff plays the ball a second time before anyone else, an indirect kick shall be awarded to the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred. If this offence is committed by a player in his opponents' penalty area, the indirect kick from the nearest point outside the area to where the infringement occurred. A goal can not be scored directly from a kickoff.

Ball out of Play

When the ball goes out-of-bounds, the last team to touch it loses possession. The team that gains possession must throw the ball in from the spot the ball exited the field similar to outdoor soccer.

If the ball crosses the goal line off the attacking team, the goalie will gain possession and return the ball into action by a throw and not a kick. If the ball crosses the goal line off the defending team, a throw in will be awarded to the attacking team at the sideline close to the corner.

The ball is out of play:

- a) When it has wholly gone out of the boundary of play, whether on the ground or in the air
- b) When the game has been stopped by the referee.

The ball is in play at all other times from the start of the match to the finish, including:

- a) If it rebounds from the goal post or cross bar onto the field;
- b) If it rebounds off the referee;
- c) In the event of a supposed infringement of the laws, until a decision is made.

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Fouls and Misconduct

- a) Kick or attempt to kick an opponent;
- b) Tripping an opponent;
- c) Striking an opponent;
- d) Holding an opponent;
- e) Pushing an opponent;
- f) Bumping an opponent;
- g) Handling the ball, i.e. carrying, striking, or propelling the ball with the arm or hand (this does not apply to the goalie within his penalty area.).

All of the above fouls and misconduct shall be penalised by the award of a direct free kick to be taken by the opposing team where the infringement occurred.

Should a player of the defending team commit one of these offences within the penalty area, he shall be penalised by a penalty kick, regardless of the position of the ball, as long as it is in play.

A player shall be cautioned if:

- a) They persistently infringe the laws of the game;
- b) They show dissent towards the ref;
- c) They are guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct.

For any of these offences, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team.

A player shall be sent off if in the opinion of the referee:

- a) They are guilty of serious foul play;
- b) They are guilty of violent conduct;
- c) Uses foul or abusive language;
- d) They are guilty for the second time of a cautionable offence.

Other Rules

- The goalie can change places with any player, provided the referee is aware and that change is made during a stoppage.
- The goalie throws the ball in (instead of a goal kick) but can otherwise kick the ball in general play.
- If a player is sent off, they can not be replaced by another player until either two minutes have expired or a goal is scored by the opposition. The player sent off cannot return for the remainder of the game.
- No scoring from within the protected goal keeping area.
- If a goal circle is not marked, the protected area shall be identified using cones placed on the sidelines.

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