

SOCCER IN THE SAND **OFFICIAL 5v5 SAND SOCCER RULES**

Soccer in the Sand rules follow the guidelines of FIFA Soccer Rules with the following exceptions:

Number of Players

Each team consists of 5 players, one of whom must be the goalkeeper. Substitutions are allowed on any dead ball. In all Coed Divisions there must be a minimum of 2 females on the field at all times and a maximum of 3 males. Any less than 4 players will be considered a forfeit. Game time is forfeit time. Only players on the roster may play.

Player Equipment

All players must wear the same colors to distinguish themselves from other teams. T-shirts, jerseys, or beach wear will work! Shoes and shin guards are not allowed. Socks, approved beach soccer socks and tape are all legal suggestions. All games will be played with a provided size 4 or 5 tournament ball.

Referees

The referee is responsible for control of the game and his/her decisions regarding facts connected with play are final.

Duration of the Game

The game shall be divided up into two equal periods of 12 minutes for all 1 day Soccer in the Sand events. The game shall be divided into 3, 11 minute periods for all 2 day Soccer in the Sand events. There will be a 2 minute break in between halves or periods.

Win = 3 points

Tie = 1 point

Loss = 0 points

The Start of Play

A flip of a coin decides which team will kick off. Each team must stay in its own half of the field and the defending players must be at least 10 yards from the ball when it is kicked. After a goal, the team scored upon will kick off. After halftime, the teams change ends and the kickoff will be taken by the opposite team to that which started the game.

Tie Game

In the event of a tie between two teams after the game is complete, the game will be declared a tie.

In the event of a tie after the round robin is complete, the team with more goals scored will advance. If both teams have the same amount of goals scored there will be a shootout 5 minutes prior to the semifinal game to determine who advances.

In the event of a tie in the semifinal match or final match there will be a 3 minute golden

goal period. If the game is still a draw then there will be a shootout to determine the winner.

Shootouts

Shootouts will consist of 3 shooters from each team. After the three shooters have shot, the team with the most goals wins. Shooters do not have to be on the field of play to participate in the shootout.

Offsides

There are no offsides.

Kickoffs

All free kicks including kickoff, goal kicks and corner kicks are direct.

Any ball played out of bounds on either touch line will result in a throw in or a kick in for the team that did not touch the ball last. Throw-ins are INDIRECT. Kick-ins are Direct. On any free kick including goal kicks (to be played by the goalkeeper's hands) there is a 6 second rule. If the team awarded the kick does not play the ball in 6 seconds the other team will gain possession of the ball at the spot of the foul.

A PK will be taken from the center of the field 10 yards from the goal. A PK will be awarded for fouls inside of the goal area.

Substitutions

A player may be substituted on any dead ball. The referee must be made aware of a player being substituted.

Goalkeepers

Goalkeepers may handle the ball anywhere within ten yards of their goal. The goalkeeper area will be marked with cones on both sidelines.

Goalkeepers **are** allowed to handle the ball if a teammate plays the ball back to them.

Goalkeepers may throw balls in for goal kicks or place ball on sand and kick it in.

Spectators

All participants and spectators must also abide by all rules set forth by the beach/park and city that the event takes place.

No games will be protested after the completion of the game. The referee and tournament officials will have the final say on any disputes and will treat each situation in the fairest and most logical way.

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