

## **Brantford City Soccer Club - Facility & Indoor Soccer Playing Rules**

- 1.** **WATER** is the only drink that is permitted on the playing field and players benches. Juice and sports drinks, etc., will not be allowed onto or near the playing surface. Absolutely **NO GUM** or **FOOD** is permitted on or near the playing surface.
- 2.** No jewellery of any kind will be allowed, including watches, earrings, necklaces, etc.
- 3.** All players must have clean shoes when walking on the playing surface. It would be appreciated if you switch into your cleats/running shoes once at the facility, and not wear outside shoes on the playing surface.
- 4.** The referee will be keeping track of the time, and make all calls. The call is final and not to be argued.
- 5.** All kicks will be indirect. There is no offside rule for indoor soccer.
- 6.** When the ball goes out the side of the field it will result in a **kick-in**, not a **throw-in**. The players will be allowed to move the ball in up to 1 foot into the playing surface to properly take the kick.
- 7.** On all kicks (goal kicks, corner kicks, kick-ins & free kicks) the other players must be 3 meters/10 feet away from the player shooting the ball.
- 8.** There will be absolutely **NO SLIDE TACKLES** allowed. IF THERE IS AN OCCURANCE THE REF WILL ISSUE A TWO MINUTE PENALTY AND A YELLOW CARD. IF THERE IS A SECOND OCCURANCE IN THE SAME GAME THE TEAM WILL BE ISSUED A FIVE MINUTE PENALTY AND THE OFFENDING PLAYER WILL RECEIVE A RED CARD.
- 9.** In the championship game, if there is a tie at the end of regulation time, the game will proceed to a penalty shootout. Each team will have 5 shooters and alternate taking shots. If after the first round of shooters the game is still tied it will proceed to sudden death penalty kicks.
- 10.** Rushing the Goalie once they have possession of the ball will **not** be tolerated. The first offence will result in a **YELLOW CARD** being issued and a 2 Minute Penalty. The second offence will result in a **RED CARD** and a 5 minute penalty for the team.
- 11.** If a player receives 2 red cards during the season there will be a review with the club and the player will be suspended for *at least* the following game.
- 12.** Intentional high kicking will not be tolerated. In the event of the first occurrence the referee will issue a two minute penalty. When the goalie has the ball on the ground for a kick, it **MUST** be placed on the line and kicked from this point.
- 13.** Jumping at or to distract a player is an offence with the reprimand at the referees discretion.
- 14.** Players with hard casts will not be permitted to play under any circumstance.
- 15.** Please make sure you fill out your game sheet at the beginning of the game and hand in to the referee. First and Last names must be included.
- 16.** There will be a BCSC Employee working at the facility at all times if you require assistance.
- 17.** All games **MUST** start on time by 5 minutes past the hour (ex. 6:05pm for a 6:00pm scheduled game)
- 18.** Players and spectators may only enter the facility at the start of the hour (ex. 6:00pm for a 6:00pm scheduled game)
- 19.** Each half is 20 minutes and half time has been eliminated.
- 20.** At half time a new ball will be provided, and coaches may switch goalies and ends of play.
- 21.** All games must finish at 45 minutes past the hour. (ex. 6:45pm for a 6:00pm scheduled game)
- 22.** All players/spectators will need to vacate the facility at 50 minutes past the hour. (ex. 6:50pm for a 6:00pm scheduled game)
- 23.** All coaches and spectators will be required to wear masks at all times
- 24.** Players are permitted to wear a mask and gloves if they wish (both masks and gloves should fit securely and not be loose.
- 25.** Good Luck & Have FUN!

## **Lopsided Scoring Rule:**

Brantford City Soccer Club strives to ensure that all teams are balanced in terms of player ratings, playing history, gender, and birth year. Despite the teams all being created equal there is always teams that gel better together and have a more successful season. Along the way however these teams often dominate the other teams with lopsided scoring.

To help mitigate lopsided scoring Brantford City Soccer Club has instituted the following policy for indoor soccer which applies to all players playing in the 5-17 co-ed house league division.

-When a goal differential of *more than 3* occurs the team who is leading will be required to play down one player until such time as a goal differential of *less than 4* is obtained. At that time the team who is leading can return another player to the field and to a full squad making the number of players on both teams equal again. It is possible for this event to occur multiple times in the same game if the goal differential fluctuates. This rule accompanies the equal playing time rule requiring all players to be fielded for play the same amount of time.

This policy is in effort to help balance the ideals of preventing lopsided victories without discouraging competition.