



Broadview Heights Youth Soccer

Every Question You Could Ever Ask About Indoor Soccer. 2022 Edition.

1. What is Indoor Soccer?

Well, it's like outdoor soccer but it's played indoors. The rules are mostly the same as the outdoor soccer rules. It's played on a turf field. Unlike some indoor soccer leagues there are no walls in ours though.

2. Who is in charge of this?

Me. My name is Gary Diehl and I am the Athletics Manager for the city of Broadview Heights. I have been for a long time. Too long some people might tell you, but that's another topic.

Anyway, if you have any questions, I'm the guy to ask. But, if you're reading this, any question you could ever ask about indoor soccer has probably been answered below. So read on.

3. What does it cost to play indoor soccer?

\$110 per player regardless of age

NOTE: Register on or before October 20th and you receive a \$20 discount off your registration so: \$90 before October 20th.

4. What? Why so much?

Renting indoor field space is fairly expensive and our teams tend to be smaller. But still, it's at most only \$18 an hour.

5. What ages play indoor soccer?

We have a combined U5 and U6 league. A U7 league. And A U9 and U11 league. Depending upon numbers we may spread the older age groups out to a three year age groups to accommodate more kids.

6. I heard that boys and girls play on the same teams. Is that true?

Yes. The teams are all co-rec. But, that said, occasionally we will have an all-girl teams that wants to play and we generally allow that. We are fairly flexible on who gets to play. We just want the kids to play.

7. When do games start and end?

Games are played 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

8. What time are games played?

All games are between 12:00 and 6:00 PM. Younger teams play first, older teams later.



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9. Where are games played?

All games are played at the Manta Fieldhouse (formerly the Royalton Fieldhouse) located at 10701 Royalton Rd. In North Royalton. Note that space at the Fieldhouse outside of game space is limited. It gets crowded before and after games. Just to forewarn you.

10. How many are on a team?

U5-U7 usually there are 6 to 7 per team

U9 and above there can be up to 12.

Keep in mind that indoor soccer is very informal and as such we are flexible with the make-up of teams. In the past we have just divided kids up on game day into groups, or had set teams that play. Whatever works best to make the activity fun and beneficial for the kids.

11. How long are games?

U5-U7 games are 4 x 10 minute quarters

U9 and above games are 2 x 25 minute halves.

It's important to note here that games must start exactly at the top of the hour. Otherwise that pushes all the games afterward back. There really is no warming up before the game.

12. Do you need coaches?

Always.

13. When are practices?

There are no practices, just games.

14. Can our outdoor team play together indoors?

Maybe. It depends on the make-up of the league. Most, if not all teams are supposed to be co-rec, so a team of all boys playing a team of all girls may not be the best situation. The girls will probably beat up the boys. Also, if we have 30 kids sign up and 15 of them are on one team, that wouldn't work either. So again, maybe. We'll just have to see. Which is how we have done this for 10 years.

15. When will I hear from a coach?

Well, Registration ends October 31st. Games start November 5th. So, between those two dates.



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This next question is important.

16. What do we do the day of the first game? Just show up?

Yep, that's pretty much it. It's important that you understand that the first week, that is the days leading up to the first game and the day of the first game are very chaotic. Since we often have kids signing up the day before the season starts, it's crazy. If you are one of those that has to know weeks ahead of time exactly what the schedule is going to be, this is going to drive you nuts. But it gets much smoother after the first week.

Unless you are on an existing team (as mentioned above) you won't meet your coach until minutes before the first game. That is also when you will get your jersey. And, there is not a lot of space outside the actual field, so it's crowded and loud. Again, the first week is very chaotic.

17. What kind of shoes do they wear?

Same cleats as you use for outdoor soccer, just make sure they are clean.

18. What are the ball sizes?

U5/6 and U7 use a #3 ball and everyone else uses a #4 ball.

19. What are the rules for indoor soccer?

For the U9 and above the rules are basically the same as outdoor soccer except for the length of the game and we play halves instead of quarters.

U5/6/7 the rules are the same which is, there really aren't any rules. They just play.

20. Where can I get a copy of the rules?

You don't need one.

21. Where can I find a schedule?

Either on our website or we'll send you one. Note sure yet. But note, that since we usually don't know the number of teams we have until very near to the start of the season, schedules may not be out until a week or so prior to the first game. But refer back to the above question, "when are games?" That should give you a good idea of when you will be playing.

Sorry, that's the best I can do.

22. Do we get uniforms?

Yes. And like I said above, you will usually get them the first game day.

23. Do coaches get game balls?

No, they don't need them as we provide them at the games.



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24. Are there referees?

For U9 and up, yes.

For U5/6 no.

For U7, probably. But the referee is more like a coach than a referee.

25. My Daughter (or I suppose son) just got her/his ears pierced. Not a problem is it?

Big problem. You cannot play if you have earrings in. No way around it and you cannot tape them over.

26. Can games be rescheduled?

No. We have limited space at the Fieldhouse that we have rented and that is all we have. Games can't be moved or rescheduled.

27. Do you keep score?

Not really. The older kids tend to know the score but we don't officially keep score. Remember, indoor soccer is just for fun and to keep the kids active when the weather gets bad.

28. What if it snows?

Well, you're indoors so.... Unless the police say to stay off the roads, we will play.

29. How many can be on a team?

Older kids all play 6v6 so 11 would be the max. Rule of thumb is double the number that play on a side minus the goalie.

Little kids probably no more than 7 or so.

30. Are there goalies?

U9 and up, yes.

31. Is there a goal differential rule like there is in outdoor soccer?

No, we really don't keep score so it doesn't matter.

32. Are headers allowed?

No.

33. Is there a picture day?

No, not a formal one. But you are always welcome to take pictures.

34. Do we get medals or trophies?

No.