

St. Albert Soccer Association  
U9 Indoor Arena Boardless Rules

Law 3 – The Players

- 7 vs 7. Each team will field 1 Goal Keeper (clearly identified) and 6 Outfield players.
- Substitutes may change on the fly and enter the field once an ON FIELD player moves behind the hash mark and is within the teams own bench area.

Law 7 – Duration of the Match

- 2 minutes for warm up before the match. The match will consist of 2 x 25-minute halves with a half time interval of no more then 2 minutes.

Law 9 – Ball in and out of Play

- Play is stopped when the ball touches the side boards (in between the opposing corner lines), touches the netting above the side boards, touches the netting ABOVE the end boards (\*\*see Law 16 and 17 below) or is played forward and crosses 3 lines (both defensive and center line) in the air WITHOUT touching a player or any part of the field.
- Play is restarted with a free kick to the opposing team from the hash line, NEAREST to where the ball touches the side boards or netting above the side boards.
- When the ball is played FORWARD over 3 lines (without touching a player or any part of the field) play is restarted with a free kick to the opposing team from the center spot of the first defensive line crossed.
- End boards along the goal line, between the two **RED** corner lines, are live and play is **NOT** stopped after contact with the ball.
- A **Goal** is scored when the ball crosses in between the goal posts, under the cross bar and completely over the goal line. Play is restarted with a free kick to the opposing team on the center spot of the center line.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconducts

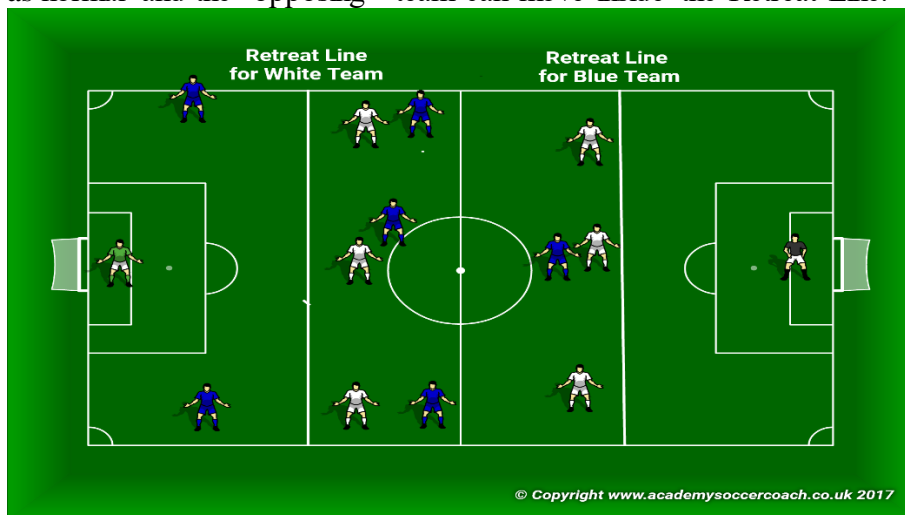
- Play is stopped when a player commits any of the following offenses against an opponent:
- Kicks, trips, pushes, holds, jumps at, strikes, or Intentionally plays the ball with any part of the Hand or Arm.
- ALL fouls and misconducts are restarted with an INDIRECT FREE KICK to the non-offending team from where the foul occurred on the field.
- If the foul occurs INSIDE the Penalty Area, the INDIRECT FREE KICK is taken by the non-offending team from the top of the Arc.
- NO CARDS are given in 7 v 7 U9 Boardless soccer for fouls. If a foul committed is serious enough to warrant a card, the player will leave the field of play and sit in their own team bench for a 2-minute timeout. The team will replace the player on the field with a sub. Teams DO NOT play shorthanded at any time.

### Law 13 – Free Kicks

- ALL free kicks, including fouls/misconducts and the ball in and out are **INDIRECT**.
- During Free Kicks, ALL opponents must be 5 yards from where the ball is placed until the ball is Kicked and **CLEARLY** Moves. (See Law 16 Goal kicks for the exception)

### Law 16 – Goal Kicks

- When the ball touches the netting above the end boards, in between the corner lines and was last touched by a player from the team **ATTACKING** that net, a free kick is taken by the opposing team from anywhere in the goal area.
- All defending players must move behind the retreat line (shown above in the image) when a goal kick is being taken.
- When a goal kick is being taken, the ball **MUST** Leave the Penalty Area before the **ATTACKING** players may touch the ball.
- If the ball is touched before leaving the Penalty Area, the Goal Kick is retaken.
- When the ball is touched by a 2nd player, or the ball stops moving, the play will resume as normal and the “opposing” team can move inside the Retreat Line.



### Law 17 – Corner Kicks

- When the ball hits the netting above the end boards, in between the corner lines and was touched last by a player from the team **DEFENDING** that net, a free kick is taken from the corner dot nearest where the ball went out, by the opposing team.
- All players from the opposing team must be 5 yards from the ball until it is kicked and **CLEARLY** moves.