

## **MSTC 4 V 4 TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. Coaches- make sure your team understands the rules.
2. Players can score from anywhere on the court-kickoffs, corner kicks, goal kicks, and direct kicks.  
**There are no 2 point goals.**  
  
*Goals cannot be scored on indirect kicks from "throw ins" - unless touched by another player.*
3. Players are allowed to run through the crease. If there is no contact with the ball in the crease the outcome of the shot isn't affected.  
  
-If an offensive player falls or slides into the crease after the ball is in the net - the goal is allowed.  
-If an offensive player touches the ball in the crease - goal kick.  
-If a defensive player is outside the crease but touches the ball in the crease - goal  
-If a defensive player is in the crease and touches the ball not in the crease – goal.  
-If a defensive player is in the crease – and doesn't touch the ball - and shot misses- no goal.
4. No slide tackling when a player is playing the ball.
5. No free kicks will be taken closer than 5 yards from the crease. Any wall must be 3 yards from the ball. The ball cannot be "blasted" into the wall.
6. An oncoming substitute cannot play the ball until his teammate is off the court. Penalty is an indirect kick from the point of violation.
7. All out of bounds will be restarted with a goal kick, corner kick, or **indirect** kick from the side line.
8. Clock stops only for injury, obvious delay, or if a goal is scored in the last minute of the game.
9. It is legal to kick the ball backwards on the kickoff. Wait for the whistle.
10. If the ball stops dead in the crease there will be a drop ball at half court.
11. There is a height restriction - any ball kicked higher than the Ref's head will be a indirect going other way. A goal cannot be scored on the restart unless the ball is touched by another player.  
*Exception is deflected ball.*
12. **Games will start on time. You can start with two players. If a team is late and forfeits its first game, they will be allowed to play their remaining games, but for scoring purposes they forfeit them. All teams in that bracket will receive 1 point for the forfeited game. The clock on the fieldhouse wall is the official clock for game times.**
13. Shoes that are used for game play must be carried into the building so that they are dry.
14. Shin guards are mandatory.
15. **Games are 25 minutes in length - running clock - no half time**
16. The players must stay in the lobby area when not playing - they can go as far as the restrooms. All soccer balls must be hand carried when not in the gym.