

Pitch – Code of Conduct

Players and guests are expected to conduct themselves with courtesy and sportsmanship at all times while in and around the Pitch. Those who do not conform, who fail to abide by the rules of the game or who pose safety risks to themselves or others, are subject to disciplinary action, including loss of right to use the facility.

Pitch Rules

- **No spitting on the field, or in the facility**
- **No tobacco or alcohol allowed on Pitch property**
- **No gum, food or beverages (other than sport drinks or water) are allowed on the field**
- **No swearing or abusive language**
- **Respect the facility, your teammates, opponents, coaches, managers and referees at all times**
- **No intentional throwing, kicking, hitting of balls into ceiling, lights, scoreboards, windows or sidewalls will be tolerated.**
- **No street shoes allowed on field. Please bring cleats or sneakers to change into on the benches provided**
- **Spectators can wear street shoes on sidelines only, provided they are clean of dirt and debris. Otherwise remove shoes or stand on mezzanine to view field**
- **Keep an eye on unattended bags. Leave valuables in locked car if you are concerned. Bags can be left under bleachers at each end of field, or brought with you onto sideline**
- **If you witness an incident or have any concerns please contact a manager on the field or at the front desk**

All Pitch users are required to:

- Acknowledge and agree to all Pitch rules and procedures, including those regarding registration, waivers, rules and conduct
- Pay promptly all financial obligations owing to the Pitch
- Sign the team roster
- Comply with team uniform and Pitch equipment requirements
- Treat the facility, all spectators, opponents, coaches and managers with respect

Users should be aware that:

- Teams do not have a choice of officials for their games
- All officials calls will stand and may not be protested
- Officials have full authority to manage players on, and in in the immediate vicinity of, the field of play
- Rules of the game are posted on the Pitch website and substantially comply with The Official Rules of Indoor Soccer.

The consequences for a player's or coach's receiving a Yellow or Red Card are as set forth in the Rules. Nonetheless, the Pitch reserves the right to impose additional disciplinary sanctions in the event of a Red Card. In such case, the game official will prepare and submit a thorough written report of the incident. The Pitch shall evaluate the incident in the manner it deems to be in the best interests of the Pitch and as the facts may dictate. Subject to such conditions and objectivity, the Pitch may impose sanctions, including but not limited to one or more of the following:

- Formal written Warning
- 1-Game Suspension (automatic)
- Season-Ending Suspension
- Permanent Suspension, with right to make a written request for reinstatement after serving one entire suspended season
- Team Sanction, including one or more of the foregoing
- Notice to other leagues and facilities

Examples of surrounding circumstances that the Pitch may choose to consider include:

- Severity of the incident:
 - 1-Game Suspension (minimum):
 - Verbal Abuse of Referee, Spectator or Manager
 - Foul causing injury
 - Season-Ending Suspension (minimum):
 - Foul caused with intent to injure
 - Other physical violence
 - Spitting on anyone
 - Damage to Pitch property
- Injury surrounding the incident
- Clearing of Benches
- Drugs or Alcohol
- Cause of the incident
- Retaliation by others
- Player's behavior after a sufficient "cooling off" period
- Conduct/bias of the game official
- Untruthfulness during any investigation
- Refusal to leave the Pitch
- Prior incidents involving the player
- Effect on customers or community reputation

The Pitch shall bear full and sole responsibility for determining, communicating and enforcing any sanction as it sees fit. There shall be no protests or appeals of the Pitch's decision, once final.

Behave like your mother is watching and don't disappoint her!