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Does AYSO have special rules for playing Indoor Soccer?

AYSO does not have any formalized recommendations regarding rules for indoor soccer. The primary reason for this is the tremendous variation in types, sizes and conditions of the facilities available in the 1000+ AYSO regions across the country. Some regions have access to indoor facilities specifically designed for indoor soccer whereas others must use gymnasiums of various sizes and configurations. Some regions allow playing the ball off dasher boards or walls and some would rather not allow this and prefer to play using touch lines and goal lines as outer boundaries like outdoor soccer.

FIFA has published rules for Indoor Football (soccer) called "Five a Side Football" which are very similar to the rules (*Laws of the Game*) for outdoor soccer. Their web site is www.FIFA.com. The United States Soccer Federation (USSF) has published some information regarding suggested rules for indoor soccer and techniques for training referees to do indoor games. Their web site is www.ussoccer.com.