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The Northwest Territories Soccer Association is hosting its 1st Annual Adult Indoor Soccer Tournament

Where: Weledeh, St. Pat's, and Sir John Schools,
Yellowknife



When: April 2nd – April 4th, 2010



Who: Anyone 19 years old +

Cost: \$350 per team or \$40 for individual registrants

Every participant must also be a currently registered Member with NWT Soccer by the registration deadline. Please visit our website at www.nwtkicks.ca to register or update your annual membership (\$20). Please do not create a 2nd profile if you do not remember your user name or password - contact Melanie.

Teams & individuals wishing to play must submit their rosters to Melanie Kornacki in person, by fax at 867-669-8327, or email at mkornacki@sportnorth.com, by **March 16th, 2010**





Rules & Registration

1. Rules: This competition will be conducted under the following rules as developed and approved by the NWT Soccer Association.

2. Proof of Age: All players must be at minimum nineteen (19) years of age prior to the start of play on **April 2, 2010**. Each team captain must carry with them, the proof of age of all of their players during tournament play. Teams that cannot prove the age of their players upon demand by the tournament coordinator will forfeit their games and may be removed from the tournament.

Proof of age is (PHOTOCOPY) of one of the following: Birth certificate; Health care card; Passport; Driver's License.

Players are only permitted to play for one team during the tournament.

Roster changes may not occur after the first game. Roster must be filled out with player names, date of birth, and NWTSA Membership Number.

3. Team Composition: Each team will be comprised of a minimum of six (6) players, one of which must be identified as the team captain, and a maximum of ten (10) players. The game shall be played by two teams each consisting of five (5) players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. A minimum number of 4 players on the floor are required to start and finish the game. Fewer than 4 eligible players per team will result in a default. Two (2) eligible female players must be on the playing floor at all times during the tournament.

4. Substitution: Substitutes may enter the playing area by either signaling the referee during a stoppage in play or changing on the fly as long as the player leaving the floor is within two (2) meters of the bench. Any violation of this will result in an indirect kick for the opposing team. (This kick will be taken from the penalty shot mark of the team violating this rule.)

Team captains may also ask the referee for substitutions when their goalkeeper has possession of the ball.





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Goalkeepers may be substituted but only after the referee has been informed and is satisfied the intended substitute is clearly distinguished as per rule 7.

A goalkeeper may not be substituted for a penalty kick, except in the case of injury, but may be substituted during a stoppage in play.

Substitutions will be unlimited.

5. Field of Play: The actual playing area will be dependent on the venue chosen by the NWT Soccer Association, but shall be rectangular and a minimum of 50 feet by 80 feet.

Goal Area: There will be **NO CREASE** during the tournament.

Penalty Spot: The penalty spot shall be located in the centre between the goal posts at a distance of twenty-five (25) feet from the goal line (approximately the top of the 3-point arc).

6. The Ball: Regular Indoor Size 5.

7. Players' Equipment: All players must wear shorts, indoor non-marking shoes, shin-pads and soccer socks on top of their shin pads. All players on the same team must have the same color and style of jerseys or shirts. Team captains must identify which color they intend to be to the tournament coordinator prior to the event.

The goalkeeper must wear colors which distinguish him/her from all other players and the referee. The goalkeeper may wear additional knee or elbow protectors.

8. Referee: A referee shall be appointed to officiate each game. This person shall enforce the rules and decide any disputed point. Their decision on points of fact connected with the play shall be final so far as the result of the game is concerned.

The referee shall complete the game sheet at the end of each game and report in writing on any occurrence during the game, and whether the game is completed or not. The referee is the sole official timekeeper.

9. Duration of Game: The duration of the game shall be two (2) equal periods of twenty five (25) minutes straight time with five (5) minute intermission.





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Teams switch ends at half time. The referee may at his/her discretion make allowance for time lost through accident or otherwise. Time shall be extended to permit a penalty kick being taken at or after the expiration of the normal period in either half.

If after a round robin game, the score is tied, then a 5 min, "golden goal" period will be played - with the team scoring the first goal being the winner. If still tied after extra time, the game shall remain a tie with both teams being award 1pt.

10. The Start of Play: At the beginning of the game, choice of ends and the kick off shall be decided by a coin toss. The team winning the toss shall have the option of choice of ends and receives the kick off to start the second half.

During a kickoff, all players must be on their own half of the playing area and every player of the opposing team shall remain not less than ten (10) feet from the ball until the ball has moved. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player.

A goal may be scored direct from the kick-off.

After a goal is scored, the game shall be restarted with a kickoff.

After the half time intermission, the teams shall switch ends and the kick off shall be taken by a player of the team that won the initial coin toss.

11. Ball in and Out of Play: The ball is out of play when:

- it contacts the ceiling or side or end walls above a height of eight (8) feet; (This height may vary slightly from gym to gym) when it leaves the playing area; and
- when the game has been stopped by the referee.

The ball is in play at all other times from the start of the match to the finish including;

- a) If it rebounds from the walls (below eight (8) feet in height), goal posts, crossbars, or goal supports into the field of play. The four (4) walls of the gymnasium below eight (8) feet in height are considered as part of the field of play; and
- b) If it rebounds off the referee when s/he is in the field of play.



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If the game has been stopped, but no offense occurred (i.e. due to injury), it shall be restarted by the referee dropping the ball at the place where the ball was at the time of play was stopped, no closer than 12 feet to any goal area.

12. Scoring: A goal is scored when the whole of the ball has passed over the goal line, between the goal posts and under the crossbar, provided it has not been thrown, carried or propelled by hand or arm by a player of the attacking side, except in the case of a goalkeeper who is within his own area.

13. Offside: There are no offsides in Indoor Soccer.

14. Fouls and Misconduct:

Direct Free Kick Fouls occurs when a player commits any of the following offenses;

- kicks or attempts to kick an opponent;
- trips or attempts to trip an opponent i.e. throwing or attempting to throw him by use of his legs or by stopping in front or behind him/her;
- jumps at an opponent;
- charges an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner (e.g. from behind)
- strikes or attempts to strike an opponent;
- holds an opponent with his/her hand or any part of his/her arm;
- handles the ball, i.e. carries, or propels it with his/her arm (this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his/her own area); and
- slides.

All of the above fouls shall be penalized by the award of a direct free kick.

Indirect Free Kick Fouls occur when a player commits any of the following offenses;

- kicking the ball which makes contact with the side or end walls above the height eight (8) feet or contacts the ceiling;
- placing his/her hand on the wall to gain unfair advantage, i.e. to push off;
- playing in a manner considered to be dangerous by the referee, i.e. attempting to kick the ball while it is held by the goalkeeper;
- charging, i.e. with the shoulder, when the ball is not within the playing distance of the players concerned and they are definitely not to play the ball;



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- when not playing the ball, intentionally obstructing an opponent, i.e. between the opponent and the ball, or interposing the body so as to form an obstacle to an opponent;
- when playing as a goalkeeper, indulges in tactics which are designed merely, to hold up the game and thus waste time and so give an unfair advantage to his/her own team;
- obstructing the goalkeeper

All of the above fouls shall be penalized by the award of an indirect free kick.

In the case of the first mentioned offense, where a ball makes contact above the height of eight (8) feet, the indirect free kick shall be awarded at the point on the playing court where the ball was last touched.

If the ball rebounds off a player and then contacts the ceiling or side or end walls above eight (8) feet having been kicked by an opponent, an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team at the point on the playing court where the ball left him playing area.

A yellow card will be issued for any of the following offenses:

- persistently infringing the rules of the game;
- showing by word or action, dissent from any decision given by the referee; and
- being guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct;

The referee as sole judge of intention, may stop the game, caution the player and award an indirect free kick to the opposing side. The referee does not have to stop the game to issue a yellow card; however, the referee must issue the card at the next stoppage in play.

A red card will be issued for any of the following offenses:

If a player, who the referee has already cautioned, commits another cautionable offense, the referee shall show him/her the yellow card and red card and eject them from the game. A player shall also be ejected from the game, if, in the opinion of the referee, s/he is;



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- guilty of violent conduct or serious foul play;
- uses foul or abusive language;
- persists in misconduct after having received a caution.

Free Kicks

When a player is penalized, a direct free kick or indirect free kick, the opposing side will kick the ball from the place where the offense occurred, but no closer than twelve (12) feet to any goal area (the 3-point arc will be used for consistency).

During a free kick, all defending players must stand at least ten (10) feet from the ball.

When awarded an indirect free kick, the ball after being kicked, must be touched by another player before a goal can be scored.

Penalty Kick Fouls:

If a player is sent off by either receiving two yellow cards in one game or one red card the opposing team will be awarded a penalty kick.

15. The Penalty Kick: The F.I.F.A. Law XIV applies with the exception that it shall be taken from the penalty mark, twenty-five (25) feet (the top of the 3-point arc) from the goal line. All players except the kicker and the goalkeeper must be ten (10) feet away from the penalty spot and behind the ball. The goalkeeper must have their feet on the goal line until the ball is kicked. If encroachment occurs by the defending team, the following shall happen;

- a) If a legal goal is scored, it shall stand,
- b) If it is a missed goal, the kick shall be retaken.

If encroachment occurs by the attacking team, the following shall happen;

- a) If a goal is scored, the kick shall be retaken;
- b) If it is missed, play shall continue.



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16. Restart after the ball has left the playing area along the sideline: This rule applies only for a competition venue where one or more points along the side walls have been determined out of bounds for reasons of safety. An indirect free kick shall be taken from the point on the floor closest to where the ball left play.

17. The goalkeeper returning the ball into play: After the goalkeeper has gathered the ball into their hands, or after the ball has been played out of the playing field behind the goal line, the goalkeeper shall return the ball into play with their feet or hands. The ball must bounce off the floor or wall, or touch a player before crossing the half way line. The goalkeeper has six seconds to put the ball back into play.

The penalty for an infraction on putting the ball back into play by the goalkeeper is an indirect free kick to the opposing team on the penalty kick mark which is twenty-five (25) feet (the top of the 3-point arc) from the goal-line.

Players from the opposing team must stay back one (1) meter when the goalkeeper is attempting to put the ball in play. The goalkeeper may only use their hands within the 3-point arc area. This area will represent the 18yd box in outdoor soccer and all the same rules that are applicable will apply.

18. Goalkeeper playing ball above eight (8) feet: If the ball, upon rebounding off the goalkeeper, leaves the goal area and makes contact with the end or side walls above eight (8) feet or the ceiling, an indirect free kick shall be awarded to the attacking team from a point twelve (12) feet (the 3-point arc will be used for consistency) from the edge of the goal, 3 feet from the end wall. (Corner Kick)

19. Pass back to the goalkeeper: A goalkeeper may not use their hands to control the ball if it received from an intentional foot pass from a team-mate. An infraction of this rule will result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team.

20. Tie breaking procedure for round robin play:

In the round robin, 3pts will be awarded for a win and 1pt for a tie.

If two teams may have the same amount of points after round robin play, the team who won the round robin game between the two teams will be given the higher standing. If the round robin game was tied, the team with the fewer “goals against” them in the total round robin play will be given the higher standing. If this is tied, “goals for” in the



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total round robin will be used with the team scoring the most “goals for” awarded the higher standing. If still tied after “goals for” then a shoot out will occur, with the winning team being awarded the higher standing. (See rule 22).

If three or more teams have the same amount of points after round robin play then the following will be used to break the tie:

1. Head to head record between the three (or more) teams.
2. The team with the least goals scored against them in the total round robin will get the higher standings. The team with the most goals scored against them will get the lower standing.
3. If it is still tied between two or more teams, then goals "for" will be used in the total round robin. The team with the most goals "for" will get the higher standing and the team with the least goals "for" will get the lowest standing.
4. If still tied after goals for then a shoot out will occur, with the winning team being awarded the higher standing. (See rule 22)

21. Playoffs: During playoff games of the tournament, a tie will be broken by a five (5) minute sudden death overtime. If it is still tied after the sudden death overtime then penalty kicks will be taken.

22. Penalty Kicks: Shall decide the winner in the following manner:

- Each team will take five penalty kicks, alternating turns, at the same end of the playing area;
- Each kick will be taken by a different player chosen from the total team;
- If the game is tied after the five penalty kicks, the penalty kicks will continue one round at a time until one team is ahead after an equal number of kicks;
- Until the winner is decided, the penalty kicks will be taken by the players in the same order.

23. Sending Off: A **red card** or **two yellow cards** shown by the referee to a player during the course of one game will result in that player being sent off and replaced for the duration of that game. **(Reminder - this "Sending Off" will result in a Penalty Shot)**

Furthermore, any player sent off may be asked to serve a one or more game suspension. Violent conduct, dissent or flagrant unsportsmanlike behavior will result in further suspension upon recommendation by the referee to the tournament coordinator and/or



the NWT Soccer Association. Notification of further suspension will be in the form of a letter to the player and team captain or coach from the tournament coordinator. The player and coach may appeal any such decision as outlined in the appeal policy found in this booklet.

24. Discipline policy and procedures: It is the responsibility of every participant to conduct themselves in a respectful and appropriate manner during the NWT Soccer Association's Adult Soccer Tournament. Every team is responsible for the actions of their players, officials and spectators and an individual's actions may have consequences for the entire team, beyond the duration of this tournament.

We would like to make this Adult Tournament an annual celebration of indoor soccer in Canada's North, as a way of thanking the many adult volunteers for their invaluable contributions to northern sport development by offering them a chance to enjoy the game.

As such, discipline comes under the rules, regulations and policies of the Canadian Soccer Association and the NWT Soccer Association. The NWT Soccer Association will have one or more members that will comprise a disciplinary committee present at the tournament. Any disciplinary issues during and between games, will be considered as one of three levels, based on the severity of the conduct.

Level 1

Should a player be dismissed from a game with two yellow cards or a red card with no extenuating circumstances, the referee will record the details for the card(s) on the game sheet and will report to the tournament coordinator that no further sanction is warranted.

Level 2

Should a player or coach be dismissed from a game with extenuating circumstances, for instance, persistent dissent or foul and abusive language or gestures, severe foul play or violent conduct, the referee will fill out an Incident Report and the tournament coordinator will report the incident to the NWT Soccer Association Disciplinary Committee. The tournament coordinator has the authority to advise the team captain





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or coach that the player(s) in question will be assessed an automatic one-game suspension based on the referee's game sheet and/or incident report.

The NWT Soccer Association Disciplinary Committee will decide if the nature of the offence warrants additional games or dismissal from the tournament. If so, the case shall be heard in timely fashion or at the very latest, before the end of the same day by a three person committee made up of individuals not involved in the event in question. Any decision by the NWT Soccer Association's Disciplinary Committee of further tournament sanction, beyond a one-game suspension, will be delivered in writing to the team captain or coach of the team by the tournament coordinator. For serious acts of unsporting conduct, the NWT Soccer Association's Disciplinary Committee will recommend suspension of the person from all soccer activities until heard by a Disciplinary Committee struck by the NWT Soccer Association.

Level 3

Canadian Soccer Association, Rule 12.e.iii)

"In all cases of alleged physical assault of, attempted physical assault of, or threatening behavior towards a game official, the accused shall be suspended from all soccer activities until the case has been decided by the NWT Soccer Association.

Upon receipt of a report by the NWT Soccer Association's Disciplinary Committee of physical assault, attempted physical assault, or threatening behavior towards a game official or other tournament participant, the accused shall be notified of his/her suspension from all soccer activities until the case is heard by a Disciplinary Committee struck by the NWT Soccer Association. The game official must submit an incident Report within 24 hours of the alleged incident. Timelines and notices for such a hearing are as published by the Canadian Soccer Association.

Procedures for submitting an appeal and convening the Discipline Committee are as follows:

a) The gymnasium and school area is controlled by a tournament coordinator, which, in turn, may have assistants or (after-hours) security guards. Alleged infractions shall be reported to the tournament coordinator. If the protest is a sport-related matter, the tournament coordinator shall render, in writing, a fair and reasonable decision.



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If an alleged infraction occurs outside the school venue during the tournament, the incident shall be reported to the NWT Soccer Association's Disciplinary Committee, who shall render, in writing, a fair and reasonable decision.

b) If the contingent involved with or affected by the alleged infraction is not satisfied with the decision of the tournament coordinator, they may appeal to the NWT Soccer Association's Discipline Committee. A written protest shall be presented to the Chairperson of the Discipline Committee with a \$40.00 payment. This payment will be refunded if the protesting contingent wins the appeal. The contingent must lodge their protest within three hours of the alleged infraction or tournament coordinator decision.

The members of the Discipline Committee will meet and review the infraction or protest, rendering a decision as soon as possible. The decision of the Discipline Committee is final and there shall be no further appeal.

The Discipline committee may forward the names of coaches, players or others who may have been involved in the incident to the NWT Soccer Association, who may in turn, suspend those involved from other NWT Soccer Association related activities. (i.e. outdoor soccer, Arctic Winter Games etc).



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Team Registration Form

A team's roster cannot be changed after the start of the first game

Team Name: _____

of Males: _____ # of Females: _____ Team Colour: _____

Name of Team Captain/Coach: _____

Player's Name	Birth date (dd/mm/yyyy)	NWT Soccer Membership #	Player Signature
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			
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7)			
8)			
9)			
10)			

All players have read and agreed to abide by the Rules and Regulations of this tournament, NWTSA's Code of Conduct, and any relevant NWTSA policies and procedures.

Team Captain or Coach's Signature: _____

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Individual Registration Form

First and Last Name: _____

Male or **Female** (circle one) Rate your skill level **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** (circle one)

(1 = never played, 2 = recreational, 3 = competitive, 4 = provincial level, 5 = university)

Age: _____ NWT Soccer Membership #: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

I understand that I am registering as an individual and that the NWT Soccer Association will do its best to create equal teams of all individually registered players for this adult indoor soccer tournament. In the unfortunate event that our tournament coordinator is unable to place you on a team, your tournament fee of \$40 will be completely refunded. However, your NWT Soccer membership fee will not be refunded as it allows Members to participate in other sanctioned events.

I also agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of this tournament, NWTSA's Code of Conduct, and any relevant NWTSA policies and procedures.

Player Signature: _____

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