

# Fort Worth Beach Soccer Tournament

## **Four + Goalie**

FW Beach soccer matches are played with 4 field players plus a goalkeeper. No shoes or cleats or shinguars are allowed! You can wear sand socks, regular socks, soccer socks or play barefoot.

## **Three 9 minute periods**

Beach soccer matches are divided into three periods with a net length of nine minutes each, divided by two, one-minute breaks. Clock does not stop during play. At any restart a team/player has 5 seconds to play a ball in once he/she has set the ball down on the ground or is throwing the ball in.

## **What happens if there is a tie?**

A beach soccer match can be won, lost or tied during round robin play.

Should the scores be tied in semi-finals or finals, the rules stipulate that a three-minute extra-time period should be played golden goal style.

If the sides can still not be separated, a penalty shootout will take place, with each team shooting three penalties kicks. If that is not enough, the golden goal rule applies for penalty kicks.

## **Substitution rules?**

Every team begins each match with five players out on the sand – one goalkeeper and four outfield players. All substitutions, including goalkeepers, can be made while play is still going on, for which reason there is a designated area for this to take place (AT THE CENTER FLAGS AT MIDFIELD on players side, PLAYER MUST COME OFF FIRST BEFORE PLAYER CAN RUN ON AND REPLACE HIM/HER) Just don't do it, a free kick will be awarded to opposing team if advantage doesn't apply. The unlimited nature of changes makes this a key strategic factor during matches.

## **Disciplinary sanctions**

A player who is sent off, be it for two bookings or a straight red, can be replaced by a substitute after a two-minute penalty. Nevertheless, the substitute could come into play before those two minutes are up if the opposing team scores. FIELD PLAYERS CANNOT SLIDE.

## **Goalkeeping peculiarities**

Goalkeepers can move freely around their penalty area with the ball in their hands and, unlike other disciplines, this area is marked out by a horizontal "line" across the whole pitch. Like any other player, keepers have five seconds to get the ball into play, which they can do so by using their hands or feet. Field players can pass back to the goalie at any time, there is no restriction on this as in professional beach soccer. Goalkeepers cannot pick up a pass from their teammate with their hands.

## **Free-kicks: direct only**

Every infraction of the rules is sanctioned with a direct free-kick, with no wall permitted. A single defensive player can stand within 5 yards of a free kick and be okay. The kick is taken from the spot where the foul was committed. The players have five seconds to play the ball after the referee's whistle, or the free-kick will be awarded for the opposite team.

## **In case of doubt**

Unlike the 11-a-side game but similarly to futsal, goals cannot be scored directly from kick-off and there is no offside. And, in another intriguing feature of this sport, **throw-ins can be taken with either hands or feet.**

## **5-Second Rule**

Players have 5 seconds to play a ball in after a referee's whistle for free kicks. Throw ins/kick-ins from the sidelines will not have a whistle but the referee will be counting off 5 seconds from when player is set. If a player is wasting time getting to the sideline on throw ins/kick-ins, the referee will start his/her count earlier. If your team does not play the ball in with 5 second, it is a turnover.

## **Sportsmanship**

Respect all players, opponents, parents, referees and facility. . Zero tolerance for bad mouthing of any of the listed of This is a fun and different game for all soccer players, coaches, referees, parents, families and fans – lets enjoy it! Joga Bonita!