

Guidelines



Laws of the game

- **(Kick out)** if the ball is kicked out of the playing area **(left and right sides)** from a player, a penalty will be awarded to the opposing side, **deflections do not count as penalties a throw in/kick in will proceed the game**. Penalty kick will be taken from the centre spot. **Kick out behind the goals does not count as a penalty (Front and Back).**
- There are no restrictions on substitutions. Substitution must take place at the Substitution Zone.
- Up to the squad number, players can be used as subs in one match and there is no limit on the amount of substitution, so a replaced player may be used in the same match. Players must enter and leave the field of play any substitution zone.
- In order to restart the game after a ball has gone out of play from a deflection, the ball is kicked back in or thrown in from where it left play. The ball must be placed stationary on the ground. **No goalkeepers allowed. Only defenders or defensive players are allowed to protect the goal without the use of hands.**
- Players are required to keep 3 feet from the players in possession of the ball on free kicks, kick in.
- A restart from the goal must be passed out. **The ball should be centred after each goal.**
- **Minimum Number of Players to Finish Match = 3. Minimum numbers of Players to Start Match = 3 maximum = 5. less than three players by a team means the game is abandon and the opposition receive the points.**
- **Red Cards**, if a player is sent off then the team to which the player belongs must be reduced by one player until their subsequent match. **Players sent off in a match are subjected to miss one game via suspension.** Players are cautioned with a yellow card and sent off with a red card. **2 yellows = red.** No violence will be tolerated; **Police will be informed should any violent, vicious or uncivilised misconduct occur.**
- Duration, matches are played with a stopping clock/watch/phone (real-time) whereby the clock will be stopped whenever the ball goes out of play or when there is a stoppage in the game.
- Games consist of 2 halves of 10 minutes each (20 minutes), with 1 minute for half time. **21 minutes a game in total. Rules not mentioned will be implied according to the general rules by FIFA.**

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- Format, involves a league in which you play each team once where the **first three teams will qualify to next year's 2021 Eros Court Cup. Cash Prize for WINNERS Only. Rest of the teams will receive a discount to the 2021 MML Court League according to the league position the team finishes, which teams can activate before teams Paying N\$600.00 Entry Fee.**
- Out ball exists when the ball hits the side netting and also when it is kicked behind the goal within the penalty box, other than that play will continue.
- Playing with trouser/long pants/jeans/tracksuits and or caps/hats is yellow card offense, so continuing play with clothing mentioned can eventually result in a sending off.
- Teams with the same kits: **Means the benefit of the doubt goes to the team who's fully kited or MML Court League attire matching shirts and shorts and the other team would play in bibs.**

The Rules Added or Amended:

- **Penalties during the match:**
No Rebound on penalties regardless of its outcome, all players besides the penalty taker should stand by the side fence, and not next to the big box/penalty box Match will restart with a goal kick.
- **Small Box within the Penalty Box:**
The last man/defender is not allowed to stand in the small box PERIOD. Entrance in the small box is NOT allowed by the defending team. When defending the goal from goal line clearance un preventable body motion / accidents do not count. Standing in the small box after a warning will result in a caution i.e. yellow card (2 Yellows = Red). Blocking of the ball in the box from an attempt on goal will result in a penalty for the opposing team.
- **Cluster or Ganging Up on the Fence:**
Clusters of players of four (4) or more players contesting for the ball against the fence with no game progression will results in the match being stopped and restarted again with the player or team who is in possession of the ball
- **Teams Who drop out or miss a match during the Season:**
Teams who miss a match during the season will result in a penalty fee-N\$150 added to any future MML Court League Seasons.
- Contact the League CEO for queries. CEO ensures matches are running on time and on schedule. As well as: Be the point-of-contact for all team managers
 - Make any official ruling decisions (e.g. consider any dismissals)
 - Creating a fixture list, Organising referees
 - Regular communication with teams regarding fixtures
 - Collecting match results and formulating a league table, results and managing disciplinary issues.

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Graphic representation

