

SOCCER COMPETITIONS RULES:

The rules of each robot soccer competition are based in the FIFA laws and each competition makes its own modifications. Although having their own modifications the main rules are basically the same in all competitions changing only the field of play, the ball, the number of players, the players' equipment and the duration of the match and other rules depending on the competition. The rules are classified in:

1. The Field of Play
2. The Ball
3. The Number of Players
4. The Players' Equipment
5. The Referee
6. The Assistant Referees
7. The Duration of the Match
8. The Start and Restart of Play
9. The Ball In and Out of Play
10. The Method of Scoring
11. Offside
12. Fouls and Misconduct
13. Free Kicks
14. The Penalty Kick
15. The Throw-In
16. The Goal Kick
17. The Corner Kick

1. The Field of Play

This rule differs in each competition. This rule includes:

- a) dimensions
- b) field markings
 - a. safety boundary
 - b. ad panels
 - c. restart spots
- c) the goal area
- d) the penalty area
- e) flag posts
 - a. corner flag posts
- f) the corner arc
- g) goals
- h) safety
- i) others
 - a. surface
 - b. lighting

2. The Ball
 - a) Qualities and measurements
 - b) Replacement of a defective ball
3. The Number of Players
 - a) Players
 - a. Incapable players
 - b) Official competitions
 - c) Other matches
 - d) All matches
 - e) Substitution procedure
 - f) Infringements/sanctions
 - g) Restart of play
 - h) Players and substitutes sent off
 - i) Decisions of the international F.A. Board
4. The Players Equipment
 - a) Safety
 - a. Jamming
 - b. Exclusion
 - b) Basic equipment
 - a. Design guideline
 - b. Space occupied by a robot
 - c. Robot size
 - d. Robot shape
 - e. Robot weight
 - f. Overweight robots
 - g. Robot colours
 - h. Robot markers
 - i. Colour markers
 - j. Number markers
 - k. Top markers
 - l. Communications
 - m. Sensing systems
 - n. Ball handling mechanisms
 - o. Technical inspection
 - c) Shin guards
 - a. robustness
 - d) Goalkeepers
 - e) Infringements/sanctions
 - a. Repair of robots
 - f) Restart of play
5. The Referee
 - a) The authority of the referee
 - b) Powers and duties
 - a. Referee box
 - b. Play without referee box
 - c) Decisions of the referee

6. The Assistant Referees
 - a) Duties
 - b) Assistance
 7. The Duration of the Match
 - a) Periods of play
 - b) Half time interval
 - c) Allowance for time lost
 - d) Penalty kick
 - e) Extra time
 - f) Abandoned match
 8. The Start and Restart of Play
 - a) Preliminaries
 - a. Start delay
 - b. Remote start
 - b) Kick-off
 - c) Procedure for kick-off
 - a. Positioning of robots
 - b. Manual start
 - d) Infringements/sanctions for kick-off
 - e) Dropped ball
 - a. Game stuck
 - f) Procedure for dropped ball
 - g) Infringements/sanctions for dropped ball
 - h) Special circumstances
 9. The Ball In and Out of Play
 - a) Ball out of play
 - a. Dead call
 - b. Continuation after dead call
 - b) Ball in play
 10. The Method of Scoring
 - a) Goal scored
 - b) Winning team
 - c) Competition rules
 11. Offside
 - a) Offside position
 - b) Offence
 - c) No offence
 - d) Infringements/sanctions
- Note: this law does currently not apply in any robotic tournament

12. Fouls and Misconduct

- a) Direct free kick
- b) Penalty kick
- c) Indirect free kick
 - a. Ball holding
 - b. Pushing
 - c. Kicking
 - d. Illegal defense
 - e. Illegal attack
 - f. Manual interference
 - g. Remote interference
 - h. Unsportsmanlike behavior
- d) Disciplinary sanctions
- e) Cautionable offences
 - a. Yellow cards
- f) Sending-off offences
 - a. Temporary sent-off
 - b. Sending-off offences
- g) Notes
 - a. General principles
 - b. Stopping the ball
 - c. Dribbling the ball
 - d. Kicking the ball

13. Free Kicks

- a) Types of free kicks
 - a. Touching
- b) The direct free kick
- c) The indirect free kick
- d) Position of free kick
 - a. Procedure
- e) Infringements/sanctions

14. The Penalty Kick

- a) Position of the ball and the players
- b) The referee
- c) Procedure
- d) Infringements/sanctions

15. The Throw In

- a) Procedure
- b) Infringements/sanctions

16. The Goal Kick

- a) Procedure
- b) Infringements/sanctions

17. The Corner Kick

- a) Procedure
- b) Infringements/sanctions