



## 3v3 Tournament Rules

### SUBSTITUTIONS

All substitutions occur on the fly.

### BALL

Size 4 ball for ages 9-12

Size 5 ball for ages 13-14

### ROSTER

The maximum number of players on a roster is Six. A player may only play on one team per age. Violation of this rule will result in forfeit of all victories for any team that such player played for.

### GAME TIMES

The length of games will be 25 minutes. The clock will be a running time coordinated by the tournament officials. All teams must be ready to begin at the start time. If a team is not prepared to play the ball will be live when game horn sounds.

### GOAL SCORING

A goal may be scored only from a touch from the field of play. A goal may not be scored on a dead ball restart from out of play. Goal must be scored from outside the goal crease. A penalty kick is awarded if a scoring opportunity was nullified by a defensive player playing inside the goal crease. Penalty spot is mid field.

### GAME SCORING for Standings

Games will be scored according to the following:

3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. Games tied after regulation play shall end in a tie

**There will be a penalty assessed to teams that run up the scoring. Any goal difference above 6, the winning team will be assessed a 1 point deduction from the standings for each goal above the difference of 6.**

**Teams can NOT score on themselves to create penalty points for opposing team. Teams found doing so will forfeit 6-0.**

Ties in standings between two or more teams will be broken by: (1) head to head results between tied teams, (2) goal differential, (3) fewest goals against during play, and finally a coin toss

### Field Rules

- **NO OFFSIDES**
- **NO SLIDE TACKLING IN 3v3 SOCCER**
- **ALL FOULS ARE INDIRECT, EXCEPT FOR A PK SITUATION (see below)**
- **GOAL CREASE** – No player shall play a ball inside of the defined goal crease area (directly in front of the goal). A touch from an offensive player in the goal crease will result in a goal kick for the opposing team.
- **THREE YARD RULE** - In all dead ball situations, defending players must stand at least three yards away from the ball.
- **KICK-INS** - The ball shall be kicked into play from the sideline instead of thrown in. **No Throw-Ins.**
- **INDIRECT KICKS** - All dead ball kicks (kick-ins, free kicks, kick offs, goal kicks and corner kicks) are indirect with the exception to penalty kicks. A goal may be scored only from a touch from the field of play. A goal may not be scored on a dead ball restart.
- **GOAL KICKS** - May be taken from any point on the end line and not in the goal box area.

- **KICK OFF** - May be taken in any direction and does not have to go forward. Players may not cross the midfield line until the ball is kicked. The ball will be brought back to the middle of the field after every goal.
  
- **PENALTY KICKS** - A penalty kick is awarded if a scoring opportunity was nullified by a defensive player playing inside the goal crease. It is a direct kick taken from the mid-field line. All other players must remain behind the midfield line. If a goal is not scored, the defense obtains possession with a goal kick. Penalty kicks are NOT live balls.
- **PLAYER EJECTION (RED CARD)** - A Tournament Official has the right to eject a player, coach, or spectator before, during or after the game. That person must leave the facility immediately. Teams still play with 3 players. If a player is issued a red card, he/she is ejected for the remainder of that game and the next game. Foul and abusive language or fighting is a mandatory ejection from the game and the facility.
  
- **MISCELLANEOUS**  
 Spitting on the field or in the team bench area is prohibited.  
 Casts are allowed, but must be padded.  
 Blood is not allowed in the playing field. Any minor injuries involving blood must be covered by a Band-Aid or other suitable covering.
  
- **SPORTSMANSHIP**  
 Players, coaches and spectators are expected to act in the nature of good sportsmanship at all times.
  
- **SPECTATORS**  
 ONLY Coaches and players are allowed on the field. Spectators may watch from the upstairs level.