



RULES

PLAYER REGISTRATION: All players must be registered on their teams' registration form before the tournament begins. All players must carry proof of age, ie: player pass, driver's license, or birth certificate.

ROSTERS: All rosters are frozen at check-in. Teams will check in together at least ½ hour prior to their first scheduled game.

PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS: SIX is the maximum number of players on a team; three field players at one time. There are no goalkeepers in 3v3 soccer. Substitutes may occur at any dead ball situation, but players must be called onto the field by the referee and enter and exit at the half-field mark only. Players must already be at the half-field mark when dead ball situation first occurs to be called on.

GENDER: No males will be allowed to participate in any female divisions, except co-ed division. Females CAN play in male divisions. Co-ed division must have at least one female on the field at all times.

EQUIPMENT: All players must wear shin guards. Any player without shin guards will not be allowed to play. Teams are responsible for providing game balls. Preferred Ball Size for 2017's, 2016's, 2015's= #3; 2014's, 2013's, 2012's, 2011's= #4; 2010's and up = #5. If age divisions are combined, the teams should use the older division's ball size.

FIELD DIMENSIONS: Width: 25-30 yards, Length: 35- 40 yards

GOAL BOX: The goal box, ten feet wide by eight feet deep, is directly in front of the goal. No player may touch the ball within the goal box; however any player may move through the goal box. Any part of the ball or player's body on the line is considered in the goal box; the player is an extension of the box. An *INFRACTION* occurs if a defender touches the ball in the goal box, a *penalty kick* is awarded to the offensive team. If an offensive player touches the ball within the goal box, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. If the ball comes to a complete stop in the goal box, regardless of which team touched it last, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team.

GAME DURATION: The game shall consist of two 10-minute halves separated by a two-minute halftime, OR the game ends when a team reaches a 10-goal lead. Pool games tied after regulation play shall end in a tie. Playoff games cannot end tied.

PLAYOFF OVERTIME: *TEAMS WILL HAVE A 3 MINUTE "GOLDEN GOAL" OVERTIME PERIOD.* If the score is still tied, the winner is decided by shootout with the 3 players on the field at end of golden goal period. Kicks in the shootout should be taken from the kick-off spot at the half line.

GOAL SCORING: A goal may be scored from a touch on the **offensive half** on the playing field. Goals are not allowed if kicked from the defensive end of the field.

SCORING: 3 points for a win; 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. *FORFEITS:* A forfeit is scored as 5-0

TIEBREAKERS: Ties between two or more teams will be broken by; 1) head-to-head results between tied teams (2 teams only); 2) goal difference; 3) fewest goals against; 4) goals scored.

NO OFFSIDES IN 3V3 SOCCER AND NO SLIDE TACKLING OR HEADING IN 3V3 SOCCER

HEADING: When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.

FIVE YARD RULE: In all dead ball situations, defending players must stand five yards away from the ball. If the defensive player's goal area is closer than five yards, the ball is placed five yards from the goal area in line with the place of the penalty.

KICK-INS: The ball shall be kicked in to play from the sideline instead of thrown in.

INDIRECT KICKS: All dead ball kicks (kick-ins, free kicks, kick-offs) are indirect except corner and penalty kicks.

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.

PENALTY KICKS: Shall be awarded if, in the referee's opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by the infraction. It is a direct kick taken from the top of the center circle (15ft. line) on the offensive side of the midfield line with all other players 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/BENCH PERSONNEL EJECTION (YELLOW/RED CARD): Referees have the right to dismiss a player OR bench personnel from the game for continual disobedience or as a result of an incident that warrants sending off. RED CARD suspension = Rest of game PLUS next game. Tournament Director may dismiss player or bench personnel for rest of tournament. (Teams still play with 3 on the field)

SPORTSMANSHIP: Players, coaches and spectators are expected to always act in the nature of good sportsmanship. Abuse of the referees will not be tolerated. Any instance of such conduct will disqualify the responsible team from the event.

FORFEITS: A forfeit shall be scored as 5-0.

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