

# 3v3 Rules

**Game Duration:** Each match will consist of two 12 minute halves with a short 2 to 3 minute half time. Games will start and stop with the sound of the airhorn. A member from each team will play rock-paper-scissors to determine who gets the ball first.

**Substitution:** Substitutions may be made during dead-ball situations, regardless of possession. **Substitutions should not be made on the fly!**

**KICK OFF:** May be kicked in any direction. You cannot score directly from a kick off. The kick off is an indirect kick.

**KICK-INS:** The ball shall be kicked into play from the sideline, rather than thrown in. The ball is considered in play when the ball is touched and changes position. This is an indirect kick, and a goal cannot be scored from this kick. Defenders are to be 5yds from the kick-in.

**GOAL KICKS:** May be taken from any point of the end line. All Goal Kicks are indirect kicks.

**Five Yard Rule:** In all dead-ball situations, defending players must stand at least five yards away from the ball. If the defensive player's goal is closer than five yards, the ball shall be played five yards from the goal box in line with the direction of play prior to the penalty.

**Goal Scoring:** A goal may only be scored from a touch (offensive or defensive) within the team's offensive half on the field. The ball must be completely on the offensive half of the field, and cannot be touching the half line. (Example: kick-off). If a player in their defensive half kicks the ball across the midline and the ball hits another player (offensive or defensive) in their offensive half,

and the ball goes in the goal, a goal will be awarded. If a ball is kicked from the defensive half and is not touched before the ball rests in the goal, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. A goal cannot be scored from an indirect kick, such as a kick-in from out-of-bounds.

**Goalkeepers:** There are no Goalkeepers in 3v3 Soccer.

**No Off-sides in 3v3 Soccer! No Slide Tackling in 3v3.**

**The Goal Box:** The goal box is approximately 8 feet wide by 6 foot long located directly in front of the goal. There is no ball contact allowed within the goal box, however, all players may pass through the goal box as long as they do not touch the ball while in the box. If the ball comes to a rest in the goal box, or on the goal box line, a goal kick is awarded regardless of who touched the ball last. Any part of the ball or player's body on the line or inside the plane of the box is considered in the goal box and an extension of such. If a **defensive player touches the ball** after it has entered the goal box, the plane of the goal box, or an extension of the goal box (such as any part of the ball or player's body on the line or inside the plane of the box), **a goal will be awarded** to the offensive team. **If an offensive player touches the ball** after it has entered the goal box, the plane of the goal box, or an extension of the goal box (such as any part of the ball or player's body on the line or inside the plane of the box), **a goal kick will be awarded** to the defensive team, and a goal will not be counted if scored. The plane of the goal box extends upward infinitely.

**Inclement Weather:** Games may be delayed/cancelled due to inclement weather. Emails will be sent out during delays to update teams when we can return to play.

There are no officials assigned for 3v3 games. Players/managers are to be the best judge of the rules. Remember we don't keep score!!!