



# 3v3 TOURNAMENT RULES

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**TEAM INFORMATION:**

Age Group	Game Duration	Ball Size	Min Roster Size	Max Roster Size	Kick Ins	Field Dimensions
U7/U8	Two 10 min halves	3	3 Players	6 Players	Yes	25x20 yards
U9/U10		4				
U11/U12	2 min HT	5				
U13/U14						5

ALL FIFA RULES WILL BE APPLIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

**10 GOAL RULE:** The game will end when a team scores 10 goals. The first to 10 goals wins the game and the game ends.

**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 area is closer than five yards, the ball shall be placed five yards from the goal area.

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

**GOAL BOX:** No player may touch the ball within the goal box. 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. 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.

**GOAL KICKS:** May be taken from any point on the end line, and not in the goal box area.

**GOAL SCORING:** A goal may be scored from a touch on the offensive half on the playing field.

**HEADING RULE:** As per USSF recommendations there will be no heading in the U11 & below age groups.

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

**KICK OFF:** May be taken in any direction.

**OFFSIDES & SLIDETACKLING:** There are no offsides & slide tackling is not permitted during games.

**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 middle of the half-field line with all players behind the half-field line.



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**SCORING:** Scorecards must be verified by the team coach immediately after the game. Once the referee leaves the field of play the score indicated on the scorecard will be final. It is the responsibility of the team coach to verify scores. Games will be scored according to the following:

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss

**ADVANCEMENT & TIEBREAKERS:** Teams may advance to play offs depending on bracket. See below advancement scenarios:

- 5 Team Bracket – No final, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place receive awards
- 8 Team Cross bracket – Two highest in points play in the final, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place receive awards
- 10 Team Bracket – Winner of bracket A plays winner of bracket B in the final

If two teams are tied on the points, the following tiebreakers will be used:

1. Head to head result
2. Goal difference
3. Penalty shootout

**PLAYOFF OVERTIME:** Teams will have a 3 minute 'Golden Goal' if teams are tied at the end of a playoff. There is no overtime in pool play.

**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.

### **COACH DISMISSAL**

If a coach is red carded in a game, the coach is suspended for the entire day & must exit the premises. If the coach appears on the sideline with parents or players, the team will be disqualified from the event.

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