

Afrim's Sports 3v3 Tournament Rules

1. Substitutions can be made 'on the fly'
2. No Goaltending allowed (referee's discretion)
3. 15 minute games with a running clock
4. Remember, we're here to have FUN!!!

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: SIX (6) is the maximum number of players on a team; THREE (3) field players at one time. Players may only play on one team in the tournament. There are no goalkeepers in 3v3 soccer. Substitutes may occur at any dead ball situation, but players must get referees attention and enter and exit at the half-field mark only

FIELD DIMENSIONS: fields are Length 35-40 yards, Width 25-30 yards. U8 and Under will play on fields, Length 25-30, Width 15-20.

GOALS: The goals are a maximum size of 2x3.

GOAL SCORING: Goals can be scored from anywhere on the offensive half of the field of play. The ball must last be touched (either by offense or defense) within the attacking team's offensive half of the field. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick off. For a goal to be awarded during a kick-off, the ball must first be kicked completely off of the halfway line, into the offensive half of the field (If the entire ball is not completely within the offense half of the field when last touched during kick off, no goal will be awarded and a goal kick will be given).

SCORING: Games will be scored according to the following: 6 points for a win; 3 points for a tie and 0 points for a loss.

Additional Points:

- One (1) point for each goal scored (max of 5 per game). Losing team receives points for goals scored.

TIEBREAKERS: (after qualifying play) Ties in standings between two teams will be broken by; 1) head to head results between tied teams; 2) least goals allowed; 3) most

goals scored in qualifying play; 4) least goals allowed, 5) Coin toss. Ties between three or more teams will be broken by; 1) goal difference in qualifying play; 2) most goals scored in qualifying play, 3) least goals allowed, 4) shootout with 1 team receiving a first round bye by random draw. If the criteria for 3 or more teams eliminates all but 2 teams, the criteria for a tie between two teams (above) will be used to determine the rank of the two teams. A forfeit will be entered as a score of 5-0.

PLAYOFF OVERTIME: Shall consist of sudden death overtime period, maximum length of three minutes, with a coin toss to decide kick-off direction. The first team to score in overtime is the winner. If no team has scored in the three minute-overtime period, the winner shall be decided by shootout. A coin flip will decide which team starts the penalty kick round. The three players from each team remaining on the field at the end of overtime will alternate with each penalty kick, with the higher scoring team winning after the first round. If the score remains tied after the first round of penalty kicks the same field players will rotate in a sudden death penalty kick format until one team scores unanswered.

NO OFFSIDES and NO SLIDE TACKLING IN 3V3 SOCCER

FIVE YARD RULE: In all dead ball situations, defending players must stand at least five yards (15 feet) 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 in line with the place of the infraction.

KICK-INS: The ball shall be kicked into play from the sideline instead of throw in. players must attempt to play the ball within 6 seconds

RESTARTS: All dead ball kicks to restart play (kick-ins, free kicks, kick-offs), with exception of corner and penalty kicks, are considered to be indirect free kicks. The rule defining when a kicked ball is in play after the first touch in a restart is from full sided soccer. Our rules do not alter that rule in any way. In the full sided game of soccer the ball is considered in play when it is **kicked and moved**. The distance to be moved is minimal and the kick need only be a touch of the ball with the foot **in a kicking motion or being dragged with the top or bottom of the foot. Simply tapping the top of the ball with the foot or stepping on the ball is not sufficient.**

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

KICK OFF: May be taken in any direction. For a goal to be awarded during a kick-off, the ball must first be kicked completely off of the halfway line, into the offensive half of the field (If the entire ball is not completely within the offense half of the field when last touched, no goal will be awarded).

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 halfway line with all players behind the halfway 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): Referees have the right to eject a player from the game for continual disobedience or as a result of an incident that warrants sending the player off. The team may then continue with the remaining players on their team. If the ejected player was on the field, he may be replaced by an eligible rostered player on the team. The tournament director will decide the number of games in the suspension.

FORFEITS: Any team forfeiting two consecutive games in qualifying play or forfeiting a game in playoffs will be removed from the tournament.

PROTESTS: There will be no protests.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Players, coaches and spectators are expected to act in the nature of good sportsmanship at all times. Abuse of the referees will not be tolerated. Spectators are prohibited from entering the field of play at any time during the match. Any instance of such conduct will disqualify the responsible team from the event.

CASTS: Orthopedic casts of any kind are not permitted; however, soft braces can be worn with written approval from a doctor, and judgment as to safety is at the discretion of the referee. The referee has the final say at each game for soft braces.

MECHANICAL AND ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS ARE PROHIBITED.

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