

CSL RULES FOR 3-V-3 SOCCER

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

There are three field players for each team. There are no goalkeepers.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

All players must wear shinguards. Any player without shinguards will not be allowed to play. The shinguards shall be completely covered by socks.

U5 – U8 will play with a size 3 ball. U9 – U12 will play with a size 4 ball. U13 and higher will play with a size 5 ball.

Soft, rubber cleats are optional. Metal cleats are not allowed.

No jewelry is allowed to be worn on the field.

TEAM UNIFORMS

There is no specific requirement for uniforms. Each player on the team should wear matching uniforms.

FIELD DIMENSIONS

U5 – U8 will play on a 30 x 20 yard field. U9 and higher will play on a 40 x 30 yard field. Goals are 4 feet high by 8 feet wide. **Field size to be determined by Board**

THE GOAL BOX

The goal box, 10 feet wide by 6 feet long, is directly in front of the goal. **Goal size to be determined by the board** There is no ball contact allowed within the goal box, however, any player may pass through the goal box. If the ball comes to rest in the goal box, a goal kick is awarded, regardless of who touched the ball last. Any part of the ball or player's body on the line is considered in the goal box and is an extension of such. If a defensive player touches the ball in the box, a penalty kick is awarded to the offensive team. If an offensive player touches the ball in the box, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. **Rules may be different for the younger ages U5 and U6 pertaining to the goal box**

GAME DURATION

The game shall consist of two 10 minute halves separated by a 2 minute halftime period. There are no timeouts. Teams will switch sides at half-time.

GOAL SCORING

A goal may be scored from a touch on the offensive half of the playing field.

INDIRECT KICKS

All dead ball kicks (kick-ins, free kicks, kick-offs) are indirect with the exception of corner kicks and penalty kicks, which are the only direct kicks.

KICK-OFF

The kick-off is an indirect kick and may be take in any direction.

KICK-INS

The ball shall be kicked into play from the sideline instead of throw in.

GOAL KICKS

Goal kicks shall be taken from any point on the end line. No goal kicks are taken in the goal box.

CORNER KICKS

Corner kicks shall be taken from the corner arc on the side the ball left the field. A goal can be scored directly from a corner kick.

FIVE YARD RULE

In all dead ball situations, including kick-offs, defensive 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 in line with the place of the penalty.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions may be made at any dead ball situation, regardless of possession, and are unlimited. Teams must get the Referee's permission, and players are to enter and leave at midfield. There are NO "on the fly" substitutions allowed.

SLIDE TACKLING

There is no slide tackling allowed.

OFFSIDE

There is no offsides in 3v3 soccer.

PENALTY KICKS

Penalty kicks shall be awarded if, in the referee's opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by the infraction (the infraction does not automatically result in a red card.). It is a direct kick taken from the top of the center circle on the offensive side of the midfield line with all players behind the half-field line. This is a "dead-ball" kick and cannot be played after the kick. If a goal is not scored, the defensive team obtains possession with a goal kick.

PLAYER EJECTION (RED CARD)

Referees have the right eject a player or coach for continual disobedience or as a result of an incident that warrants sending off. The team may then continue play with its remaining players; however, if the player receiving the red card was on the field of play, the team must complete the remainder of the game a player short. No substitutions will be allowed for the ejected player.

REFEREE

All rule infractions on the field of play should be explained to the field players as they happen. No record of the goals or final score shall be recorded. Only one referee will be officiating at the time of a game. No assistant referee is required.

TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COACHES AND PARENTS

CSL encourages all parents and coaches to ensure that soccer will be a positive and enjoyable experience for the kids. Parents and coaches should stay off of the field during the game, unless otherwise directed by CSL. There will be no tolerance against a coach or parent who yells, approaches, or in any way intimidates young referees. Any issues with a referee should be addressed to the Director of Referees or a CSL Board member. Please refer to the Zero Tolerance Policy adopted by CSL regarding referees. Games are considered non competitive. No record of the goals or final score shall be recorded.

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