



Greenfield Area Soccer Club 3v3 Rules 2018

- **A team can roster no more than 6 players-** 3 field players and 3 substitutes. If a team chooses to roster fewer than 6 players, they must have a minimum of 2 field players. Players can only play on one team per age group.
- **Game Duration-** Games are 20 minutes straight with no halves or half-time. The home team will start with possession. The referee will keep track of the official time on the field. Field Marshall will sound a 2 minute warning prior to start of every game.
- **Substitutions-** Substitutions can be made on the fly.
- **Kick Offs-** The ball may be kicked in any direction. A team cannot score directly from a kick off (the ball must be 100% over the mid-line to be considered on the offensive half of the field). The kick off is an indirect kick.
- **Kick Ins-** The ball must be kicked in to play from the sideline, not thrown in. The ball is in play when it is touched and changes position. This is an indirect kick, and a goal cannot be scored from this kick. Any time the ball crosses the end-line, the result will be a goal kick. No corner kicks.
- **Direct and Indirect Kicks-** All dead-ball kicks (kick-ins, kick-offs, free kicks) are indirect with the exception of, hand balls, and penalty kicks. Indirect kicks must only change position before the ball will be considered in play. If a free kick is awarded within five yards of the opposing goal Arc, the ball will be moved back to five yards from the Arc. It is the referees discretion where the ball will be placed.
- **Goal Kicks-** May be taken from any point on the Arc. All goal kicks are indirect kicks. Any time the ball crosses the end-line, the result will be a goal kick. No corner kicks.
- **Penalty Kicks-**Penalty kicks will be awarded if, in the opinion of the referee, a scoring opportunity was nullified by an infraction (the infraction does not automatically result in a red card). Penalty kicks are DIRECT kicks taken from the center of the mid-line with all players (on both teams) behind the mid-line. Penalty kicks are dead ball infractions. If a goal is not scored, the defensive obtains possession with a goal kick.
- **Off Sides-** There are no off sides in 3v3 soccer and no slide tackling will be allowed.
- **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 Arc in line with the place of 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 mid line. Ex: Kick-off. If a player in their defensive half kicks the ball across the mid-line 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 a 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.
- **Goal Keepers-** There are no goal keepers in 3v3 soccer. We do not play offside. If a player is sliding for the ball, contact with any player(s) from another team is NOT ALLOWED. If a player slides and



contact is initiated, a free kick shall be rewarded. This does not prevent players from sliding to stop/intercept a ball where contact is not initiated during the slide. Ex: A player may slide to prevent a ball from going out of bounds as long as another player is not touched.

- **Hand Ball Clarification-** Deliberate handling of the ball that denies a team of an obvious goal-scoring opportunity will result in the following: a penalty kick (at the referees discretion) or a yellow/red card may be given to the player committing the hand ball (at the referees discretion.)
- **The Goal Arc-** The goals are four feet high by six feet wide. There is no ball contact allowed within the goal Arc. However all players may pass through the goal Arc as long as they do not touch the ball while in the Arc. If the ball comes to a rest in the goal Arc or on the goal Arc line a goal kick is awarded regardless of who touched the ball last. If a defensive player touches the ball after it has entered the goal Arc, a goal will be awarded to the offensive team. If an offensive player touches the ball after it has entered the goal Arc, a goal kick will be awarded to the defensive team. A goal will not be counted if scored. The referees judgement call and ruling on the field will not be overturned.
- **Plane of the Goal/Net Interference-** A goal will be awarded if the ball strikes the netting portion of the goal, even if the ball is then returned back into the field of play without completely crossing the goal line. If the ball strikes the cross bar, or goal posts, and simultaneously strikes the netting portion of the goal, the referee's judgement will determine whether the netting prohibited the ball from crossing the goal line (which should be awarded a goal), or whether the bar or post prohibited the ball from crossing the goal line (which should NOT be awarded a goal). The referee's judgment call and ruling on the field will not be overturned. In simple terms, the net should not be the source that will prohibit a shot from scoring as a goal.
- **Field Dimensions-** All divisions will play on the same sized fields. The field sizes will be 35 yards by 25 yards.
- **Equipment-** All players must wear shin guards under their socks. Any player without shin guards will not be allowed to play. Teams are responsible for providing game balls per their division size. Soccer type cleats (no toe cleat) are recommended but not mandatory. No jewelry of any kind can be worn during game play. Any hair ties must be rubber bands or soft hair ties with no metal or hard plastic. Soft casts are permitted. Hard casts must be wrapped in bubble wrap before a child is permitted to play.
- **Sportsmanship-** All players, coaches, and spectators must abide by the Greenfield Area Soccer Club's Code of Conduct. Situations that these rules do not address are left to the discretion of Greenfield Area Soccer Club's Director of Coaching. The Greenfield Area Soccer Club's Director of Coaching's decision is final. There is absolutely NO HEADING at any age group!