



Winter 3v3 Soccer Rules

The following rules have been designed to ensure fair play for all participants. Each player is expected to understand these rules prior to their participation in the league. Any questions concerning these rules should be directed to a member of the league staff.

Sportsmanship: Good sportsmanship is always to prevail. Team Parents (coaches) will be held responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players, players' parents and spectators.

Number of Players: Five is the maximum number of players on a team: three field players and two substitutes. (A team must have a minimum of 2 field players). There are no goalkeepers in 3v3.

Uniforms/Protective Casts: All players must wear the provided league jerseys/shirts during play. The league staff will approve players wearing protective casts. Hard casts will not be allowed. No jewelry will be allowed, including earrings of any type, rope necklaces and bracelets. The only exception will be players wearing medical bracelets.

Player Equipment: All players must wear shin guards. Any player without shin guards will not be allowed to play. LSO will provide game balls.

Field Dimensions: The playing field is 30 yards long by 18 yards wide for all ages. The goals are three feet high and six feet wide.

The Goal Box: PLEASE NOTE: While there is not an official goal box on the winter 3v3 field, players are encouraged to refrain from entering and standing (cherry picking) in the area directly in front of the goal. PLEASE NO CHERRY PICKING!!!

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 (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) 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.

Start of Play, Restarts/Kick-ins: Kick-offs will be done at the mid-field line and can be played in any direction. When performing a kick-in, the ball cannot be dribbled in, and must be touched by another player before the kicking player can touch it again.

Spacing: A minimum of 12 ft is required on restarts to allow fair play for all teams.

Game Duration: The game shall consist of 1 - 38-minute period of play. There are no timeouts and the Game Clock does not stop in 3 v 3 games. **Time will strictly be enforced on the winter 3v3 games!**

Substitution: Substitutions may be made during dead-ball situations, regardless of possession. Players must enter and exit at mid-field. Substitutions should not be made on the fly!

No Offside in 3v3 Soccer! No slide Tackling: If a player is sliding, no contact is allowed. If a player slides and contact is initiated, a penalty kick shall be awarded. This does not prevent players from sliding to stop/intercept a ball where contact is not initiated during the slide. Example: a player may slide to save a ball from going out-of-bounds.