

EYSA SOCCER RULES

U14 3 vs 3

Number of Players

Number of players on their field at one time is 3 vs 3.

Ball Size

U14 players use a size 5 ball.

Field Dimensions

U14 3vs3 fields are 35-40 yards long, and 25-30 yards wide. Goals are 4 feet high by 8 feet wide. The Goal Box is 12 feet wide by 8 feet deep, and center circles are 10 yards in diameter with a 5 yard radius.

Goals & Goal Boxes

- No player may touch the ball within the goal box; however, any 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; the player is an extension of the box.
- The box rule is only invoked if a player touches the ball when either any part of the player or the ball is in the box. The box area extends upward from the lines. Touching the ball in the air above the box is a violation.
- If a defender touches the ball in the goal box, a goal is awarded for the offensive team. If the defender OR the ball is in the box and contact is made, a goal is awarded. 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.
- A goal can only be scored when last touched by either team while in the 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 the halfway line, into the offensive half of the field. If the entire ball is not completely within the offensive half of the field when last touched, not goal will be awarded.

Start of Play

At the beginning of the game and following each goal, the kick-off can be played backwards from the center spot to ensure possession.

Players are to remain on their own half of the field until the ball is kicked.

Game Duration

The game shall consist of two 12-minute halves separated by a two minute halftime period OR the first team to reach 12 goals, whichever comes first. Games tied after the regulation play shall end in a tie except in playoffs.

Substitutions

Substitutions are unlimited. Both teams may make substitutions before a kick-in, after a goal, or prior to a goal kick.

Offsides

There are no offsides in 3vs3 soccer.

Heading

NO HEADING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM. If a player heads the ball, it will result in an indirect kick at the spot of the foul for the other team.

Sliding and Slide Tackling

NO SLIDING OR SLIDE TACKLING IS 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 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 a throw in.

Restarts

All dead ball kicks to restart play (kick-ins, free kicks, kick-offs), with the 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. The 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).

Handball

A handball will result in a free kick from the point on the field where the handball occurred.

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/she may be replaced by an eligible rostered player on the team.

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.

The Referee

Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the rules of the game in connection with the match to which he has been appointed. The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.