

## WSA 3v3 RULES OF PLAY

USSF Laws of the Game will be in effect unless modified below.

### **Roster Information:**

- A player must be rostered to be eligible to play in the competition.
  - Females may play on a male team, but a male cannot play on a female team. Mixed teams will play in the male division of their respective age division
  - The maximum number of players per team is 6.

### **The Field of Play:**

- The field size is approximately: 25 yards wide x 35 yards long
- The "Goal Box" is approximately 3' deep x 8' wide
- The goal is approximately 4' tall x 6' wide

### **Players and Equipment:**

- No jewelry of any kind may be worn. Any player observed by the referee to be playing while wearing jewelry must be substituted immediately.
- Use of shin guards is mandatory for all games.
- Size 4 soccer balls will be used for game play.
- The match is played with two teams, 3 fielders with no goalkeeper.
- A match may not start or continue if either team has fewer than three players.

### **Substitutions:**

- Unlimited substitutions are allowed and may be done on the "fly" (except when play is stopped for an injury). All substitutions shall be done on the "team side" near the halfway line. The player coming off must be completely off of the field before the substitute player enters the field.
- If the referee stops play for the injury, only the injured player may be substituted until play resumes.

### **Duration of the Match:**

- 12 minute halves with a 3 minute halftime.

### **General Rules:**

- All starts and restarts – kick-offs, kick-ins, free kicks, corner kicks, etc. – are indirect (a goal cannot be scored until the ball touches another player).
- Opponents must be (5) yards away from the ball on all starts and restarts.
- On kickoffs, the ball may move forward or backwards on first touch.
- Out-of-bounds will be restarted by a kick-in and not a throw-in.
- The ball must be struck or touched by any player from either team in the attacking half of the field for a goal to be scored.
- There is No Offside.
- Slide tackling or any sliding near an opponent will result in a caution and yellow card in which the player must leave the field of play for 1 minute. The restart shall be a free kick.

### **Goal Box Rules:**

- The ball is considered in the goal box when the ball breaks the plane of the boundary lines of the goal box.
- A player is considered in the goal box if any part of the player's body breaks the plane of the boundary lines of the goal box.
- If a defensive player touches the ball while the ball is in the goal box or if a defensive player touches the ball while the player is in the goal box, it will be an automatic goal.
- If an offensive player touches the ball while the ball is in the goal box or if an offensive player touches the ball while the player is in the goal box, no goal will count and the defensive team will be awarded a goal kick.

- If both the offensive and defensive player simultaneously touch the ball while the ball is in the goal box or while both players are in the goal box, (or) if the ball comes to a stop in the goal box, play will be restarted by a dropped ball for the defending team 10 yards outside the goal box.
- Any player who moves or touches a goal in a manner determined by the referee to be unsporting will be cautioned and shown a yellow card.

**Caution and Ejection Actions (Association Rules):**

- A player who is cautioned and shown the yellow card must leave the field of play for 1 minute but shall be substituted - the team will not play short.
- A player who is sent-off and shown the red card may not participate in the remainder of the match but shall be substituted - the team will not play short.

**Fouls and Misconduct**

**Indirect Free Kick Fouls (all fouls are Indirect in 3v3):**

- kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
- trips or attempts to trip an opponent
- jumps at an opponent
- charging an opponent
- strikes or attempts to strike an opponent.
- pushes an opponent
- tackles an opponent
- holds an opponent
- spits at an opponent
- handles the ball deliberately
- plays in a dangerous manner.
- impedes the progress of an opponent.

**Cautionable Offenses (Yellow Card):**

A player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if the player commits any of the following offenses:

- unsporting behavior
- dissent by word or action
- persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game
- delaying the restart of play
- failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted
- entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission
- deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission

**Sending-Off Offenses (Red Card):**

A player, substitute or substituted player is sent off if the player commits any of the following seven offenses:

- serious foul play
- violent conduct
- spitting at an opponent or any other person
- denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by
- deliberately handing the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
- denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards
- the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
- using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- receiving a second caution in the same match