

BASC Recreational Youth Soccer
3v3 – U9 & Above
Small Sided Program Official Rules and Policies
(FIFA/USYS/OSA Laws and Policies as amended by BASC 5/2020)



All rules herein are for small sided summer league BASC 3v3 U9 and above matches and supersede FIFA, USYS and OSA rules for recreational soccer. Items not specifically addressed herein shall conform first to OSA rules then USYS then FIFA. For play outside of BASC Closed League, OSA rules shall apply. The spirit of this format is to increase player and team technical and tactical abilities in a competitive environment.

Law I - Field of Play

- A. Field dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular. Its length being no more than thirty-five (35) yards or less than twenty-five (25) yards and its width not more than twenty-five (25) yards nor less than fifteen (15) yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width. BASC U6 fields will be used and are 30x20. All measurements listed are approximate. Please remain flexible on this due to field usage and weather issues that may arise during a season
- B. Field Markings are suggested and approximate.
 - 1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
 - 2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
 - 3. A center circle with a three (3) yard radius.
 - 4. Four corner arcs with a radius of one (1) yard.
 - 5. Goal area: three (3) yards from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
 - 6. Penalty Area: None
- C. Goals: Soccer goals are approximately 4'x6' in size.

Law II - Ball Size four (4)

Law III - Number of Players

- A. Maximum number of players on the field per team at any one time is three (3). There are no goalkeepers. The minimum number of players to start or continue the match is two (2).
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed thirteen (13). Players can be dual rostered and play for more than one team.
- C. Substitutions: Substitutions shall be unlimited and at the referee's discretion will be permitted at any stoppage of play.
- D. Teams and games may be coed.

Law IV - Player's Equipment

- A. Footwear: Soft-cleated soccer shoes.
- B. Shin guards: Mandatory

Law V - Referees

- A. Registered USSF 09 Referee or higher *(09 referee recommended)*

Law VI - Assistant Referees

- A. Will not be used for the small sided matches

Law VII - Duration of Game

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2) equal halves of twenty (20) minutes each.
- B. There shall be a half time interval of five (5) minutes.
- C. Clock runs during the game, stopping only at the halftime 5-minute period.

Law VIII – Start of Play Conforms to FIFA Laws of the Game, with the following exceptions:

- A. Opponents must be three (3) yards from the center mark while kick-off are in progress (*outside the center circle*).
- B. A goal may not be scored directly from the kick-off.

Law IX -Ball In and Out of Play Conforms to FIFA Laws of the Game

Law X - Method of Scoring Conforms to FIFA Laws of the Game - with the exception of the ball must be touched by a player from either team in the attacking half of the field.

Law XI - Offside There shall be no offside.

Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct Conforms to FIFA Laws of the Game with the following exception:

- A. All fouls and misconduct will result in an indirect kick with the opponent five (5) yards away.

Law XIII- Free Kicks Conforms to FIFA Laws of the Game with the following exceptions:

- A. All free kicks shall be indirect.
- B. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
- C. No kicks are to be taken by the attacking team within the defending team’s goal area.
- D. Opponents must be five (5) yards away before kick is allowed.

Law XIV - Penalty Kicks No penalty kicks shall be taken during these games.

Law XV - Throw In Conforms to FIFA Laws of the Game

Law XVI - Goal Kick Conforms to FIFA Laws of the Game with the following exceptions:

- A. Goal Kick is taken anywhere within the goal area.
- B. Opponents must drop to the build out line also known as the Halfway Line with promotes playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting. When the defender is taking a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the halfway line until the ball is put into play. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the defender can kick / pass the ball to put it into play. After the ball is put into play by the defender, the opposing team can cross the half line and play resumes as normal. Ideally, the defender will wait to put the ball into play once all opponents are past the build out line. However, the defender can put the ball into play sooner but he or she does so accepting the positioning of the opponents and the consequences of how play resumes.

- C. A goal may not be scored directly from a goal kick.

Law XVII - Corner Kick Conforms to FIFA Laws of the Game with the following exceptions:

- A. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.

Additional BASC Rules:

Roster Size: Teams are to be formed with a maximum of 6 players

Uniforms: Team uniforms shall consist of like colored jerseys, shorts, and socks. The home team will wear lightest colored jersey. The away team will wear the dark jersey. Unless agreed upon by both coaches, the team not wearing the correct uniform will be required to change.

Pennies or targets may be worn in the event of a color conflict subject to the approval of the Referee.

Socks must cover shin guards and color must be consistent for the team. Any tape applied must be consistent with the sock color.

Team/Spectator Seating: The Home team (as listed on the schedule) and their spectators shall be seated on the North or East side of the field and abide by the recommended CDC Social Distancing guidelines. The Away team (as listed on the schedule) and their spectators shall be seated on the West or South side of the field. Each team and their respective spectators shall remain on their designated side of the field throughout the match.

There shall be no coaches or spectators behind the goal lines. Spectators shall be permitted only if it is required to abide by the CDC suggested social distancing guidelines. The spectators shall not communicate to the opposing teams and shall not affect the match. The referee has the final say on this if interference from a spectator is observed.

Sideline Behavior: Coaches and spectators should keep all comments positive and supportive of the players. Spectators should refrain from providing playing instructions to the players which should only be done by the coaching staff. No referee abuse will be tolerated. Coaches may be cautioned or sent off by the referee for behavior in violation of the BASC Code of Conduct by the team's staff, players, or their respective spectator sidelines.

Grounds Clean-Up: Each team shall clean up their respective areas before leaving. (*This is especially important in an effort to keep cost down.*)

Match Officials: All matches are to be officiated by a center referee.

Coaching: All persons coaching BASC players must be registered with a club and have an approved background check. Only registered/approved coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, and managers may coach games or participate with players during team activities practice. Coaches are only permitted on the field with the referee's permission at a stoppage of play.

Medical Devices: All medical devices (casts, supports, braces, etc.) are subject to the approval of the referee with respect to player safety. Players with medical devices should have them padded in advance of the game and check in with the referee prior to the match for approval.

Slide Tackles: Slide tackles shall not be permitted. Any player engaging in slide tackles should be counseled to not repeat. Repeated infractions may result in the player be cautioned and/or red carded.

Mercy Rule: There will be a 5-goal mercy rule if the losing coach requests it. The Mercy Rule cannot be applied until there is a 5-goal differential. The losing coach must notify the opposing coach and the referee if invoking mercy rule and at that time. If the referee approves will allow the coach to add a player to the field of player making the match 4v3 creating a competitive environment for both teams to grow in. If the score becomes even the extra player will be removed before kickoff and at that point the match will return to 3v3.

Scores/Standings: Scores will not be posted, and league standings will not be kept. The spirit of the BASC Small Sided leagues are to promote both individual and team growth. This will be better accomplished by not tracking scores and wins / losses for the matches.