

3v3 Soccer
Manheim Soccer Club Guidelines for U6 Soccer

Recommended Field Dimensions: Size of field determined by MSC

No Offsides in 3v3 soccer

No slide tackles: Players must stay upright and “on their feet” and may not make contact with an opposing player. This does not prevent players from sliding to stop/intercept a ball, but NO contact can be made with opposing players.

Goal Scoring: A goal may only be scored from a touch (offensive or defensive) within a team’s offensive half on the field (ball must be completely on the offensive half of the field, can not be touching the mid-line). All players (offensive) must be in their offensive half of the field for a goal to count.

Goal Box: The goal box is directly in front of the goal. There is no ball contact allowed within the goal box, however, any player may pass through the goal box. If the ball comes to a rest in the goal box, a goal kick is awarded regardless of who touched the ball last. Any part of the ball or player’s body on the line is considered in the goal box and is an extension of such. Once the ball has broken the plane of the goal box, if the ball is touched by the defensive team, a goal will be awarded. If the offensive player touches after the ball has broken the plane, a goal kick will be awarded. The plane of the goal box extends upward.

Hand Ball Clarification: Deliberate handling of the ball that denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity will result in a penalty kick. This will be at the center of the half way line. All players, both teams, must be behind the player who is taking the penalty kick. If the ball does not reach the goal and stays in the field of play, it becomes playable and play resumes. If ball crosses goal line or stops in goal box, rules covering those situations will apply.

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 box, inline with the place of the penalty.

Indirect Kicks: All dead- ball re-starts (throw-ins, free kicks, kick-offs) are indirect.

Goal Kick: May be taken from any point on the goal line box. Opposing teams must be in their defensive half, other side of mid-line, when the goal kick is made. Kick may be taken in any direction.

Kick Off: May be taken in any direction.

Number of Players: Six is the recommended maximum numbers of players on a team: three field players and three substitutes. (A team must have a minimum of 2 field players). 5 players are recommended for 3v3 soccer. There are not goalkeepers in 3v3 soccer.

Substitution: Substitutions may be made at any dead-ball situation, regardless of possession. Teams must get the referees attention and players are to enter and exit at mid-field.

Sportsmanship: Good sportsmanship is to prevail at all times. Coaches will be held responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players, players’ parents and spectators.