

WSA 3v3 Summer League | Laws of the Game

The WSA 3v3 Summer League was built to bring together teams from the community that love the game and are looking for the opportunity to continue developing in a fun and competitive environment.

Summer League Oversight

Each game night, WSA's 3v3 League will have a minimum of two (2) Field Coordinators present to assist with any questions or concerns. They can be found at the fields with clipboards and are available to help answer questions. These Field Coordinators will be responsible for:

- **Equipment, Rules, & Field Environment** - responsible for ensuring the intended game play environment from all participants is being adhered to during play; should be able to answer questions around field setup/teardown, schedule, rules, etc.
- **Game Schedule, Rules & Directions** - responsible for knowing that evening's game schedule and answering questions from players or families
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Sportsmanship

Players, parents and volunteer staff are expected to always conduct themselves in a respectful manner. Referees are in charge of the game play and are often young adults still honing their leadership skills. Players on the field are kids enjoying the game of soccer in a fun and competitive environment. They should be treated with respect. Parents and families should focus on cheering on their players in a positive manner. Coaches should focus on their team and player development. We want this to be an enjoyable experience for all participating. Any issues pertaining to sportsmanship will be brought to the WSA 3v3 staff onsite to address. Any gross misconduct or repeated issues may result in you or your player being removed from the league.

Rules of the Game

Teams: Teams will consist of 4-6 players and are primarily from local travel/club teams. Recreational Teams are permitted to register, but it is important to understand that the level of play will be higher across the participating teams. Matches are played with 3 players from each team on the field. Given the summer season, vacations and players being unable to attend are expected. Matches will continue if at least 2 players from the team roster are in attendance. If a team does not have at least 2 rostered players, the match will be rescheduled or canceled.

Gender: No males will be allowed to participate in any female divisions. Females CAN play in male divisions.

Uniforms: Players must wear matching shirts. While numbers are recommended, they are not always required. **Color Conflicts:** Teams should have an alternate jersey/shirt (light vs dark). The home team (first team listed) must wear pinnies or change if colors clash.

Equipment: All players must wear shin guards. Any player without shin guards will not be allowed to play. Teams are responsible for providing game balls. Preferred Ball Size by US Soccer will apply for age groups. In the event that age divisions are combined, the teams should use the older division's ball size.

Duration: Games will consist of two (2) 10-minute halves with a three (3) minute half-time break. Games can end in a tie. In cases of high temperatures or extreme heat we may decide to play four (4) five (5) minutes quarters.

Field Setup: Fields will be 30-40 yards long and 25-30 yards wide. Goals are 4' x 8'. Each team shall field a maximum of 3 players, other players will be substitutes.

Goal Box/Crease: The goal box ("crease") is a 10-foot-wide semi-circle in front of the goal. Players may pass through it, but no player may touch the ball while inside. Any part of the ball or a player's body on the line is considered inside the crease; a player with a foot on the line is treated as inside.

If a defender touches the ball in the crease, an infraction is called and an indirect free kick (IFK) is awarded to the attacking team at midfield. If the referee determines the infraction denied a clear goal-scoring opportunity, a goal will be awarded.

If an attacker touches the ball in the crease, or if the ball comes to a complete stop in the crease, a goal kick is awarded to the defending team.

Kickoff: All kick-offs will be taken from the center of the sideline. The home team will start with the ball and the away team will start with the ball in the 2nd half. Kick-offs will also be taken after each goal. **Goals cannot be scored from the kick-off.**

Goal Scoring: Goals may only be scored when the ball is touched by either team inside their offensive half. There is NO offside in 3v3.

Substitutions: Substitutions can happen on any dead ball. The referee must wave the players onto the field, no substituting on the fly. Players should wait near the centerline to be waved on by the referee.

Heading and Slide Tackling: Players are not allowed to head or slide tackle during games. Given the style of 3v3 play (both the pace and goal size) heading opportunities should not be frequent. Removing both also reduces the opportunity for injuries to players. When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. In the case of a slide tackle an IFK shall be awarded or a goal as outlined below if a scoring opportunity was prevented.

Indirect Free Kicks: All free kicks will be indirect including goal kicks and corner kicks.

Penalty Kicks: No penalty kicks will be awarded during league play. In a situation where the referee determines a goal was prevented by a clear penalty (trip, push, slide tackle, et. cetera), a goal will be awarded.

Goal Kicks: Goal kicks can be taken from anywhere on the end line and the ball is live once played in.

Out of Bounds/Sideline Kick-Ins: The ball shall be kicked into play from the sideline, rather than thrown in. The ball is considered in play when the ball is touched and changes possession. A kick-in is an indirect kick – a goal cannot be scored from this kick.

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.

Yellow/Red card: If a traditional yellow or red card situation arises, play will be stopped by the referee and brought to an onsite WSA 3v3 staff member's attention to address the situation.

All other WSA Rules and Regulations defined in this link that do not conflict with 3v3 specific rules will apply. <https://westminstersoccer.com/policies/>

Inclement Weather: WSA 3v3 staff will decide and have final say on weather related decisions both before and during events, following all Carroll County Rec and Parks weather policies.

Thank you and let's make it a great Season!

WSA Westminster United's 3v3 Committee

