

Goals 4 Hope - 3v3 Soccer Rules

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RULES OF THE GAME: FIFA rules apply if not modified within. Teams will be placed into divisions based upon age and gender.

Sportsmanship: Good sportsmanship is to prevail at all times. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action will be determined by the Tournament Director.

Game Duration: The game shall consist of a **16-minute** running clock with no timeouts. There is no "mercy rule" but goal differential will be capped at a maximum of 6 goals in the game results.

Number of Players: Four (4) players maximum per team. Three field players, with 1 substitute maximum. Substitutions are on the fly.

No Offsides in 3v3 Soccer!

No Slide Tackling: Players must stay upright and "on their feet" and may not make contact with an opposing player. Indirect free kick awarded to the opposing team for infringements.

Goal Scoring: A goal may only be scored from a touch (offensive or defensive) within a team's offensive half of the field (ball must be completely on the offensive half of the field: cannot be touching the midline). If a player in their defensive end kicks the ball across midline and the ball hits another player (offensive or defensive) and the ball goes in the goal, a goal will be awarded. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kickoff.

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, in line with the place of the penalty.

The Goal Box: There are no goalkeepers in 3v3. The Goal Box area is located directly in front of the goal (size: 2 yards deep by 3 yards wide). There is no ball contact allowed within the Goal Box, however, players may pass through the goal box as long as they do not touch the ball while in the box. If a ball comes to a rest in the goal box, or on the goal box line, a goal kick is awarded regardless of who touched the ball last. If a **defensive player** touches the ball after it has entered the goal box, **a Direct free kick is awarded to the offensive team** (10yds from the goal). If an **offensive player** touches the ball after it has entered the goal box, **a Goal Kick is awarded to the defensive team**. The referee's judgment call and ruling on the field will not be overturned.

Penalties: All restarts from fouls (and handballs) are Indirect kicks, expect as noted above in "The Goal Box."

Scoring: Games will be scored according to the following: 3 points for a win; 1 point for a tie; 0 points for a loss.

Kick Off and Kick Ins: Kick off may be taken in any direction. For Kick Ins, the ball shall be kicked into play from the sideline instead of thrown in. The ball is considered in play when the ball is touched with a foot and moves one full rotation.

Forfeited games: Games start every 20 minutes, by signal of horn. The game will start with two members of a team present. Teams that do not show up at the designated field within first 5 minutes of start will Forfeit. A Forfeited game is scored as a 2-0 win for the team present.

Tie Breakers: Ties will be broken by (1) head to head results between the tied teams (2) goal difference in head to head games (3) goals against in head to head games (4) goal difference (5) goals against (6) shootout.

Uniforms and Equipment: All players must wear Goals 4 Hope jersey provided by tournament. All players must wear shin guards and cleats or turf shoes.

The Tournament Director has the right to move or reschedule games as necessary. The Tournament Director will have final authority on all event disputes and issues as well as interpretations of Tournament Rules.