

*The Complete FSU 3-on-3 Soccer Rulebook is Available Online at [fsu.campusrec.com/im](http://fsu.campusrec.com/im)*

**No Pets, No Alcohol, & No Tobacco Products** are permitted at the Rec SportsPlex. Violators will be ejected.

## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & TEAM COMPOSITION

Players **MUST** be current, fee-paying Florida State University students, faculty or full-time staff. FAMU and TCC students are **NOT** eligible for FSU IM sports and events. All players **MUST** show their valid FSUCard prior to each match in order to participate.

Men's and women's matches are 3-on-3, a minimum of 3 players is required to start a match. Only 5 players may sign-in per team for a single match. Team rosters are unlimited; thus you may have a different five players represent your team each match.

Unlimited substitutions are permitted. Substitutions by either team may occur on any stoppage of play including on a goal kick, after a goal, at halftime, after an injury, after a caution, prior any free kick, and prior to any kick-in. The referee must be notified before a substitution can occur. Players entering and leaving the field must do so at the half-field line.

## FIELD DIMENSIONS & PLAYER EQUIPMENT

The 3-on-3 recreational soccer field shall be 40 yards long by 30 yards wide. The goal box extends 3 yards from the end line and is 4 yards wide. The goals are no larger than 4 feet high by 8 feet wide.

Shin guards are strongly recommended, but not required. Players must wear shoes. Metal spikes and metal cleats are prohibited. Caps and bandanas with knots may not be worn during the match. Jewelry is **NOT** allowed to be worn by any participant during IM Soccer. This jewelry consists of any visible rings (including wedding rings), watches, necklaces, earrings, studs, bracelets and any other such similar jewelry. Only medical alert bracelets are permitted. Teams should wear similar colored jerseys and bring another colored jersey. The goalkeeper must wear a different color jersey than either team on the field. Pinnies will be available at the match site.

## MATCH TIMING, OVERTIME, & SHOOTOUTS

Matches consist of two 10-minute halves. Halftime is 3 minutes. The clock will run continuously. The referee will keep the match time. There are no timeouts. Regular season matches can end in a tie.

10 at 5 Mercy Rule: If a team is ahead by 10 or more goals with 5 minutes or less remaining in the second half, the match will end. If a team is ahead by 8 or 9 goals and is deemed to be stalling, the officials have the option to end the match.

All playoff matches that are tied at the end of regulation will enter a single 3-minute "golden goal" OT period. The first team to score a goal will win the match. The choice of ends and the kickoff will be decided by a coin toss.

If the match remains tied at the end of the overtime period, the match will proceed into a 3-person shootout. A coin toss will occur to determine which team shall kick first in the shootout. The winner of the coin toss shall have the option of shooting first or last. The three shooters shall be the players that were on the field of play (in the match) at the end of the overtime period. Each team has a total of three (3) shots. Teams will alternate after each shot. If a team is playing down a player, that position in the shootout shall be considered a miss.

If the score remains tied following the first three (3) shots by each team, a sudden victory shootout will occur in which the match is won if, after ANY equal number of shots, the tie is broken. Prior to the 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> sudden victory shootout shots, the spot of the penalty kick shall move back 5 yards.

## GENERAL RULES

NFHS rules govern IM 3-on-3 soccer with the exceptions noted in the official FSU IM 3-on-3 Soccer Rules available online at [fsu.campusrec.com/im/rules/3on3soccer.shtml](http://fsu.campusrec.com/im/rules/3on3soccer.shtml). Additional information regarding out of bounds and restarts, fouls and misconduct, free kicks, and shootouts can also be found in the online rules.

A single-referee system will be used in 3-on-3 soccer.

## GOALKEEPERS AND THE GOAL BOX

There are no goalkeepers in 3-on-3 soccer.

No player may touch the ball within the goal box. However, any player may move through the goal box. Any part of the ball or player's body on the line is considered in the goal box for the purposes of this rule. Once a player has entered the goal box (such as when legally moving through the box), that player must establish him/herself outside the goal box (both feet outside the box) prior to touching the ball.

If a defender touches the ball in the goal box, the offensive team is awarded a penalty kick from the half-field line. If an offensive player touches the ball in the goal box, the defensive team is awarded a goal kick. If the ball comes to a complete stop in the goal box, regardless of which team touched it last, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team.

## GOALS, KICK-INS, GOAL KICKS, & CORNER KICKS

A goal is scored when the ball wholly crosses the goal line within the goal. The ball must be touched by a player (from either team) on the offense's side of the half-field line prior to entering the goal. A ball that rolls into the goal untouched by either team as required shall result in no goal scored. The ball is considered out of bounds. If last touched by the offense, a goal kick by the defensive team shall be awarded. If last touched by the defense, a corner kick by the offensive team shall be awarded.

After the ball has wholly crossed the sidelines, either on the ground or in the air, the team that did not touch the ball last shall be awarded a kick-in. For a kick-in, the ball shall be placed along the sideline near the point the ball crossed out of play. Defenders must be positioned at least 5 yards from the spot of the kick-in. The ball is in play as soon as it is touched by the kicker. The player taking the kick-in cannot retouch the ball until another player has touched it.

A goal kick is awarded when the ball crosses the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, and was last touched by an offensive player. For a goal kick, the ball shall be placed anywhere on the endline outside of the goal box area. Defenders must be positioned at least 5 yards from the spot of the goal kick. The ball is in play as soon as it is touched by the kicker. The player taking the goal kick cannot retouch the ball until another player has touched it.

A corner kick is awarded when the ball crosses the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, and was last touched by a defensive player. The ball must be placed on the ground within 1 yard of the corner flag or cone. Corner flags or cones cannot be moved to take a corner kick. The opposing team must be 5 yards away at the time the ball is kicked. The kicker cannot retouch the ball until it is touched by another player (either team). A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.

## FOULS

A player who commits any foul or misconduct shall be penalized by the award of an indirect free kick to be taken by the opposing team from the spot where the infraction occurred. A penalty kick shall be awarded after a serious or intentional rule infraction takes place by the defensive team. A penalty kick shall be awarded if, in the referee's opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by the infraction. Such violations may occur anywhere on the field.

## FREE KICKS

All dead ball kicks (kick-ins, free kicks, kick-offs) are indirect with the exception of corner kicks and penalty kicks. An indirect free kick is a free kick from which a goal may not be scored unless the ball is touched by another player from either team. The free kick may be taken by any player of the offended team on the field of play at the time of the offense.

When a free kick is awarded, all opposing players must be at least five (5) yards away from the spot where the free kick is to be taken. When a foul is penalized within 5 yards of the goal box, the free kick spot shall be moved to a distance of 5 yards from the goal box to permit the defenders to take a legal position in front of the goal box. The ball must be stationary when a free kick is taken. The kicker shall not play the ball again until it has been touched by another player (either team). The ball may be kicked in any direction.

## PENALTY KICKS

The penalty kick shall be taken at a spot anywhere along the half-field line. The penalty kick may be taken by any player of the offended team on the field of play at the time of the offense.

All players must remain behind the half-field line and at least 5 yards from the spot of the penalty kick. If a goal is not scored, the defense obtains position with a goal kick. Penalty kicks are NOT live balls in 3-on-3 soccer.

## OFFSIDES & SLIDE TACKLING

There is NO OFFSIDES in IM 3-on-3 soccer.

There is absolutely NO SLIDE TACKLING in IM 3-on-3 soccer. In IM 3-on-3 soccer, a slide tackle occurs when a player leaves his/her feet and leads with his/her feet to play the ball while the ball is in the proximity of another player. A slide tackle does not require that any contact occur between players.

On the first offense, a slide tackle will result in a blue card for the offending player and a penalty kick is awarded to the offended team. On the second and subsequent offenses (and the first offense, if malicious), a slide tackle will result in a red card for the offending player and a penalty kick awarded to the offended team. The offending player is immediately dismissed for the remainder of the match, but can be replaced by an eligible substitute, if available. This is deemed an ejection and further disciplinary action may be taken. A player's dismissal due to a red card may negatively affect the team's sportsmanship rating.

## SPORTSMANSHIP & TEAM SCHEDULES

Sportsmanship is an important part of intramural sports. Teams receive sportsmanship ratings at the conclusion of each game on a scale of 0 to 4. Teams must maintain a 3.0 average to continue participating in the league or tournament. Misconduct of players or team spectators may result in ejection and/or forfeiture of the game.

Regular season matches are scheduled for November 2-11. Playoff brackets will be online by Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> with the single-elimination playoff tournament beginning as early as Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. All schedules are posted online at [fsu.campusrec.com/im](http://fsu.campusrec.com/im)