

MICHIGAN MADE 3V3 SOCCER

RULES & REGULATIONS

2025-2026



ROSTERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS: This league will have a boy's division and a girl's division when registration numbers allow. Co-ed teams are allowed and must play in the boy's division. FIVE is the maximum number of players on a team; three field players at one time. There are no goalkeepers in 3v3 soccer. Substitutes may occur at any dead ball situation, but players must get referees attention and enter and exit at the half-field mark only.

COACHES & OFFICIALS: Coaches are volunteer parents, not provided by Michigan Made. There may be up to two coaches per team. Coaches must remain off of the field of play at all times unless attending to a player's immediate need. Officials are current high school and collegiate student athletes who are well versed in the game of soccer and 3v3. If questions arise on the clarity of a call, please allow this conversation to take place among coaches using professionalism and respect at all times.

EQUIPMENT: Games are played on turf and soccer cleats or turf shoes are recommended, however they are not mandatory. All players must wear shin guards. Please have a labeled water bottle and any necessary personal items near the players in the team area for easy access. Ages 6-12 use a size 4 size ball. Ages 13+ will use a size 5 ball.

SPECTATORS: Seating will be limited and we would like to prioritize seating to the families whose athlete is competing during each 35-minute window. Designated coaches should be the only people in the team bench area.

GAME DURATION: The game shall consist of two 15-minute halves OR the game ends when a team reaches a 10-goal lead.

OVERTIME: TEAMS WILL HAVE A 2 MINUTE "GOLDEN GOAL" OVERTIME PERIOD. If the score is still tied, the game will end as such.

GOAL SCORING: A goal may be scored from a touch on the **offensive half on the playing field.**

RESTRICTED AREA: There will be a designated restricted area around the goal. There can be no goalie in this area. If a ball is touched inside the restricted area (marked by cones) by a defensive player, it is an automatic goal for the offensive team. If a ball is kicked and then comes to rest in the restricted area, the defense takes possession with a goal kick.

KICK-INS: The ball shall be kicked in to play from the sideline instead of thrown in on dead ball situations.

FIVE-YARD RULE: In all dead ball situations, defending players must stand five yards away from the ball. If the defensive player's goal area is closer than five yards, the ball is placed five yards from the goal area in line with the place of the penalty.

INDIRECT KICKS: All dead ball kicks (kick-ins, free kicks, kick-offs) are indirect, meaning not to be kicked directly at the goal. Exceptions would be corner and penalty kicks.

NOTE: There is no offsides, slide tackling, or headers in 3v3 soccer. Athletes **MUST** make every attempt to avoid collision and stay on their feet.

PENALTY KICKS: Shall be awarded if, in the referee's opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by a defensive infraction. It is a direct kick taken on the offensive side of the midfield line with all other players behind the midfield line. If a goal is not scored, the defense obtains possession with a goal kick. Penalty kicks are not live balls.

SPORTSMANSHIP / PLAYER EJECTION (YELLOW/RED CARD): Referees have the right to eject a player from the game for continual disobedience or as a result of an incident that warrants sending the player off. It could also result in removal from the remainder of our Michigan Made league without refund. Sportsmanship is non-negotiable. Players, coaches and spectators are expected to act in the nature of good sportsmanship at all times. Abuse of the referees will not be tolerated. Any instance of such conduct will disqualify the responsible team from the event.

CODE OF ETHICS (Coaches, Players, Parents & Staff)

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development.

I will take reasonable measures to honor all commitments to the athletes.

I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for the players.

I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players, coaches, officials, parents and staff.

Coaches will do their best to organize a plan that is fun and challenging for all players.

I will provide a sports environment that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

Coaches will be knowledgeable in the rules and teach these rules to the players.

I will remember that this is youth sports, and that the game is for children and not for adults.

BY PARTICIPATING YOU HAVE SIGNIFIED THAT YOURSELF AND YOUR ATHLETE HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE RULES, AND REGULATIONS.