Games will be played with the official FIFA soccer rules, exception as listed below.

**EQUIPMENT:** All players must wear shin guards. Any player without shin guards will not be allowed to play.

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** Each team will start the game with three field players; there are no goalkeepers in 3v3 soccer. Substitutes may occur at any dead ball situation, regardless of possession. If a team falls behind by 4 goals they may add a fourth field player until they get within 1 goal, at which point they must revert back to 3 field players.

**GAME DURATION:** The game shall be 15 minutes long, continuous running time. Games tied after regulation play shall end in a tie.

**GOAL BOX:** The goal box is directly in front of the goal. 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; the player is an extension of the box. An INFRACTION occurs if a defender touches the ball in the goal box, a penalty kick is awarded to the offensive team. If an offensive player touches the ball within the goal box, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. Habitual touches in the goal box MAY result with a Yellow Card given to offending party. 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.

**KICK OFF:** May be taken in any direction.

**GOAL SCORING:** A goal may be scored from a touch on the offensive half on the playing field.  If a ball is kicked from the defensive half and is not touched before the ball rests in the goal, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team.

**NO OFFSIDES IN 3V3 SOCCER AND NO SLIDE TACKLING IN 3V3 SOCCER (a slide tackle is foul that results in an indirect free kick for the other team)**

**INDIRECT KICKS:** All dead ball kicks (kick-ins, free kicks, kick-offs) are indirect with exception to corner and penalty kicks.

**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 area is closer than five yards, the ball shall be placed five yards from the goal area in line with the place of the penalty.

**KICK-INS**: The ball shall be kicked into play from the sideline instead of throw in.

**GOAL KICKS:** May be taken from any point on the end line, and not in the goal box area.

**PENALTY KICKS:** Shall be awarded if, in the referee's opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by the infraction. It is a direct kick taken from anywhere on 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.

**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. RED CARD suspension = Rest of game PLUS next game. Tournament Director may eject player for rest of tournament. Teams still play with 3 on the field

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** 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 may disqualify the responsible team from the event.