

3v3 FESTIVAL FORMAT AND RULES

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Saluki and Terrier Brackets

- Each team will be divided into two squads: a Saluki squad and a Terrier squad, with one coach assigned to each. Teams are split into two squads to fit the smaller game format and give players more touches, more scoring chances, and more fun.
- Each squad will play the corresponding Saluki or Terrier squads from other teams within their age division.

Location

- Games will be played on Field 8 (the Pre-K fields).

Competition Format

- Each team will get 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw.
- After the first three games:
 - The two “Saluki” teams with the most points will play a championship game and the other two “Saluki” teams will play a third-place game.
 - The two “Terrier” teams with the most points will play a championship game and the other two “Terrier” teams will play a third-place game.
- Tie-breaker
 - Other than the championship, any game may end in a draw
 - If two teams are tied in points for second place, shootout to determine which team plays in the championship. If the championship game ends in a draw, shootout to determine the winner.
- Shootout rules
 - One player from each team shoots an undefended (i.e., no goalie) shot from half line
 - If both players make or miss their shot, a different player from each team tries
 - Go until a round in which one team makes and the other misses
 - The plan is for the 1st and 2nd place teams in each of the “Saluki” and “Terrier” brackets to receive medals

3v3 RULES

- Must substitute every 2 minutes (at stoppage in play)
- No player should sit out for more than 2 minutes straight
- No goalies
- **No player can touch the ball in the goal box**
 - **If defending team touches ball in goal box, a goal is awarded to attacking team**
 - **If attacking player touches the ball in the goal box, a goal kick is awarded to the defending team**
- Must be in attacking half to score
- Every restart (except penalty kick) can be passed in or dribbled in
- Penalty kick awarded only for denial of clear goal scoring opportunity (i.e., intentional hand ball to stop a shot on target, foul on player who is about to score)
- No offside rule is in effect

- Games are 8 minutes