

**MSA Small-Sided Games Rules**  
**6 & Under – 3v3**  
**Includes 5 & Under for organizations that have single-age groups**

**The Field:** Teams will split into two groups of three onto two fields. Game play will be 3v3.

**Ball Size:** Size three (3)

**Number of players:** Maximum number of players on field at one time is three (3).

- a. Roster Size: Minimum roster size should not be less than six (6) and the maximum does not exceed eight (8).
- b. Goalkeepers: None.
- c. Substitutions: At any stoppage of play and unlimited.
- d. Playing Time: Each recreational player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of total playing time.

**Player's Equipment:** Conform to IFAB. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams. Players may use tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

**SHINGUARDS ARE MANDATORY**

**The Referee:** An OFFICIAL (Game Manager, Coordinator, Parent or Coach) may be used. All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

**Assistant Referee:** None.

**Duration of Game:** Four equal quarters of 8 minutes each with 5-minute halftime break and a break of 2- minutes each between the quarters per half.

**Start/Restart of Play:** Conform to IFAB. With the exception that opponents of the team taking the kick are at least four (4) yards away from the ball until it is in play.

**Ball in & Out of Play:** Conform to IFAB.

**Method of Scoring:** Conform to IFAB.

**Offside:** None.

**Fouls & Misconduct:** All fouls shall result in an indirect free kick. The game manager/coach/parent must explain ALL infringements to the offending player.

**Free Kicks:** Conform to IFAB with the exception that all free kicks are indirect with the opponents four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

**Penalty Kicks:** None.

**Kick-In:** The Kick-In is considered as an indirect free kick with the opponents four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

**Goal Kick:** The goal kick should be taken within 2 to 3 yards of the goal line anywhere across the width of the field of play at the nearest point from where the ball was retrieved. Opposing players must be four (4) yards away from the ball until it is in play.

**Corner kick:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.