



# NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS RULES SOCCER: 3 YEAR-OLDS

*Applies to both practices and games.*

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1. The game will be played six on six with no goalkeeper. Each team will therefore have a maximum of twelve players allowed on their roster. Each player must play at least half of every game and play in both halves.
2. The field size shall be approximately fifteen yards wide and thirty yards long. Spectators must be a minimum of ten yards behind the touch lines (side lines), and at least ten yards away from the goal lines.
3. The game will consist of two ten-minute halves with a three-minute halftime.
4. Soccer ball size is size three.
5. Shin guards are mandatory and must be worn under socks.
6. The provided NYS jersey must be worn in order to participate in games. Jerseys must be tucked in to shorts. No hats, jewelry, or metal spiked cleats are allowed.
7. One coach from each team will be allowed on the playing field to instruct players.
8. All players not playing in the game must be five yards behind the touch lines. Players should remain in one area designated by the coach so they can be seen and be given equal playing time.
9. Players must kick-in the ball after any out of bounds play.
10. Substitutions will be allowed during the following breaks in play for either team: kickoffs
11. (including after a goal has been scored), kick-ins (instead of throw-ins), goal kicks, corner kicks, and injury. Substitutions may only be made with the referee's acknowledgment.
12. No offside violations will be called.
13. Absolutely no slide tackling.
14. No Forfeits! If the game cannot be played six on six then it will be played four on four or three on three depending on smallest team size. Teams may share players to keep with original format if necessary.