3v3 LWR Tournament
Rules 2027

Laws/Rules are the same as would be in full-sided competition, unless modified below.

PLAYER REGISTRATION/VERIFICATION

- All players must be registered on the official team roster by the roster deadline.
- Players may only play on one team during the tournament.
- Age divisions will be determined by birth year. Combined divisions (e.g., U8/U9) will be used when applicable.
- Each team must upload a copy of every player's birth certificate for age verification by the registration deadline.
- Players not verified by the deadline will be considered ineligible to participate.

ROSTERS

- Maximum roster size: 6 players.
- 3 players on the field at one time.
- Players can only play on one team.
- Roster is frozen at check in- No roster changes after check in.

AGE GROUPS / DIVISIONS

- Combined divisions: U8/U9, U10/U11, U12/U13, U14/U15, High School, and Adult.
- Separate Boys and Girls divisions (may be combined if not enough teams).
- Players may play up a maximum of one age group.

COACHES

- Up to 2 coaches per team, remaining on their team's sideline.

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

- All players must wear jerseys/shirts and shin guards.
- If colors conflict, referees will determine which team changes or wears pinnies.
- Ball size: U8–U12 use size 4; U13 & older use size 5.

FIELD DIMENSIONS

- Length: 30–40 yards; Width: 25–30 yards.
- Goals: 4' high x 4' wide – (mini goals or po-up goals)
- Goal box: 4' x 4'.

GAME DURATION

- Two (2) halves of 12 minutes each, with a 3-minute halftime.

- Games tied in pool play remain ties. Playoff games will use overtime/shootout rules below.
- Each team guaranteed a minimum of 4 games.
- ***Mercy Rule:*** After the first half has been completed, the match will end if one team leads the opposing team by 10 or more goals. The rule is based on the goal difference, not the total number of goals scored. **For example**: a score of 12–2 is a 10-goal difference, while a score of 10–2 is only an 8-goal difference.

GOAL SCORING

- Goals can only be scored from the offensive half.
- No goals directly from kickoff.

SCORING SYSTEM (POOL PLAY)

- Win = 3 points
- Tie = 1 point
- Loss = 0 points

TIEBREAKERS

- Head-to-head result
- Goal difference
- Goals scored
- Fewest goals allowed
- Coin toss or shootout

PLAYOFF OVERTIME

- Sudden death, max 3 minutes.
- If still tied, penalty shootout (3 players, then sudden death).

OTHER RULES

- No offsides.
- No slide tackling.
- Defenders must give 5 yards on dead balls.
- Kick-ins instead of throw-ins.
- All dead ball restarts (except corners/penalties) are indirect.
- Goal kicks may be taken from any point on the endline.
- Players may dribble the ball into play from goal kicks and all out-of-bounds restarts except corner kicks.
- If a defender commits an offense that denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity, a penalty kick will be awarded.
- Penalty kicks: taken from halfway line, all players behind halfway line.
- No player is allowed to touch the ball within the goal box. Any part of the ball or a player's body that touches the goal box line is considered in the box. If a defender touches the ball in the goal box, a penalty kick is awarded. Conversely, if an attacker touches the ball in the goal box, a goal kick is awarded.

CONDUCT & SAFETY

- No protests.
- Sportsmanship required from players, coaches, and spectators.
- Casts not permitted (soft braces allowed with doctor's note and referee approval).
- Referees and tournament director have final say on all matters.

FORFEITS

- Two forfeits in pool play = removal from tournament.
- Forfeit in playoffs = removal from tournament.

REGISTRATION FEES

- The cost to register is $200 per team (maximum of 6 players per roster).

REFUNDS

- Once a team has been accepted into the tournament, no refunds will be issued.
- Bracket Exception: If the tournament cannot provide a bracket for your team's age group (for example, not enough teams registered), a full refund will be issued.

WEATHER POLICY

- The tournament cannot control inclement weather. If weather forces the cancellation of all or part of the tournament, teams will receive a 50% refund of the registration fee. No credits will be issued.