

Tolland Soccer 3v3

2026 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The F.I.F.A. / U.S.S.F. Laws of the Game shall govern the play of all games. Exceptions:
 - a. Scoring
 - A goal may only be scored within a team's offensive half of the field.
 - A goal cannot be scored if the ball crosses, or starts from the center line.
 - A goal cannot be scored from a sideline kick-in
 - A goal cannot be scored on a kick-off.
 - A goal kick is awarded to the defensive team if a goal infraction occurs.
 - b. Kick-ins - The ball shall be kicked into play from the sideline, rather than thrown in. The ball is considered in play when the ball is touched and changes position. This is an indirect kick, and a goal cannot be scored from this kick. No dribble in is allowed.
 - c. Offside - Offsides is allowed.
 - d. Goalies - There will be no goalies.
 - e. Goal Box - There is no ball contact allowed within the Goal Box.
 - Players may pass through the Goal Box as long as they do not touch the ball.
 - If the ball comes to a rest in the goal box, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team.
 - If a defensive player touches the ball after it has entered the Goal Box, a goal will be awarded to the offensive team.
 - If an offensive player touches the ball after it has entered the Goal Box, a goal kick will be awarded to the defensive team.
 - f. Fouls - If an offensive player is fouled in the offensive half; the offense is awarded an indirect kick from the point of foul. Opposing team must give 3 yards of space from the ball if requested by a player or the referee. If a free kick is awarded within 5 yards of the opposing goal box, the ball will be moved back to 5 yards from the box. It is the referee's discretion where the ball will be placed.
2. The Game:
 - a. Duration - (2) 15 minute halves. 5 minute half time. Tournament Director may change duration of halves.
 - b. Ball – U09-U12 use Ball Size #4. U13-U14/15 use Ball Size #5
 - c. Substitutions - Unlimited at any stoppage of play with referee permission.
 - d. Bench Area - Both teams shall occupy the same side of the field.
 - e. Field - Only players are allowed on the field of play. All others require referee permission.
 - f. Forfeit - Any team not ready to play within 5 minutes of scheduled start shall forfeit the game, 6 – 0.
 - g. Teams - Maximum roster size is 6 players (3 player minimum to play). Team roster is required.
 - h. Uniforms - If there is a conflict in shirt colors, the visiting team is to wear an alternate color shirt or pinny.
 - i. Interruption - Should a game be terminated after 15 or more minutes of play, it will be counted as a full game.
 - j. Red Card - 1st Red Card=suspension for next game; 2nd Red Card=suspension from the tournament. If Red is issued, team must play a man down.
 - k. Referee - All decisions of the referee are final and binding.
 - l. Tolerance - Tournament will strictly adhere to the Zero Tolerance Policy of CJSA.
 - m. Protests - May not be lodged and will not be accepted. Contact the Tournament Director for major problems.
3. Standings:
 - a. 2017 – 2018 In accordance with CJSA, non-results oriented—scores will be recorded but no points awarded. Participation awards will be provided.
 - b. 2012 – 2016 Points: Win=3 pts; Tie=1 pt; Loss=0 pts. Teams will be ranked according to total points.
1st place trophies will be award in each division.
Tie Breaker: In the event of a tie, final standings will be determined in the following order:
 - 1) Head-to-head (if played)
 - 2) Goal differential (goals scored / goals allowed) up to 8 per game
 - 3) Most shut out victories
 - 4) Least goals allowed
 - 5) If still tied, dual winners shall be proclaimed. Trophies will be mailed after the tournament.
4. Additional Rules/Information:
 - a. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on the fields or in the parking area is prohibited.
 - b. Liquid Propane Gas grilles or charcoal grills are not allowed on the field or in designated spectator areas.

- c. Dogs are not allowed on the playing fields.
- d. The tournament committee, Tolland Soccer Club, and CJSA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team or club if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part. No refund of entry fees will be given.
- e. The tournament director reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament and its judgment shall be final.

5. Sportsmanship; Goal Differential Policy

- a. Tolland Soccer Club values sportsmanship and respectful competition. The following rules are in place to discourage unsportsmanlike conduct and excessive scoring:
 - 1) Maximum Recorded Goal Differential: Standings will only reflect up to an 8-goal differential, regardless of the actual game score.
- b. Competitive Balance - Extra Player (NEW 2026):
 - 1) The purpose of this rule is to keep play even and avoid blowout situations.
 - 2) A team trailing by 6 goals may add a fourth player to the field, making the game 4 v 3.
 - 3) Once the trailing team reduces the deficit to 5 goals, the extra player leaves the field.
 - 4) The extra player may be added again any time the deficit returns to 6 goals.
 - 5) The extra player enters and leaves at a stoppage of play with the referee's permission. No other rules change.
- c. Standings Penalties:
 - 1) If a team scores to create a goal differential of 10 or more, they will be penalized 1 point in the standings.
 - 2) If a team scores to create a goal differential of 15 or more, an additional 2 points will be deducted (total of 3 points lost).
- d. Prohibited Behavior:
 - 1) Deliberate acts to manipulate the score, such as intentionally scoring on one's own goal, will not be tolerated.
 - 2) Any disrespectful or mocking behavior intended to circumvent the spirit of the game may result in the immediate termination of the match.
- e. Team Conduct Clause:
 - 1) Any team deemed by the Tournament Committee to not be participating in the spirit of the competition may be dismissed or disqualified with no refund of entry fee.
 - 2) The Tournament Committee consists of the Tournament Director, Club President, and Disciplinary Chairman.
- f. We encourage all coaches and players to compete with integrity, adjust play accordingly when leading by a wide margin, and respect their opponents at all times.