



Atlanta Fire United – Presidents Day 2021 3v3

Location: George Pierce Park – 55 Buford Hwy NE, Suwanee, GA 30024

Date:

Monday, February 15, 2021

9am to 1pm

Registration Deadline:

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Who:

Players U9 through U14 (2007-2012)

All teams and players

Divisions:

Bracket A = highest level of competition

Bracket B = medium to lower level of competition

Schedule:

8:30am – check in for all teams

9:00am – 11am – Group Play

11am - 1pm – Knock-out rounds

Cost:

\$20 per player (minimum 5 players per team)

*each player has to individually register for their team

All teams will play a minimum 4 games

Tournament directors and point of contact:

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PLAYER REGISTRATION: All players must be registered on their teams' registration form before the tournament begins. Any team or player determined by the event director to have falsified age or skill level will be dismissed from the tournament. All players must carry proof of age, ex: player pass, driver's license or birth certificate.

ROSTERS: All rosters are frozen at check-in.

PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS: FIVE is the minimum of players on a team; three field players at one time. Players may only play on one team per division. There are no goalkeepers in 3v3 soccer. Substitutes may occur at any dead ball situation, but players must be called onto the field by the referee and enter and exit at the half-field mark only. Players must already be at the half-field mark when dead ball situation first occurs to be called on.

GENDER: No males will be allowed to participate in any female divisions. Females CAN play in male divisions.

EQUIPMENT: All players must wear shin guards. Any player without shin guards will not be allowed to play. Teams are responsible for providing game balls. Preferred Ball Size for 2014's, 2013's, 2012's = #3; 2011's, 2010's, 2009's, 2008's= #4; 2007's and up = #5. In the event that age divisions are combined, the teams should use the older division's ball size.

FIELD DIMENSIONS: Width: 25-30 yards, Length: 35- 40 yards (2012's, 2013's, and 2014's age groups play on a 20 by 30 yard field) *Note: 2012 Premier teams will play on the full size field.*

GOAL BOX: The goal box, ten feet wide by eight feet deep, is directly in front of the goal. No player may touch the ball within the goal box, however any player may move through the goal box. Any part of the ball or player's body on the line is considered in the goal box; the player is an extension of the box. An **INFRACTION** occurs if a defender touches the ball in the goal box, a *penalty kick* is awarded to the offensive team. If an offensive player touches the ball within the goal box, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. Habitual touches in the goal box **MAY** result with a Yellow Card given to offending party. If the ball comes to a complete stop in the goal box, regardless of which team touched it last, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. The goals are approximately 4 feet high by 8 feet wide.

GAME DURATION: The game shall consist of two 10 minute halves separated by a two minute halftime, OR the game ends when a team reaches a 10 goal lead. Pool games tied after regulation play shall end in a tie. Playoff games cannot end tied.

PLAYOFF OVERTIME: *TEAMS WILL HAVE A 3 MINUTE "GOLDEN GOAL" OVERTIME PERIOD.* If the score is still tied, the winner is decided by shootout with the 3 players on the field at end of golden goal period.

GOAL SCORING: A goal may be scored from a touch on the offensive half on the playing field.

SCORING (IN POOL PLAY): 3 points for a win; 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.

FORFEITS: A forfeit is scored as 5-0

TIEBREAKERS: In pool play, ties between two or more teams will be broken by; 1) head to head results between tied teams (2 teams only); 2) goal difference in pool play; 3) fewest goals against in pool play; 4) goals scored. If teams are still tied after all tiebreakers the system will automatically break the tie by system generated coin flip.

NO OFFSIDES IN 3V3 SOCCER AND NO SLIDE TACKLING OR HEADING IN 3V3 SOCCER

HEADING: When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.

FIVE YARD RULE: In all dead ball situations, defending players must stand five yards away from the ball. If the defensive player's goal area is closer than five yards, the ball is placed five yards from the goal area in line with the place of the penalty.

KICK-INS: The ball shall be kicked in to play from the sideline instead of thrown in.

INDIRECT KICKS: All dead ball kicks (kick-ins, free kicks, kick-offs) are indirect except corner and penalty kicks.

GOAL KICKS: May be taken from any point on the end line, and not in the goal box area.

KICK OFF: May be taken in any direction.

PENALTY KICKS: Shall be awarded if, in the referee's opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by the infraction. It is a direct kick taken from the top of the center circle (15ft. line) on the offensive side of the midfield line with all other players behind the midfield line. If a goal is not scored, the defense obtains possession with a goal kick. Penalty kicks are *not* live balls.

PLAYER/BENCH PERSONNEL EJECTION (YELLOW/RED CARD): Referees have the right to dismiss a player OR bench personnel from the game for continual disobedience or as a result of an incident that warrants sending off. RED CARD suspension = Rest of game PLUS next game. Tournament Director may dismiss player or bench personnel for rest of tournament. (Teams still play with 3 on the field)

A team official guilty of misconduct will be shown a YC (caution) or RC (sending off)*; if the offender cannot be identified, the senior coach who is in the technical area at the time will receive the YC/RC

SPORTSMANSHIP: Players, coaches and spectators are expected to act in the nature of good sportsmanship at all times. Abuse of the referees will not be tolerated. Any instance of such conduct will disqualify the responsible team from the event.

FORFEITS: A forfeit shall be scored as 5-0.

FAQs:

How many players can I have on my roster?

The maximum number of players on the roster for any given tournament is not limited however each team needs to have a minimum of 5 players.

How are tournament brackets formed?

3v3 AFU takes registration based upon both birth year and skill level. Tournament directors then use this and any other information available to form the most competitive brackets possible at each tournament.

When registering for local events – each age group includes two choices for registration; a higher bracket and a lower bracket. Teams that consider themselves to be more competitive should select the higher bracket and teams that consider themselves to be less competitive should select the lower bracket.

Example choices for a 2008 team:

2007/2008 Division = More competitive 2008 teams

2008/2009 Division = Less competitive 2008 teams

As each 3v3 Live tournament is a different mix of ages and skill levels, all division placements will be reviewed by the tournament director and teams may, at the sole discretion of the tournament director, be moved up or down to form the most competitive brackets possible.

** Please note that a player may play in a division older than his/her age, but not in a younger division.

Who can coach 3v3?

A coach may be a parent, volunteer, or professional coach. We do mandate that the coach of your team treats his/her players and referees with respect and dignity.

What can be used for Proof of Age?

Any one of the following are acceptable – (PLAYER CARD) Player pass, passport (copy) or birth certificate (copy).

Can a goal be scored from anywhere on the field?

NO, goals must be last touched (by either team) in the OFFENSIVE half of the field only. On a kickoff, the ball is not considered in the offensive half of the field. The ball must be completely on the offensive half and must roll over the mid-line in order to be shot into the goal.

Can a player pass through the goal box?

Yes, players may pass through the goal box as long as they do not touch the ball while in this area. The box extends upward from painted lines and touching the ball in the air above the box is a violation.

What happens when a defender touches the ball in the box or when he/she is touching the goal box line?

A penalty kick is awarded to the offensive team

What happens if the ball completely stops in the goal box?

A goal kick is awarded to the defensive team regardless of which team touched it last.

Who has to be at Check-in?

One representative from each team is required at check-in one-hour before the team's first game. Please have proof of age for each player available at each game in case of an age/identity protest.

Can I change my roster after I register?

Yes. If you need to make changes to your roster, you can login to your account online and make the necessary changes. If you need to make changes to your roster after the registration deadline, you must do so at the team check in.

How many games are we guaranteed?

Four games guaranteed, but teams will possibly play six to eight games if they play in larger divisions or advance through the playoffs.

Can Girls play on Boys teams?

Female players can play in male divisions. Male Divisions can include teams with Boys and or Girls on the roster.

How do I get to the Park and Check-in Site?

A link and map can be found on each event page to the tournament site.

What happens if there are not enough teams of my gender/age/skill level to form a division?

When there are limited teams in certain divisions, the 3v3 AFU SOCCER Tour will do our best to combine age and skill divisions as best as we can. If a team decides that the planned division does not look like it will present a good experience for the team, they can withdraw for a full refund as late as Tuesday at midnight. That way a team can see the teams they will be playing with in time to be able to withdraw for a full refund. When age/gender/skill levels are

combined it does not affect a team's chances to qualify for Nationals or their National Ranking because teams are separated in their own age/gender/skill level before they are ranked to determine qualifying.

What happens in the case of bad/inclement weather?

Prior to the day of the event the Tournament Director will make a decision regarding schedule changes, delays or postponement due the forecasted weather or field conditions. Teams are responsible for checking www.atlantaunitedsoccer.com for information regarding the impact of weather on the event.

During the Event, games will be played through rain as long as the weather does not become severe; particularly in the case of Storms with Lightning, play will be suspended until conditions improve and it is safe to resume play. Conditions will be checked every 30 minutes and the decision to resume play will be considered every 30 minutes until play can be resumed. Games can be shortened or modified if needed to complete the event during bad weather conditions.

What are the requirements for uniforms?

Teams must wear similar colored jerseys and each team must have a dark and light colored shirt available. Numbers are not required, and jerseys do not have to be identical, just close enough so that it is clear that the players are on the same team.

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When and how can teams substitute players?

Teams may substitute during any stoppage of play with the approval of the referee. All substitutions must take place at the midline.

What are the dimensions of 3v3 fields and goals?

Teams will play on fields that are 30 yards wide by 40 yards long. Goals are 4 feet high by 8 feet wide.

Will teams be accepted into the tournament after the deadline?

The deadline (for guaranteed acceptance) is shown on the web site. After that date, teams can still apply, however your team will only be added if there is room in your division.

Refund & Bad Weather Policy:

3v3 SOCCER REFUND POLICY / BAD WEATHER POLICY: We understand that there will be a 80% refund granted if your 3v3 soccer tournament is canceled due to inclement weather Before the day of the tournament. In case of inclement weather day of tournament, the Event Director reserves the right to reduce the number of scheduled games and/or the time of games and/or postpone or delay game times and/or cancel the event in which case partial refunds may or may not be issued. Every effort will be made to complete games and the tournament.