



VSL Official 3V3 Basketball Rules

Game Format

Games will be played on the half court portion of a regulation basketball court.

Game time will be divided into 2 - 12 minute halves with a 5 minute half time.

Females are not required to form a team but are allowed to play in the league. While women are allowed to play, there will be no specific coed rules pertaining to gender requirements.

Following each successful made basket:

- The ball must be “checked” by a player of the non scoring team after each made basket at the top of the key. There is no “make it take it.”

Following an unsuccessful field goal attempt:

- If the offensive team rebounds the ball, it may continue to attempt to score without returning the ball behind the arc.
- If the defensive team rebounds or steals the ball, it must return the ball behind the arc (by passing or dribbling).

Scoring

Every shot inside the arc shall be awarded one 1 point.

Every shot behind the arc shall be awarded 2 points.

Scoring will be kept by a VSL official.

Any score discrepancies must be agreed upon by both playing teams. Disagreement will result in a “no score” for that play.

Overtime will be granted in the event of a tied game. Winner will be determined by the first to score. (Shoot for ball)

Fouls

Players must call their own fouls. Fouls called will result in a check ball at the top of the key.

Clock

Each game will have two 12 minute halves with a running clock. There will be no timeouts for either team in the regular season. Half time will be 5 minutes.

End of Game

Games will be played until time has expired or one team has scored 42 points, whichever comes first.

If the score is tied at the end of playing time, an extra period of time will be played. There shall be an interval of 1 minute before the overtime starts. The first team to score 2 points in the overtime wins the game.

Forfeit

A team shall lose the game by forfeit if at the scheduled starting time the team is not present on the playing court with 3 players ready to play. In case of a forfeit, the game score will be 21-0.

Substitutions

Substitutions can be done by any team when the ball becomes dead, prior to the check-ball. If a team needs a substitute for a playoff game, that player must have played (and signed in) to a regular season game.

Excessive Contact

VSL staff/officials will closely watch players and ultimately rule if excessive contact has occurred. Any excessive, unnecessary contact or collisions will result in ejection and possible suspension from the league.

Playoffs

The top 6 teams will make the playoffs.

Playoffs will take place the week following the last scheduled regular season games.

In the event of a tie in the standings, the following tie breakers will be utilized to determine the final standings order:

1. Winning Percentage
2. Head to Head
3. Head to Head Differential
4. Total Points For
5. Total Points Against
6. Total Points Differential
7. Lowest Number of Forfeits
8. Coin Toss

Source: <https://www.usab.com/3x3/3x3-rules-of-the-game.aspx>