

3-A-SIDE™

Strike for goal in this simple game of tactics

For 2 players, aged 7 to adult

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Contents:

Playing board, 3 red playing pieces, 3 blue playing pieces, 5 white playing pieces

Object of the game

To be the first to score three goals.

Preparation

One player places the three red pieces on the spaces marked with red spots on one side of the board. The other player places the three blue pieces on the spaces marked with red spots on the other side of the board. One white ball is placed on the centre space. This is the opening position. Whenever a goal is scored, the red and blue pieces return to their opening positions and another white ball is placed in the centre.

Playing the game

The youngest player goes first. Each player then plays in turn.

At each turn you must make two moves, unless you score a goal on the first one. On each of these moves you may move either the ball or one of your own pieces. The second move is not restricted by the first. You may move the ball twice, or the same piece twice, or the ball and a piece, or a piece and the ball, or two different pieces - whichever you prefer.

Moving a piece: If you decide to move a piece, move it along any pathway to the next space, which must be vacant. This counts as one move.

Moving the ball: You may only move the ball if it is on a space next to at least one of your pieces. 'Next to' means on a space connected by a single piece of pathway.

If it is next to only one of your pieces, you may move it only one space.

If it is next to two of your pieces, you may move it one or two spaces.

If it is next to all your pieces, you may move it one, two or three spaces.

Scoring a goal: The goal area counts as a space. If you succeed in getting the ball into your opponent's goal the round ends. Leave the ball in the goal, return the pieces to their starting positions, and place another ball in the centre. The player who has just been scored against moves first.

Winning the game

The game is won by the first player to score three goals.