



2009 WYSA Fall Recreational Soccer Rule Book

All specific WYSA playing rules are noted below, otherwise FIFA apply

GAME START TIMES

Start times are listed on the schedules. If no referee is present, contact the WYSA Referee Assignor, or our WYSA Recreation Coordinator, Mark Pappadia at 596-7885. All efforts shall be made to start all games on time as scheduled.

GAME DURATION **

U-06: Instructional Format using fun games, one hour in duration (9am-10am)

U-08: 4 – 10 minute quarters, running time kept by referee

U-10: 4 – 10 minute quarters, running time kept by referee

U-12: 4 – 12 minute quarters, running time kept by referee

U-15: 4 – 15 minute quarters, running time kept by referee

ALL DIVISIONS: One (1) minute break between quarters, 3 minute break at halftime

** injury time will NOT be added onto the game duration.

THE BALL

U-06 and U-08 : Size #3

U10 and U12 : Size #4

U15 : Size #5

SUBSTITUTIONS

U-8 : Done on the Fly by the team's Coach or Assistant Coach

U10, U12 & U15 : On anyone's throw in, On anyone's Goal Kick , on a Drop Ball, or after a goal by either team;

Are allowed for any injured player;

Substitutions are NOT allowed on any corner kicks;

Players shall enter and exit the pitch via the centerline and not anywhere along the touchline;

Note: Except for U8s, substitutions shall only be made with the permission of the referee.

PUTTING BALL IN PLAY:

Start of Game: Kickoff by Team listed first on the schedule.

After each quarter: Alternate between teams.

Out of Play over Touch Lines: U-8 & U15's : Kick-in All Other Ages: Throw-in

Out of Play over Goal Lines: U-8: Indirect Kick All Other Ages: Direct Kick

RESTARTS

See WYSA Rule Book

PENALTIES:

U-8: See U-8 Rule Book

U-10 and up Penalty Kicks: paced off by the referee, with all players 5 yards from the ball and outside of the penalty box.

GOALS:

Goals cannot be scored directly from a kick-off;

Goals cannot be scored directly from a throw-in;

Goals may be scored directly from a corner kick;

Goals may be scored directly from a Goal kick;

GOALS (continued):

Goals cannot be scored directly from a keepers punt or throw;

Goals cannot be scored directly from a Kick-in (U8s);

GOAL KICKS AND KEEPER KICKS/THROWS:

The ball may be kicked or thrown over the midfield line by the keeper while in his/her possession;
Goals may be scored directly from a Goal kick;
Goals cannot be scored directly from a keepers punt or throw;
Players cannot interfere with or block a keeper's punt, a direct kick at the spot of the infraction is awarded.

PLAYING TIME:

Goalkeepers can play no more than half of the game in goal;
All players must play at least 50% of the game;
Coaches must explain to the parents the reason that their child did not play at least 50% of the game.

REFEREE CALLS:

Respect the calls made by the referees! The referees are FIFA certified or in-training, and referee verbal abuse will not be tolerated! If a coach or parent has specific questions or concerns about referees at our fields contact Mark Pappadia (fall coordinator)

COACHES :

Coaches are allowed to be on the field at the U8 level to keep the players from bunching, encourage participation from passive players and to help maintain the flow of the game. They should not impede the flow of the game. U10 coaches are allowed on the field only for the first two weeks. Week 3 and beyond they must remain in the coaches sideline box.

Should remain on the sideline as much as possible.

Must not interfere with the movement of the referee.

Support the "young referees in training" in lieu of yelling at them. If they miss a call, so be it, let it go, they are learning.

Should only discuss disagreements with calls with the Referee Coordinator or Recreation Coordinator after the game.

DO NOT DISCUSS ANY CALLS WITH A YOUTH REFEREE AFTER THE GAME.

Are role models whether they like it or not, so act respectfully and appropriately.

BE AS QUIET AS POSSIBLE! You should not direct every player's movement every minute of the game by yelling and screaming, even if it's positive!

STAY PUT! Do not walk up and down the sideline following the play such that you encroach on the other coach's space. Please be respectful.

Report aggressive behavior by parents OR other coaches to the Recreation Coordinator or a Board Member.

Remember the three Noels (No L's)

No Long Single Lines when doing drills, two shorter ones are more economical;

No Laps around the field for any reason;

No Lectures – Players have 3 minute attention spans. Keep talks short and sweet.

11. Remember to fill out the Westerly Sun Game Score sheet after every Saturday game.

Law 1: Field of Play

U8 & U15Girls Division:(Range size 20 yds x 35yds to 30yds x 40 yds)

U10 Division: (Range size 35 yds x 45yds to 45 yds x 60 yds)

U12 Division: (Range size 45 yds x 70 yds to 55 yds x 80 yds)

U15Boys Division: (Range size 20 yds x 35yds to 30yds x 40 yds)

U8 Division:

Pugg goals are used. All goals must be anchored properly to the ground prior to any training session or game. Three tent stakes should be used to anchor each Pugg net.

Fields shall have corner arcs for corner kicks and a center line. There are no penalty area markings on the field.

Instead, each field will have a "goal crease" that is a semi-circle approximately three (3) yards in radius directly in front of each goal. The ball may not be touched by either team while the ball is in or above the goal crease area.

U10, U12 & U15 Divisions:

U10, U12 & U15 divisions : rectangular, regulation size goals shall be used made from PVC piping. All goals must be anchored properly to the ground prior to any training session or game.

U15 divisions : as an alternative, pugg nets may be used if they play a 4v4 format. Three tent stakes should be used to anchor each Pugg net.

U15 Girls Division:

U15 Girls Division will play on fields slightly larger than what the U8 Division plays on. Pugg goals are used. All goals must be anchored properly to the ground prior to any training session or game. Three tent stakes should be used to anchor each Pugg net.

No player is allowed to play keeper in or around the goal crease. Players loitering around their own goal while play is away from that goal, will be warned by the referee to vacate the area. Constant violation of the referees request shall result in an unobstructed direct kick on net from five yards out.

U8 rules apply

Additional Markings: A *coaching box* may be marked in between both fields parallel to the touch line (one for each team) which will measure 10 yards from the center line and be set back 3 feet. All coaching instructions must be given from this area and all substitutions are to take place from here or at the center line.

Law 2: The Ball

U-06 and U-08 : Size #3

U10 and U12 : Size #4

U15 : Size #5

Any team may provide a ball to be used as the 'game ball'. If for any reason there is a dispute, the team listed first on the schedule will be the home team and will be ultimately responsible for providing the game ball.

Law 3: The Players

Game Formats:

U8 Division: 4v4 Format, 2 concurrent games played with 4 field players and no goalkeepers per team, per field.

U10, U12, and U15 Coed Divisions: 6 v 6 Format** (*unless otherwise specified*)

U15G & U15Coed Divisions: 4v4 Format, One single game being played.

**Note: a 7v7 format may be implemented for the 6v6 format, by WYSA, to facilitate equal playing time, if more than 11 players are placed on each team.

Maximum Roster Sizes:

U6 Division 11 players (recommended)

U8 Division : 14 players

U10 Division: 11 players (13 players if use 7v7 format)

U12 Division: 11 players (13 players if use 7v7 format)

U15Coed Div.: 11 players (13 players if use 7v7 format; 8 plyrs if play 4 v 4)

U15 Girls Div.: 8 players **

**Note: The U15 Girls Division is allowed guest players from other teams to play, ONLY IF the team has only five (5) players show up AND the opposing coach approves of each guest player. If the opposing coach does not approve of a particular guest player then that player cannot play in that game. The number of guest players shall not exceed three in number. All guest players must be registered with WYSA in order to play.

There is a 50 % playing rule and all games shall be played in quarters.

Law 4: The Equipment

All forms of tennis shoes and soccer cleats (no baseball or football cleats are allowed) can be worn. *Shin guards are mandatory for all players* and will be checked by the referee at the beginning of the games. All shirts must be tucked into the shorts and all socks will be pulled up over the shin guards; boxers under-short must not be visible below the bottom of a player's shorts.

The referee on the field can allow additional clothing to be worn if he/she feels it is necessary for the welfare of the players during any inclement weather.

All casts must be properly covered with sufficient padding to protect all players on the field. The decision to allow a player wearing a cast to enter a game is at the discretion of the referee.

Each team must wear a uniform consisting of shorts, socks and matching shirts. Each shirt must have an *unique number on the back*.

A number shall consist of alphanumeric characters (eg 11, 14B, 2C). White athletic tape is allowed for number modification from game to game.

No jewelry is allowed to be worn. Earrings are allowed as long as they are sufficiently taped over. No hard plastic or metal barrettes or combs are allowed. No watches of any kind are allowed. The referee has the right to ask any player to remove any other jewelry or hair item that he/she considers dangerous.

Only Medical Bracelets and/or Medical Necklaces are allowed to be worn. The excess slack shall be taped on the Medical Bracelet allowing for enough room to read the information.

Head and wrist bands will be allowed as long as they are color coordinated with the uniform. Bandannas are not allowed. The referee, in his discretion, may require the removal of headbands.

Law 5: The Referee

U8 Division: Two referees (one for each field). All Other Divisions: One referee per field.

All referees are required to be USSF certified. Referees are reminded that their purpose is to honor acceptable behavior, to give unacceptable behavior effective attention, and to identify misbehaving players. Referees are required to judge if fan disorder is detrimental to the safety of all participants, and to act accordingly. Such acts may include the request of support from coach(es), game suspensions, summoning appropriate authorities, game termination, or other action deemed appropriate to protect participants, fans or staff.

The responsibilities of the referee are to:

Enforce all laws of the game; both FIFA, RIYSL and WYSA.

No scores will be recorded.

Inspect all goals to assure that they are anchored to the ground properly before the start of the game.

Inspect all players' equipment prior to the start of each game and see to it that all players conform to RIYSL standards. SHINGUARDS ARE MANDATORY!

If any or all referees are not present to officiate the game prior to the scheduled start, Volunteer(s) may be used if agreed by both coaches.

Law 6: The Assistant Referee

No assistant referees are required in any of the divisions.

Law 7: Duration of the Game

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Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play

Kick-off: At the beginning of the game and at the start of each quarter will be from the center circle. The opposing team must be outside the center circle before Kick-off. The ball must be touched in order to begin play and make one complete revolution before the opposing team to challenge for the ball. Start of the game Kick-off is done by the first team listed on the schedule.

Restart after a Goal: will be from the center circle.

Law 9: Ball In and Out of Play

Out of Play – Touch Lines : Throw ins (except for U8s – See U8 Rules)

Goal kicks : may be taken from any point along the edge of the crease area or they may be taken from any point within the crease area.

Law 10: Method of Scoring

-Conform to FIFA rules

Law 11: Offsides

Conform with FIFA Rules with the following modifications:

There will be NO OFF SIDES in any of the divisions (to conform with most USYSA 6v6 tournament rules).

Law 12: Fouls and Misconducts

Conform with FIFA Rules with the following modifications:

All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponent five yards away.

- The referee shall explain all infractions to the offending player.

Law 13: Free Kicks

Conform with FIFA rules with the following modifications:

-All free kicks will be indirect.

-Opponents must be at least 5 yards away.

Law 14: Penalty Kick

Conform with FIFA rules with the following modifications:

U8 Division: shall be in accordance with the U8 Rule Book.

Law 15: Throw-Ins

Conform with FIFA rules

Law 16: Goal Kicks

Conform with FIFA rules with the following modifications:

Ball may be placed anywhere in the goal box.

The ball may be placed on :

any point along the edge of the crease area or,

any point inside the crease area or ,

any point along the goal line (for U8 Division Only).

Law 17: Corner Kick

Conform with FIFA rules with the following modifications:

All corner kicks are direct (i.e. A player can score directly from a corner kick).

Opponents must be five yards away from the ball.

Law 18: The Penalty Area /Goal Crease

Conform with FIFA Rules with the following modifications:

U8 Division: shall be in accordance with the U8 Rule Book.

Law 19: Goal Sizes

U8 Division: Pugg Nets 4 foot wide

U10 Division: 6' high by 8' wide

U12 Division: 6' high by 8' wide for 6v6 or 7v7 format; 17' x 21' for 8v8 format

U15Boys Division: Pugg Nets 4 foot wide for 4v4 format; 6' x 8' for 6v6 format or 7v7 format

Law 20: Play Ups & Play Downs (*New 2008*)

Play Downs : Under no circumstances shall a child be allowed to play in an age group younger than what their birthdate qualifies them for.

Play Ups : Under no circumstances shall a child be allowed to play in an age group older than what their birthdate qualifies them for, without the WYSA Boards consent. Play Ups should only be allowed if they benefit the operations of the WYSA, i.e. if the Play Ups parent fills a void as a Head Coach (not assistant).