# Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association
# Consolidated Policy Manual
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*Please note that this manual is a compilation of WYSA policies from a variety of documents including the WYSA Constitution; WYSA By-laws, Rules and Regulations; and includes policy established by action of the WYSA Board of Directors. It is not intended to be a complete and all-inclusive policy document, but rather, a resource on the most frequent policies utilized in the day-to-day activities administered by a WYSA district, league, club and/or team. Additional district, league and/or club policy may be applicable. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the WYSA State Office or your district/club president.*

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## 1. PREFACE

The policies of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association are established by the State Board of Directors of the Youth Soccer Association. These policies establish minimum guidelines to be followed by the member clubs, districts and leagues throughout the State of Wisconsin. Questions regarding these policies should be forwarded to the District Representative, Club President and/or the State Office for discussion at the State Board of Directors' meetings.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Districts: Districts are geographic areas designated for the purpose of registering players and the operation of leagues where applicable. Districts are governed by the clubs designated to a respective district. Each district shall meet a minimum of every six months and forward information as required in the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Constitution and By-Laws.

2.2 Clubs: New clubs may be formed at the discretion of the WYSA executive committee. Interested groups should refer to the "New Club Application" form available on the WYSA web site. Effective October 2008, all new clubs must be recognized as tax exempt under IRS code 501(c)3 and obtain a Wisconsin Sales Tax Exemption Certificate. A minimum of four teams joined together to promote soccer and provide local organization, is required to be considered for affiliation with the State Association. Clubs provide for the registration and rostering process for teams within the club. Each club's voting strength is defined in the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Constitution and By-Laws. The voting structure within the member club is established by the club's constitution and by-laws. Any club not in attendance at two consecutive district meetings may be put in "not good standing" by the district.

2.3 Leagues: Groups of teams formed together for soccer competition, usually at the exact same age structures. In order to form a league affiliated within the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association organization or its member districts or its member clubs, an application and operating rules must be submitted to the State Association's State Board of Directors in advance of the start of the next player registration year (August 1).

2.4 Players: All players must register to a team and may not be rostered to more than one team.

## 3. PROGRAMS

3.1 Olympic Development Program: The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association President will appoint an ODP director. The WYSA Director of Coaching will appoint head coaches for the boys and girls programs. The State director of coaching will also appoint age group coaches. The ODP director will arrange games, practices, and establish the program fees within the budgetary parameters provided by the WYSA Board of Directors.

3.2 Tournament Sanctioning: The president will appoint a chair to conduct tournament sanctioning for the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association. The tournament sanctioning chair will oversee the application and sanctioning process. Applications to host tournaments or games must follow the established application policies and procedures of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association and US Youth Soccer. Tournament sanction applications

must be submitted online to the tournament sanction committee by October 1st in order for the tournament to be considered for the upcoming tournament season. Tournament sanctioning will be withdrawn if host club is not in good standing, or if the tournament referee assignor is not registered with the Wisconsin Program for Referee Development (WISREF).

Tournament sanctioning may be withheld if the tournament has failed to provide the required post tournament report with appropriate fees for the prior year's event.

Competitive tournaments shall not be sanctioned on Memorial Day weekend and the first weekend in June due to the Wisconsin State Championships being held over those weekends.

3.3 State Tournaments: The President of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association will appoint a chair to organize and administer WYSA youth tournament events. State Tournament Events may include but are not limited to 1. Wisconsin State Championship Series, (US Youth Soccer National Championship Series), 2. Wisconsin State Presidents Cup Series (US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Series), 3. Kohl's Recreational Cup, 4. Small Sided Jamboree, 5. other events developed through sponsorships.

3.4 Recognition Awards: The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association will arrange for the purchase of awards for State functions. The executive committee will solicit applications for the Association's annual awards (Coaches of the Year – boys & girls, recreational & competitive; Young Referees – male & female; Volunteer and Administrator) and the Mike Kabanica Scholarship winners and any other awards may also be developed by the Association and its official sponsors. Nominations for these awards must be received the State Office by the published deadline dates.

## 4. MEETINGS

4.1 Annual General Membership Meeting: The AGM will be held during the first quarter of the calendar year at a site and date to be determined by the executive committee.

4.2 Quarterly Youth Board Meetings: The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association will hold quarterly board meetings in different regions throughout the State. The purpose of the meetings will be to discuss and conduct business pertinent to the operation of youth soccer in Wisconsin.

4.3 Delegates to US Youth Soccer & US Soccer Federation meetings: The WYSA executive committee may be sent as delegates to the US Soccer Federation AGM and US Youth Soccer AGM and US Youth Soccer Workshop, subject to budgetary considerations. Executive committee members may also be sent to any special meetings called by US Youth Soccer or US Soccer Federation. Should any of the five members of the executive committee be unable to attend, the president may appoint alternate delegates. The president may appoint an individual to represent the Association at selected functions.

## 5. PLAYING RULES & REGULATIONS

5.1 Substitutions: Substitutions may be made prior to a throw-in in favor of your team, prior to a goal kick by either team, following a goal by either team, following an injury to a player from the either team, or at half time. Substitutions may also be made for

your team on the opposing team's throw-in if the opposing team also has a player at the half-way line.

5.2 Recreational Play: A recreational player is one who is assigned to a team that plays in a recreational league.

5.2.1 Recreational teams are formed each year.

5.2.2 Teams are formed on the basis of geographical area or random selection.

5.2.3 All teams under the age of 10 (U10, U9, U8, U7, U6, U5) are considered recreational teams.

5.2.4 WYSA has adopted an "Age Exemption Policy" whereby districts may adopt policy permitting overage players to be rostered under certain conditions:

5.2.4a Must be initiated by parent.

5.2.4b No more than two players per team.

5.2.4c Player must not be more than six months older than the normal August 1st deadline.

5.2.4d Requires club approval.

5.2.5 Player roster transfers are limited to three per team within a club per WYSA registration year. This policy applies to all teams (recreational & competitive).

5.2.5a Transfers over the limit must be approved by the WYSA district.

5.2.5b This policy takes effect once the roster is set and approved by the club/district registrar.

5.2.6 Players age appropriate at U10 and below teams are all considered recreational players. Therefore, U10 and under players may not be allowed to play up more than two single age group levels from the age group that they should actually be rostered to.

5.2.7 No travel permits will be issued for U8 and younger teams for out of state travel.

5.2.8 Awards for U10 and younger recreational teams in a tournament will be participation awards.

5.2.9 Each player shall play at least half of the game, provided they meet the club's established requirements.

5.2.10 Recreational teams have no more than half of the team returning from the previous season (teams must rotate at least 50% of the team roster from registration year to registration year.) In Wisconsin, this includes no more than five returning players.

5.2.10a This may be relaxed in areas where the community may be challenged to form multiple teams. A request to waive this rule must be submitted to the WYSA Board of Directors.

5.3 Equipment and Uniforms:

5.3.1 No casts

5.3.2 No sleeveless uniform jerseys. Uniform jerseys must have a finished sleeve

5.3.3 Players must wear shin guards

5.3.4 All jerseys must be tucked in

5.3.5 All team jerseys must have unique numbers

5.4 Games – Priority of Games: State Championship Series matches take precedence over other matches. Midwest Regional League and State League scheduled matches are next priority following State Championship Series games. Tournament matches follow State Championship Series games and league games. Teams cannot be forced to change a scheduled league game for anything except a scheduled State Championship Series match.

5.5 WYSA State Leagues: The vice president will oversee the functioning of all leagues.

5.5.1 State leagues may be formed at age group appropriate levels. The vice president will oversee the formation and functioning of the leagues and provide oversight of their seasonal operation. This will be done under the auspices of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association.

5.6 Tournament teams/Tournament Only Teams are permitted throughout the State. Tournament teams and tournament only teams are defined as teams registered with a club, whose players are exclusively rostered to a club team. All previous rostering rules and regulations apply to the team.

## 6. MIDWEST REGIONAL LEAGUE

The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association has established invitational criteria to designate teams to represent Wisconsin in US Youth Soccer's National League – Midwest Region. Invitations to eligible teams at the eligible age groups to apply to the National League – Midwest Region consideration is provided to the following group winners:

(1) 1st Consideration – State Championship Series champion
(2) 2nd Consideration – State Championship Series finalists and semi-finalists
(3) 3rd Consideration – State League Premier League champion after a review of their State Championship Series and league results.
(4) 4th Consideration – Premier League finalist: In the event that the State Championship Series champion is also the Premier League champion, then the State Championship Series finalist will be invited.
(5) 5th Consideration – teams that successfully competed in the regional league from the previous year.

APPLICATION TO THE REGIONAL LEAGUE DOES NOT GUARANTEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE. Teams not accepted into the regional league shall be placed appropriately in one of the divisions of the state league. The State Association may invite more than two teams in any age group when circumstances warrant additional invitations.

Additionally, a system of relegation and promotion shall apply when extending invitations to teams eligible for the Midwest Regional League. A team is not guaranteed an invitation to the Midwest Regional League; (a) in the event that a team had competed in the previous year, but failed to win the State Championship or premier league title or where applicable: (b) failed to take the finalists slot for State Championship Series (c) has not met the invitation criteria for entering the regional league in the coming season (d) an exception to this case would be the place the team has taken in the Midwest Regional League from the previous season, plus the team's final finish in the State Championship Series of the previous year, plus the team's final placement in the premier league of the previous season and that the current State Championship Series champion and/or premier league champion has declined the invitation.

## 7. COMPETETIVE LEAGUES

7.1 Tryouts & Recruitment Periods: Subject to the policies established by the recognized member districts or the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association where applicable. Tryouts shall be held in accordance with the district tryout policies or those established by the State board of directors for selected districts (See 7.1.3).

7.1.1 Players must be notified within three days of the last scheduled (and advertised) tryout date indicating whether or not an offer to join the team will be made. Players, upon notification that an offer to join a team has been made, have up to five days to accept or reject the offer to join a team. After the five day period for notification has lapsed, the team is able to pursue other players or the team may hold a spot for a player.

7.1.2 Once a player submits a completed registration form (club, USYSA or League One) and/or submits a deposit with the intent to play with that club, that player is committed to that club for the seasonal year (8/1 – 7/31). For the purposes of which team a player first committed, the date (and time if applicable) on the registration form determines which club a player is obligated to (i.e., if a player attends three different club tryouts, and receives three different offers, then submits three different registration forms and fees, the earliest date determines which team/club the player is obligated to for the intended registration year).

***NOTE: Clubs are strongly encouraged to time and date stamp all registration forms received throughout the tryout process.*** *Clubs that utilize club or US Youth Soccer registration forms to collect tryout information regarding players should not consider this paperwork as a formal commitment to play with the club.*

7.1.3 For Southeast Wisconsin (Ozaukee, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Washington Counties) tryout windows are established and announced annually.

7.2 Player Transfers

7.2.1 Player roster transfers are limited to three per team within a club per WYSA Registration year. This policy applies to all teams (recreational & competitive).

7.2.1 Transfers over the limit must be approved by the WYSA district

7.2.2 This policy takes effect once the roster is set and approved by the club/district registrar.

7.3 Player Transfers (competitive/classic/select players only)

7.3.1 Once a player submits a completed registration form (club, USYSA or League One) and/or submits a deposit with the intent to play with that club, that player is committed to that club for the seasonal year (8/1 – 7/31). If at any time during the registration year, a competitive player desires to transfer to another club's team, that player must submit a completed Player Request Transfer Form to the WYSA executive director, explaining the request for transfer. The form may be found on the WYSA web site. The player must also submit a $100 transfer request fee (cashier's check only). Transfer requests must be mailed to the State Office. Faxes or e-mails are not accepted. Requests for transfers will be reviewed within 10 days of receipt of the request and request fee.

7.3.2 Upon receipt of the Player Transfer Request Form and transfer request fee, the executive director will send a letter to the club president of the team the player is requesting to be released from; to ascertain the club's allowance or objection to the transfer request. If there are no objections to the transfer, the player will be notified in writing by the State Association that the release has been granted and $75 of the transfer fee will be refunded. If the club objects, the transfer request must be reviewed by the Transfer Review Panel.

7.3.3 If a review panel must be convened to decide on the release of the player, the State Association will make a conscientious effort to facilitate the review panel process in a timely manner.

7.3.3.a In SE Wisconsin, the panel hearing will be conducted at the WYSA State Office located in West Allis.

7.3.3.b In areas outside of SE Wisconsin, the panel hearing will be delegated to and conducted by the WYSA district that the player's current team is assigned.

7.3.4 Once reviewed, the player and respective club presidents will be notified in writing of the Transfer Review Panel's decision. If the request is approved, the $75 will be refunded. If the request is denied or withdrawn, the State Association retains the entire $100 fee.

7.3.5 This policy only applies to competitive players and restricts movements from one club team to another club's team. The restriction does not apply to a player changing teams within the same soccer club. Players wishing to change teams within the same club do not have to follow this transfer approval process.

7.4 Recruiting Violations

No personal contact with players for the purpose of recruiting players may occur before the allowable tryout period as established by the WYSA policy or member district. This means the player or family members cannot be contacted in any way before the published tryout dates. Coaches may be suspended from coaching and/or the team may be prevented from playing in sanctioned activities if violations of the recruiting restriction are confirmed. Recruiting and tryouts end 30 days before the start of the season or if a player has signed with a team.

7.5 Player Club Passes

A state league or classic league team may elect to have up to four club pass players added to their game day roster. Player club passes are designated as an intra club

pass, not to be used as an interclub arrangement between two different clubs. Classic league players may play down no more than one competition level; i.e., a SECL A league player may play on a SECL B league team. Recreational leagues seeking permission to utilize player club passes must seek approval from their WYSA district who will inform the WYSA vice president. The club president and/or director of coaching will over-see implementation and compliance with Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association rules policies relating to club passes.

Teams using club passes will need a copy of the official Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association "club/district authorized official roster" for each team the club pass players are coming from.

Club passes may be used for recreational teams to roster one player over the maximum roster size at a particular age level in order to fill in players up to the maximum roster size in that age group. No male players will be allowed to participate in female leagues unless designated as a coed league which permits such play.
7.5.1 Roster size – Teams will be expected to roster a minimum of 12 players when the "official" team roster is submitted for league registration. The maximum number of players shall not exceed the allowable number of players per team; 14 for U11 & U12; 18 for U13 to U15 teams; 22 players for the U16 and older age groups.

Exemptions to roster sizes may be requested by a district's youth board representative. This must be a formal proposal and requires a WYSA board vote for approval.

Coaching information should include coaches' names, addresses, telephone, e-mail address, license status, coach pass number to include date of expiration, club name, and age group/division status and team name.

Teams that make use of the player club passes must designate on the official game report the names and player registration numbers added to the game day roster. These teams may elect to have up to four players added. The maximum number of players on the sideline and allowed to participate shall not exceed 18.

On game day coaches must present the game day roster, player passes and the official Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association "club/district authorized official roster" to be used for verification by the referees. All players are required to have an official Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association soccer player pass. No pass-no play.

Players rostered in the U14 and younger age groups may not be allowed to play up more than two age levels (i.e., U12 registered players cannot play at the U15 level) unless the player is originally rostered to the higher-aged level team roster. Regardless of the chronological age of the player, the age group to which the player is rostered determines any potential movements governed by club passing. Players may only move up or laterally in age group and competition levels.

7.6 Player Responsibility

A player's first responsibility shall be to the team that they are originally (permanently) rostered to for the seasonal year. All Wisconsin tournament directors have been notified of the club pass policy. If the tournament rules allow club passes then teams may use a club player pass for tournament play.

State Championship, Regional Championship and the National Championship rosters will be frozen in accordance with the State Association's freeze date. Rosters submitted to these events shall be stamped by either a club or district registrar for use in the State Championship, Regional Championship and the National Championship Series competition. National Championship Series competition rules of play must be followed and do not allow for roster changes after the designated freeze date. A player would be eligible to play for only one team during State Championships, Regional Championships and the National Championship events.

7.7 Guest Player Roster Form

The Guest Player Roster form is for use by all teams using players from other club teams (not within the same club) for tournaments, other than the WI State Championships. The form allows a team to list up to eight guest players; subject to the rules of the tournament event. Guest Player Roster forms are available on the WYSA web site and must be submitted online with the appropriate fee.

**Regarding tournament play, see the tournament application for guest player(s) issues. Also note that not all tournaments permit guest players.

## 8. MODIFIED PLAYING RULES (Small sided soccer for U12 and younger)

The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association has adopted US Youth Soccer's modified recommendations for the playing rules for U10, U8 and U6 teams. Player rosters are established by those rules. Field sizes and on field player numbers are also established by those rules. For these age levels, no individual player or individual team awards are to be given.

U5/6

| | |
|---|---|
| Numbers: | 3 V 3 no goal keepers |
| Field: | 25-30y X 20y (recommended) |
| Goals: | 4' X 6' (hockey goals, no pop up goals) |
| Roster: | Determined by the district (up to six recommended for single roster or ten for side-by-side format. |

U7/8

| | |
|---|---|
| Numbers: | 4 V 4 no goal keepers |
| Field: | 35-40y X 20y (recommended) |
| Goals: | 4' X 6' (recommended) up to 6' X 12' |
| Roster: | Determined by the district (up to eight recommended for single roster or 12 for side-by-side format. |

U9/10

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|---|---|
| Numbers: | 6 V 6 including a goalkeeper |
| Field: | 50y X 35-40y (recommended) |
| Goals: | 6' X 18' recommended by US Youth Soccer (6' X 12' min or 7' X 21' max) |
| Roster: | determined by the district (up to 11 recommended for single roster or up to 18 for side-by-side format) |

U11

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|---|---|
| Numbers: | 8 V 8 including a goalkeeper |
| Field: | 70y X 50y (recommended) |
| Goals: | 6' X 18' recommended by US Youth Soccer (6' X 18' min or 7' X 21' max) |
| Roster: | 14 |

U12

| | |
|---|---|
| Numbers: | 8 V 8 including a goalkeeper |
| Field: | 70y X 50y (recommended) |
| Goals: | 6' X 18' recommended by US Youth Soccer (6' X 18' min or 7' X 21' max) |
| Roster: | 14 |

## 9. COACH REQUIREMENTS

9.1 Coaching Education Guidelines

All coaches working with U10 and younger teams are required to have, at minimum, a G/Y1 level coaching certificate.

All coaches working with U11 through U14 competitive and state league teams are required to have, at minimum, an E level coaching certificate. Additionally, all U15 and older classic level teams playing in a competitive level league must maintain a minimum of an E level certificate. All coaches working with U15, Midwest Regional League and state league teams are required to have, at minimum, a "D" level coaching certificate.

WYSA recognizes that the NSCAA National Diploma, National Diploma and Premier diploma (held for at least 12 months) satisfies the WYSA's coaching credential requirements needed to obtain a coach pass card.

A coach possessing the NSCAA National Diploma or higher does not receive a license from WYSA but only fulfills the coaching credential requirements.

Holders of the NSCAA National Diploma or above working with U6, U8 and U10 players are strongly encouraged to obtain a G/Y1 certificate or State youth license.

9.2 Coaches' Responsibilities and Behavior Guidelines

Coaching is a privilege granted by clubs and parents and with this privilege comes responsibilities. Coaches should keep in mind their position as role models for their players. The coaches set the tone in sportsmanship for the players and spectators. Coaches should remember that soccer is more than "winning at all cost." The object of youth sports should be:

1. Enjoyment
2. Skill Development
3. Participation in a team sport
4. The development of good sportsmanship

The coach, the primary influence on the players, determines if the objectives of the State Association for youth soccer players are met.

The State Association expects coaches to abide by the following guidelines:

1. Coaches should participate in the post-game handshake.
2. Coaches should refrain from negative coaching from the sidelines and refrain from yelling at players, opponents and game officials from the sidelines.
3. Coaches are required to have in their possession a WYSA issued coach pass card. To obtain a WYSA coach pass card, a coach must complete the coach registration/risk management form and submit it on-line to the State Association along with a headshot photo and the appropriate registration fee. This element is a part of the State Association's RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM and is a requirement of membership with the US Youth Soccer Association.

## 10.0 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The role of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association is to promote and nurture the advancement of the sport of soccer in the State of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association strives to provide a safe environment that fosters mutual respect and offers our children the opportunity to develop athletically and socially. As such, the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association requires that coaches, referees, volunteers and administrators do not have a history of criminal or violent behavior. The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association has adopted (subject to any contrary requirements in state or local laws) criteria established by the United States Soccer Federation regarding the prohibition of sexual and physical abuse.

## 11.0 GAME GUIDELINES

The home team is responsible for marking fields, placing corner flags, and putting up nets. They must also provide a ball which is acceptable for play.

It is imperative that the home team or hosting organization ensures that the goals used for any and all sanctioned league games are properly and securely anchored to the ground.

Home teams are responsible to make sure that similarities in uniform identifications do not result in difficulty in officials carrying out their assignments.

In the interest of better soccer, coaches will assist in controlling fans. No spectator, coach or player should place himself or herself behind a goal. Team personnel

(coaches, assistant coaches, managers, trainers, doctors, etc) and non-participating players are required to remain in the coaching area, which should extend no more than 10 yards on either side of the mid-field line. Where possible, bench areas should be marked at least five yards from the touchline. Players' benches should be placed opposite of the side of the field where the parents and spectators shall be. At no time may the number of team personnel exceed a total of four individuals.

The respective league directors are responsible for making sure proper procedures are followed. At their option, league directors may institute disciplinary and/or remedial action, which may include their assigning of qualified referees and moving games to adequate or neutral sites. The costs associated with such actions may be assessed on the offending teams. Complaints concerning improper procedures should be directed to the league directors by visiting coaches. League directors will make determinations of facts and may assess penalties including forfeiture and fines. Repeated incidents of using unregistered referees, unprepared fields, or encouragement of unruly fans or uncontrolled coaches can result in forfeiture of games and possible fines.

The end of the game ceremony is a soccer tradition and should be honored in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Both teams are encouraged to return to the middle of the field for a ceremonial handshake regardless of the outcome of the game.

## 12.0 REFEREES

12.1 Referee Game Fees

WYSA recommends the following fee structure for youth games sanctioned by the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association. It is encouraged that all member leagues adopt the fee structure for district play and tournament play. These fees will apply to the State League Boys and Girls that include Premier and First Division and the SECL.

| Age Group | Length of Game | Ball Size | Center Referee | Assistant Referee (Each) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| U6 (3 V 3) | 4 X 8' | # 3 | Parent Ref | NA |
| U8 (4 V 4) | 4 X 10' | # 3 | $10.00 | NA |
| U9 (5 V 5 + GK)* | 2 X 25' | # 4 | $12.00 | $8.00 |
| U10 (5 V 5 + GK)* | 2 x 25' | # 4 | $12.00 | $8.00 |
| U11 (8 V 8 + GK) | 2 x 30' | # 4 | $25.00 | $15.00 |
| U12 (8 V 8 + GK) | 2 X 35' | # 4 | $25.00 | $15.00 |
| U13 (11 V 11) | 2 X 35' | # 5 | $30.00 | $20.00 |
| U14 (11 V 11) | 2 X 35' | # 5 | $30.00 | $20.00 |
| U15 (11 V 11) | 2 X 40' | # 5 | $35.00 | $20.00 |
| U16 (11 V 11) | 2 X 40' | # 5 | $40.00 | $25.00 |
| U17 (11 V 11) | 2 X 45' | # 5 | $50.00 | $30.00 |
| U18 (11 V 11) | 2 X 45' | # 5 | $50.00 | $30.00 |
| U19 (11 V 11) | 2 X 45' | # 5 | $50.00 | $30.00 |

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12.2 Referee Assignors

Only referee assignors with an appropriate level of licensing may schedule referees for WYSA sanctioned competitions, including leagues and tournaments. Club presidents will be asked to fill out and return to the SYRA the name and contact information on their licensed referee assignor.

12.3 The Arbiter

WISREF has selected The Arbiter as the scheduling software to be used for all referee assignments in Wisconsin. WYSA has agreed in concept to the use of The Arbiter, with an implementation timeline that is reasonable for member clubs and volunteers responsible for referee assigning.

## 13.0 HEARINGS AND APPEALS

Appeals and the appeals process will be handled in accordance with the State Association Policy under the following conditions:

13.1 Involving Leagues and League Play

(1) In-house league: (Intra-club league)

(a) Appeals will be first addressed by the club

(b) Then at the district level

(c) Then at the State Association level

If the in-house league/club wishes to establish an appeals fee, this fee shall not exceed $25 per appeal. If the district wishes to establish an appeals fee, this fee shall not exceed $125 per appeal. At any level, if the appeal is over turned, then the appeals fee shall be returned to the appellant.

(2) District League:

(a) Appeals will first be addressed at the district level

(b) Then at the State Association level. If the district wishes to establish an appeals fee, this fee shall not exceed $75 per appeal. The State Association appeals fee shall not exceed $125 per appeal. At any level, if the appeal is overturned, then the appeals fee shall be returned to the appellant.

(3) State League:

(a) Appeals will first be addressed by the state league.

(b) Then at the State Association level. The appeal fee at the State Association level shall not exceed $125 per appeal. If the appeal is overturned, then the appeals fee shall be returned to the appellant.

13.2 Involving Disputes within Teams, Clubs, Districts and/or the State Association

(1) Teams:

(a) Appeals will first be addressed by the club

(b) Then at the district level

(c) Then at the State Association level. If the club wishes to establish an appeals fee, this fee shall not exceed $50 per appeal. If the district wishes to establish an appeals fee, this fee shall not exceed $75 per appeal. If the State Association wishes to establish an appeals fee, the appeals fee shall not exceed $125 per appeal. At any level, if the appeal is overturned, then the appeals fee shall be returned to the appellant.

(2) Clubs:
    (a) Appeals will first be addressed at the district level
    (b) Then at the State Association level. If the district wishes to establish an appeals fee, this fee shall not exceed $75 per appeal. The State Association appeals fee shall not exceed $125 per appeal. At any level, if the appeal is overturned, then the appeals fee shall be returned to the appellant.
(3) Districts:
    (a) Appeals will be addressed at the State Association level. The State Association appeals fee shall not exceed $125 per appeal. At any level, if the appeal is overturned, then the appeals fee shall be returned to the appellant.
(4) State Association:
    (a) Appeals will be addressed by the State Appeals Board. The State Association appeals fee shall not exceed $125 per appeal. If the appeal is overturned, then the appeals fee shall be returned to the appellant.

13.3 USSF BYLAW 701 Hearing Procedures

In all hearings conducted under these by-laws, the parties shall be accorded the following:

(1) Notice of the specific charges or alleged violations in writing and possible consequences if the charges are found to be true
(2) Reasonable time between receipt of the notice of charges and the hearing within which to prepare a defense
(3) The right to have the hearing conducted at a time and place so as to make it practical for the person charged to attend
(4) A hearing before a disinterested and impartial body of fact-finders
(5) The right to be assisted in the presentation of one's case at the hearing
(6) The right to call witnesses and present oral and written evidence and argument
(7) The right to confront witnesses, including the right to be provided the identity of witnesses in advance of the hearing
(8) The right to have a record made of the hearing if desired and
(9) A written decision, with reasons for the decision, based solely on the evidence of record, issued in a timely fashion.

13.4 Exhaustion of Remedies

Wisconsin Youth Soccer - RULE 6014

Section 1. No member of Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (official, league, club, team, player, coach, administrator or referee) may invoke the aid of courts of the United States or of a state without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organizations, as provided within Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association.

Section 2. For violation of this by-law, the offending party shall be subject to suspension and fines and shall be liable to Wisconsin Youth Soccer and its officers

and members of the board of directors in defending each court action including the following:

(1) Court costs
(2) Attorney's fees
(3) Reasonable compensation for time spent by Wisconsin Youth Soccer officials and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery and court appearances
(4) Travel expenses; and
(5) Expenses for holding special National Council meetings necessitated by court action.

## 14.0 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

These definitions apply to these policies and the by-laws of Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association:

***Affiliate*** - a properly recognized member club of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association

***Amateur Sports Act*** – the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (*chapter 2205 of title 36, United States Code.*)

***Board of Directors*** – the Board of Directors of Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association established under Article 5008 of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Constitution.

***Club*** – an organization affiliated with a National State Association, which has an identifiable membership of youth soccer players on whose behalf the organization conducts or engages in youth soccer activities. A ***club*** (sometimes referred to as "leagues" or "local association") is the basic administrative unit of US Youth Soccer.

***District*** – A geographical subdivision of the territory of a National State Association.

***Federation*** – United States Soccer Federation, Inc.

***FIFA*** – Federal Internationale de Football Association of which the US Soccer Federation is the national association member of the United States.

***Good Standing*** – A team or organization shall be considered in ***good standing*** if all of its players have been properly registered with their National State Association or approved organization and so long as the team or organization is not subject to any disciplinary sanctions prohibiting travel or hosting imposed by the National State Association, US Youth Soccer or approved organization.

***Guest Player*** – A registered player participating in a competition for a team to which the player is not rostered for purposes of league play.

***League*** – A structured group of four or more teams joined for the purposes of inter-team play under a common set of administrative and competition rules.

1. ***Recreational League*** – An intra or interclub league in which:
   i. The use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited.
   ii. The club or district administering the league accepts as participants in the league any and all eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms of registration).
   iii. A system of rostering players is employed for the purpose of creating a fair or balanced distribution of playing talent among all teams participating.
   iv. League rules require that each player play at least one-half of each game except for reasons of injury, illness or discipline.

2. ***Classic League*** – An interclub league in which
   i. the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability is permitted and one or more league rules restrict the manner in which players may be rostered to participating teams.

3. ***State Premier League*** or ***First Division*** – An interclub league, managed by the State Association, in which no rule restricts the manner in which players may be rostered to participating teams, except for rules which define and prohibit unethical recruiting behavior; or limit the participation of players previously rostered to another team.

4. ***Midwest Regional League*** – An interstate league, managed by Region II of the US Youth Soccer Association, in which no rule restricts the manner in which players may be rostered to participating teams, except for rules which define and prohibit unethical recruiting behavior; or limit the participation of players previously rostered to another team.

***National State Association*** An affiliated member association of US Youth Soccer representing all leagues, clubs, teams and players within the territory assigned the National State Association by US Youth Soccer.

***Player*** – A youth registered in accordance with US Youth Soccer and the National State Association rules.

***Registration*** – The signing of an intent to play the sport of soccer and the paying of fees to become a member of US Youth Soccer and the National State Association.

***Team*** – a group of soccer players playing on the same side in soccer games as a recognized entity organized for the purpose of playing the sport of soccer.

1. ***Classic Team*** – a team which participates in a classic league. Also referred to as *select* or *competitive*
2. ***League Team*** – a team which participates in regularly scheduled league play
3. ***State League*** – a team which participates in First Division or Premier League
4. ***Recreational Team*** – a team which participates in a recreational league
5. ***Tournament Only Team*** – a team assembled for the purpose of competing exclusively in tournaments.

***State Association*** – the administrative body within a territory determined by US Youth Soccer to carry out US Youth Soccer's programs for youth players.

***US Soccer*** – The United States Soccer Federation (USSF), the national governing body of soccer in the United States; recognized by FIFA and the United States Olympic Committee.

***US Youth Soccer*** – the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc., a national association member of US Soccer as per the Federation by-laws.

***USOC*** – the United States Olympic Committee that is the corporation established under the Amateur Sports Act to oversee all amateur athletic activity in the United States.

***Youth Player*** – an individual who has not reached the age of 19 years prior to August 1 immediately before the start of any registration year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during a registration year is allowed to complete that registration year.