



**Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association
League Policies and Administrative Procedures (Boys and Girls State League)**

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Wisconsin State Leagues and shall be referred to as the Boys State League and the Girls State League. Each league will have a Premier, a First Division and a Developmental Division where needed.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Wisconsin State League shall be to provide the highest level of competition for 11U – 19U Wisconsin youth teams within their age division.

AUTHORITY

The Wisconsin State Leagues are authorized by the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors to operate as the Official State League. It shall be administered by the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, through the respective League. The League's will be overseen by WYSA Competitions Manager. The State Leagues shall be properly affiliated with the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Wisconsin Soccer Association, US Youth Soccer, and US Soccer.

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APPLICATIONS TO THE LEAGUE

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association clubs may apply for entry to the State League twice a year in June/July (Fall League) and January (Spring). All applications must be made to the State Association in accordance with established deadlines.

All league applications will be done online, payment is due at the time of application. Teams not accepted will receive a refund of the application fee. No paper copies of the application will not be accepted.

TEAM PLACEMENTS

Team placement will be determined by the State technical committee. The team placements will be posted on the Wisconsin Youth Soccer web site following the league placement meetings. Teams will have 48 hours to request an explanation of their placement. Teams that elect to appeal their placement will have 24 hours from the time of the response to their inquiry by a league representative. Please understand the time starts when the information is posted and not from when you review the posting. The WYSA appeal fee of \$125 must be received in the State Office before the scheduled appeal hearing. If this fee is not received or the procedure is not followed with regard to the appeal, before the scheduled hearing date/time, the team's appeal will not be heard or considered.

NEW TEAM ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

The selection of NEW teams will be determined by the State technical committee based on the criteria below.

1. WYSA District League Champions
2. The team won-loss record and placement in league play
3. The team won-loss record in WYSA President Cup or WYSA State Championships

Team applications for placement between the fall and spring season at the 12U, 13U and 14U age groups from their respective District Classic League.

First consideration for placement will be given to undefeated/untied teams. District League champions are not guaranteed acceptance midseason and teams will only be accepted if space is available.

PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

League participants in the 12U through 19U age divisions will be promoted and relegated based on the performance record in the State League.

The Premier Division and First Division will be made up of minimum of six teams with a **maximum of 11 teams.**

Relegation

Teams one through six will be protected and will remain in the league the next scheduled season. If eight teams are not available the State technical committee reserves the right to select six or seven teams. If the League has fewer than eight teams the State technical committee reserves the right to protect as many teams as the State technical committee deems qualified.

Teams that finish in position seven and below will be considered for relegation to the 1st Division (Premier) or Classic Leagues (First Division). In the event of a tie for position six and below the following criteria will be used to determine placement.

1. Head to Head results
2. Goals differential- goals scored minus goals allowed
3. Goals scored
4. Goals allowed
5. Play off game (at the discretion of the League Director)

Promotion

Teams that finish league play in position one or two in its division (1st division,) will be considered for Promotion. Teams that finish Premier league play in (1st, 2nd place) will be eligible for promotion to the USYS Midwest Conference. The same criteria listed will apply in the event of ties. There will be no limit to the number of teams considered for application to the 1st Division.

At the 12U, 13U, 14U age groups, there will be promotion and relegation between the Premier and First Division of the State League between the Fall and Spring seasons.

REGISTRATION

To participate in the State League, a team must be affiliated with a recognized Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association club in “Good Standing” status. All players may only be placed on one official State roster, players used as club pass players must appear on a permanent team official State roster.

TEAM CREDENTIALS

Each team must have approved USYSA team roster with player photos, and each coach and team administrator must register with the State Office and have in his/her position a valid coaching pass.

All State League coaches must have in their possession a current Wisconsin Youth Soccer Coach Pass. A minimum “Compliant 1” level license is required for all U15 and above State League coaches and a minimum “Compliant 2” level license for coaches at the 11U – 14U age levels. All coaches will be expected to comply with this requirement.

22 PLAYER ROSTER

The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association and all recognized leagues within the Association shall recognize roster limits of up to 22 players on the official State roster for players at the U13 through U19 age group levels.

The game day roster 13U – 19U shall have a maximum of 18 players and a minimum of seven players.

CLUB PASSES

A State League or SECL Classic League team may elect to add players for league games. The club pass is designated as an intraclub player arrangement and is not intended to be used as an interclub arrangement between two different clubs.

Teams that make use of club passes must supply a copy of the official State roster for that player.

Players can play at any competition level within the State league and SECL leagues if they are age appropriate for the competition division.

For WYSA competitions (SECL, State League) clubs are allowed an unlimited number of club pass players for a league match.

No male players will be allowed to participate in a female league unless designated as a co-ed league which permits male and female players on the same team and within the same league.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES

The Competition Manager shall be responsible for preparing the league schedule of games. The Competition Manager shall set the parameters of the dates that the league Games will be played.

Teams will be provided the opportunity on the league application to “BLOCK OUT” four dates. These dates are due at the time of application, no dates will be accepted once the scheduling draft is completed.

The State Championship Tournament and or President Cup will not count against the designated number of dates. The Wisconsin State League will not schedule games for the Girls 15U – 19U age groups during these dates (Fall only).

1. The schedule will be prepared with dates and field locations.
2. This first draft will be forwarded to the club or facility field assignor who will add times and return the draft to the scheduler.
3. Field schedulers will have roughly 10 days to complete the schedule with locations, and times/
4. Once returned a reschedule or reconciliation window will open. Upon the close of the reschedule window schedules will be forwarded to the Regional Referee Assignor for assignment of referees.

LEAGUE GAMES MAY ONLY BE CHANGED OR CANCELLED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. Direct conflict with same day State Championship Tournament games
2. Direct conflict with a USYS Midwest Conference game

3. Weather
4. As determined by the League governing body

Requests to reschedule without the written permission of WYSA competitions are subject to review.

SCHEDULE OF FINES

Teams that fail to play a league game or drop from the league shall be fined as follows:

1. Drop after placements– forfeit entry fee
2. Drop after scheduling has begun– entry fee plus \$25.00 per game
3. Unauthorized reschedule of league game - \$50.00 per team
4. Use of ineligible club pass player – forfeit game plus \$150.00 plus coach suspension
5. Failure to provide game official with league game report - \$25 per violation
6. Forfeit League State League/SECL game - \$250.00
7. Unwillingness to travel for match - \$300.00 + loss of promotion eligibility
8. Games not played games - \$250 (each team will pay 50% of fee)

Teams that forfeit one State League game in a season may be relegated to the next lowest division. Teams that forfeit more than one State League game in a season may be relegated out of the State League for the next competitive playing season.

The club will assume the responsibility to see that the team pay any fines assessed, in the event the fine is not paid the league will request the club be placed in “not good standing” status by the State Association.

RULE #16 GAME RESCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Game Rescheduling Procedures

In the event a game reschedule is approved by the league administrator the coach or manager of the team requesting the change must provide in writing to the League

Administrator the following information:

1. Name of the league, division, game number and age level.
2. Date, time, and location of rescheduled game
3. Name of opposing team contact who agrees to the change.
4. Reason for change (weather, etc).

Club Responsibilities

Once a game change is approved, the club is responsible for:

1. Provide notification via email to the home clubs field assignor.
2. Provide notification via email to the home clubs referee assignor.

WYSA will update the online schedules but doesn't provide communication to the referee assignor or club field scheduler. WYSA would recommend that teams please check with club field assignor regarding availability before finalizing any reschedules. In the event the teams cannot agree to reschedule the League Administrator will assign a date.

Under no circumstances will teams be permitted to make a game change without written permission from the League. Should the league discover this has occurred; both teams will forfeit that match and be subjected to league approved fines. This action may result in suspensions for teams, coaches, and administrators.

FIELDS

It is the responsibility of the home team to have corner flags and nets for all home games. It is also the home team's responsibility to make sure that the field is properly marked (lined). The participating club must provide fields that meet the standards at these age levels.

UNIFORMS

Each player on a team must have shirts of the same color, and each player must have a different jersey number. Each player on a team must have shorts of the same color. A player may wear a long sleeve shirt under the uniform jersey. A player may wear leggings under the uniform short provided the color of the leggings is the same as that of the uniform shorts. All players must wear matching socks.

The home team shall wear light colors and in the event of a color conflict, the home team shall change to an alternate set of uniforms. If the away team is wearing light colors then the away team must change.

GAME REPORTS

Teams must submit a WYSA League roster, referee payment and the coach's pass. The referee is expected to complete the online game report through game officials within 48 hours of the completion of the match. The league will recognize the score provided by the referee as the official result if teams don't agree on the game score. The referee must also note any yellow or red cards shown during the match.

YELLOW AND RED CARDS

All yellow and red cards issued during play will be reviewed by the WYSA and recorded. The club shall be responsible for ensuring that the player has satisfied all penalties issued by the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association. All penalties shall be subject to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association appeals process.

Players that receive a red card during participation in a league game shall receive a minimum of one League Game suspension. This includes two yellow cards received in one contest equating to a red card. The Competitions Manager may assess a longer

suspension subject to the severity of the offense and prior history of misconduct of the offending player.

USYSA MIDWEST CONFERENCE

Midwest Conference placement is offered to State League Premier teams that have demonstrated proficiency in the State Championship Tournament and the Wisconsin Boys or Girls State League. The USYS – MWC operates under a system of promotion and relegation, MWC teams may be sent back to the State League Premier Division.

RULE #23 COACH MISCONDUCT

Coaches in the State Leagues are expected to exhibit the highest level of sporting behavior and are responsible for the attitudes and behavior of their assistant coaches, players and spectators. In the event the referee determines the conduct of the coach is detrimental to the game, the referee may ask the coach to leave the immediate vicinity. Immediate vicinity shall be defined as sufficient distance from the playing field where the offending party cannot cause additional disruptions to the game. This is considered the “Out of Sight and Out of Sound principle.” In the event the referee completes a report of “Physical or Verbal Abuse” the matter will be directed to the Competition Manager.

All coaches asked to leave by the referee may be subject to additional sanctions, those sanctions can include completion of the referee training course, additional game suspension, probation or loss of coach pass subject to the severity of the reason resulting in the coach’s dismissal from the game.

RULE #24 HEARINGS & APPEALS

Decisions of the Competition regarding suspensions assessed to players, coaches, administrators, and parents may be appealed in accordance with the Wisconsin State Leagues Hearing and Appeals Process followed by the Hearing and Appeals Process of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association and in accordance with the Hearing and Appeals Procedures as outlined by US Youth Soccer and US Soccer.

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Policies and Procedures:

“(a)Appeals will first be addressed by the State League (b) then at the State Association level. The appeal fee at the State League level shall not exceed \$125.00. If the State Association wishes to establish an appeals fee, this fee shall not exceed \$125.00 per appeal. If the appeal is overturned, then the appeals fee shall be returned to the Appellant.”

USYSA Bylaw 704, Section 1:

“No member of USYSA, official, league, club, team, player, coach, administrator, or referee may invoke the aid of the courts of the United States or of a state without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organizations, and as provided within USYSA.”

For the violation of USYSA Bylaw 704, the offending party shall be subject to suspension and fines, and shall be liable to WYSA and USYSA for all expenses incurred by WYSA or USYSA 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 WYSA or USYSA officials and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery and court appearances
- 4) Travel expenses
- 5) Expenses for holding special State Board meeting or Special National Council meetings necessitated by court action

OTHER MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

The Competition Manager has authority to make decisions and resolve conflicts for matters not otherwise provided for elsewhere in the State League's rules of play.

BUDGET AND FEES

The Competitions Manager will prepare a budget for the League subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors. The budget will be submitted to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Executive Director. The WYSA Board of Directors shall determine the league fees and set performance bonds as needed. The Competitions Manager shall be responsible for the collection of league fees from all participating teams and to include all items in the league operating budget. All funds collected must be made payable to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association and presented to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association for deposit in Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Accounts.