



Please note that this manual is a compilation of WYSA policies from a variety of documents including the WYSA Constitution, Bylaws, 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 State Office or your District/Club President.

In order to keep this policy document as comprehensive yet streamlined as possible, policies specific to our Wisconsin ODP, State Leagues and the Wisconsin State Championships have been omitted from this document. For policies specific to these programs please refer to www.wiyouthsoccer.com.

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1. PREFACE

The policies of Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) are established by the WYSA Board of Directors. These policies establish minimum guidelines to be followed by the membership including: Districts, Clubs, Leagues, Teams, Coaches, Players and Parents throughout the State of Wisconsin. Questions regarding these policies should be forwarded to the local District Board Representative, Club President and/or the State Office for discussion at a WYSA Board of Directors meeting.

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 WYSA Constitution and Bylaws.

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 website. 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 of teams in the club. Each Club's voting strength is defined in the WYSA Constitution and Bylaws. The voting structure within the member Club is established by the Club's Constitution and Bylaws. 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 WYSA or its member Districts or its member Clubs, an application and operating rules must be submitted to the State Office in advance of the start of the next player registration year (August 1).

2.4. Players

All players must register and be rostered to a team. Players may not be rostered to more than one club and team in a program year.

3. PROGRAMS

3.1. Olympic Development Program

The WYSA President will appoint an ODP Administrative Director. The WYSA Director of Coaching will appoint an ODP Head Coach who is responsible for the appointment of age group coaches. The WYSA ODP Head Coach and Administrator 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 WYSA Competitions Administrator will oversee the application and sanctioning process. Applications to host tournaments or games must follow the established application policies and procedures of WYSA and US Youth Soccer. Tournament sanctioning applications must be submitted online to the State Office by the established deadline in order for the tournament to be considered for the upcoming tournament season.

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, if the host club is not in good standing, or if the tournament referee assignor is not registered with the Wisconsin Program for Referee Development (WISREF).

Group Play weekends for the Wisconsin State Championships will take priority during the tournament sanctioning process. Tournaments may be, but are not guaranteed tournament sanctioning approval during these weekends.

3.3. State Tournaments

The WYSA Competitions Administrator will organize and administer State Tournament Events. State Tournament Events may include but are not limited to the Wisconsin State Championships (US Youth Soccer National Championship Series), Wisconsin Presidents Cup (US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Series), Kohl's American Cup, Small Sided Jamboree, and other events developed through sponsorships.

3.4. Recognition Awards

The State Office will solicit applications for the Association's annual awards (Recreational & Competitive Coaches of the Year – Boys & Girls; Young Referees of the Year – Male & Female; Volunteer, Administrator and TOP Soccer Buddy of the Year), the Mike Kabanica Scholarship winners and any other awards developed by the State Association and its official sponsors. Nominations for these awards must be received at the State Office by the published deadlines.

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 WYSA Executive Committee.

4.2. WYSA Board Meetings

The WYSA will hold four board meetings annually 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. WYSA 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 WYSA Executive Committee be unable to attend, the WYSA President may appoint alternate delegates. The President may appoint an individual to represent the State Association at selected functions.

5. PLAYING RULES & REGULATIONS

5.1. Substitutions

Please refer to *FIFA Laws of the Game* or competition rules.

5.2. Equipment and Uniforms

Please refer to *FIFA Laws of the Game* or competition rules.

5.3. Games – Priority of Games

State Championship Series matches take priority over other matches. Sanctioned WYSA league matches are next priority following State Championship Series. Tournament matches follow State Championship Series and league games.

5.4. WYSA State Leagues

The WYSA Competitions Administrator will oversee the functioning of leagues.

5.4.a. State leagues may be formed at age group appropriate levels. The WYSA Competitions

Administrator will oversee the formation and functioning of the leagues and provide oversight of their seasonal operation. This will be done under the auspices of WYSA.

5.5. Rosters

5.5.a. The minimum number of players to be defined as a “team” is:

	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Roster Minimum	4/7	5/7	5/7	7/9	7/9	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Roster Maximum	6/12	8/12	8/12	12/18	12/18	14	14	22	22	22	22	22	22	22

Players in the U6 through U10 age groups have two acceptable roster maximums for (a) Recreational play, or (b) Rec (Side/Side) play (i.e. for “6/12” – 6 is the roster maximum for team play, while 12 is the maximum for side by side soccer). Side by side soccer is one roster broken into two teams where games are played simultaneously side by side against their opponent.

5.5.b. The maximum number of players on a standard team shall not exceed the allowable number of players on a team per the table above. U12 and younger may use Pool Rostering with no maximum. The maximum number of players in uniform and allowed to participate shall not exceed the roster max.

5.5.c. Districts may adjust roster sizes for play within and between districts for competition within their leagues.

5.5.d. Coaching information should be listed on rosters and include all coaches’ names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, license status, and pass numbers to include dates of expiration.

6. RECREATIONAL PLAY

A recreational player is one who is assigned to a team that plays in a recreational league.

6.1. Recreational teams are formed each year.

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

6.3. All teams under the age of 10 are considered recreational teams.

6.4. WYSA has adopted the “Age Exemption Policy” whereby districts may adopt policy permitting overage players to be rostered under certain conditions:

6.4.a. Must be initiated by parent.

6.4.b. No more than two players per team.

6.4.c. Players must not be more than six months older than the normal August 1 deadline.

6.4.d. Requires club approval.

6.5. 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.

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

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

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

7. MODIFIED PLAYING RULES

U5/6

Numbers:	3 v 3; no goal keepers
Field Size:	30 x 20 yards recommended
Goals:	4' x 6' minimum
Roster:	6 maximum or Pool Roster; Side by Side: 10 or Pool Roster
Ball Size:	3
Restarts:	Kick-in for all out of bounds; opponents must be 4 yards away for all restarts
Games:	4 equal quarters of 8 minutes
Substitution:	Any dead-ball situation
Additional:	Refer to competition rules for any possible variations (i.e. varying times, Academy Rules)

U7/8

Numbers:	4 v 4; no goal keepers
Field Size:	40 x 30 yards recommended
Goals:	4' x 6' minimum; 6' x 12' maximum
Roster:	8 maximum or Pool Roster; Side by Side: 12 or Pool Roster
Ball Size:	3
Restarts:	Kick-in for all out of bounds; opponents must be 4 yards away for all restarts
Games:	4 equal quarters of 10 minutes
Substitution:	Any dead-ball situation
Additional:	Refer to competition rules for any possible variations (i.e. varying times, Academy Rules)

U9/10

Numbers:	6 v 6 including a goalkeeper
Field Size:	50 x 40 yards recommended
Goals:	6' x 12' minimum; 6' x 18' maximum
Roster:	12 maximum or Pool Roster
Ball Size:	4
Restarts:	Conform to <i>FIFA Laws of the Game</i>
Games:	2 x 25 minute halves
Substitution:	Any dead-ball situation
Additional:	Refer to competition rules for any possible variations (i.e. varying time, Academy Rules)

U11/U12

Numbers:	8 v 8 including a goalkeeper
Field Size:	70 x 50 yards minimum; 70 x 55 yards maximum
Goals:	7' x 21'
Roster:	14 maximum or Pool Roster
Ball Size:	4
Restarts:	Conform to <i>FIFA Laws of the Game</i>
Games:	2 x 30 minute halves
Substitution:	All goal kicks; own team's throw-in; opposing team's throw-in if the opposing team is also making a substitution
Additional:	Refer to competition rules for any possible variations (i.e. WDA Rules)

8. COMPETITIVE PLAY

8.1. Tryouts & Recruitment Periods

The tryout policy applies to all competitive teams (Classic, State League, Wisconsin Developmental Academy, Regional League and National League) statewide. Each district has the authority to establish tryout dates for their geographic area. All other components of the policy are standard across the State. Dates for districts in Southeast Wisconsin (Milwaukee Kickers, Metro, Racine, Kenosha, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Stateline) will be determined on an annual basis by district representatives under the direction of the WYSA Vice President – Competitions.

8.1.a. Period of Open Promotion

The scope of what is permitted during the period of “Open Promotion” is below and must be consistent with the “informational statement” provided to parents. (See current year WYSA Tryout Policy for specific “Open Promotion” dates.)

“Open Promotion” is defined as contact with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a player initiated by club staff or an agent of club with the intent to promote the club. Under no circumstances may contact be directly with the player. (Player contact at the tryout is permitted.)

Other activity not permitted during period of “Open Promotion”:

- Contact with parent(s)/guardian(s) of a player is not permitted under any circumstances at trainings or games until coach has dismissed team.
- Discussions regarding reducing fee structure by any amount for club being promoted unless consistent with club policy. (i.e. A club *may* explain to a candidate that scholarships are available, but they must qualify and apply per policy. A club *cannot* guarantee a player a discount of the uniform cost; half off registration fee, etc if the player joins the club.)
- Discussions cannot contain promotion for the player to consider a specific team.
- No offer may be made prior to the uniform dates/times listed in the current year Tryout Policy.

8.1.b. Offers/notifications

Offers/notification to players must be in writing (email or web posting is sufficient), and according to the current year policy dates. Extending an offer to players not currently registered with your club prior to the established dates is not permitted and will result in sanctions.

Clubs can extend offers to players on their teams in the current year for a spot on a specific team in the next seasonal year beginning the first day of “Open Promotion”. The offer for a specific team obligates the club to register the player on the team listed in the offer, if the offer is accepted. Players may respond immediately to offers, but are not required to respond immediately. (See current year WYSA Tryout Policy for specific tryout and notification dates.)

A legitimate offer must be in writing and include:

- Date and time of offer
- Name of club representative making the offer, and
- For which team the offer is being made

In addition to the above, all early offers must contain WYSA early offer text in offer. (See current year WYSA tryout policy for specifics.)

8.1.c. Acceptance

Acceptance must be in writing (email or written letter is sufficient). If registration with your club constitutes acceptance of an offer, there must be a written statement communicating that in the offer or on the registration form. Players may respond immediately to offers, but are not required to respond immediately. The club representative contacting the player should remind them that an immediate response is not necessary and how much time a player has to respond (up to 24 hours, unless it is an early offer which cannot expire before 12:00 noon on the Universal Offer date for the respective age group).

Any offer extended to a player is valid for at least 24 hours during which time the player is guaranteed a spot on the team specified. A club or team may extend the length of time an offer is valid at their discretion.

A player is considered committed to a team when a written acceptance occurs and a parent/guardian completes the player registration and submits to a club representative. The tryout registration is not considered the player registration. Any refund policies are at the sole discretion of the club.

Any player who commits to a team and then wants to change to another team in another club in the same registration year will be considered a transfer and such transfer is subject to the WYSA competitive player transfer policies.

8.2. Player Transfers

A player is considered committed to a team for the seasonal year (8/1-7/31) when a written acceptance occurs and a parent/guardian completes the player registration form and submits it to a club representative. If at any time during the registration year a competitive player desires to transfer to another club's team (interclub transfer), that player must submit a Player Request Transfer Form with transfer fees (cashier's check or money order only) to the WYSA Executive Director.

The intended new club and team must be identified to begin the transfer process. It is the discretion of the club who the player originally registered with to approve or deny the request for transfer. Upon receipt of the transfer request, the WYSA Executive Director will review the form and contact the requestor with any questions. If there are no questions, a letter is sent to the president of the club from which the player wishes to be released 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 requestor has the opportunity to appeal the club's decision through a hearing with a player transfer review panel. (The State Association retains the entire \$100 fee if an appeal is requested.)

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. The panel will consist of three neutral parties from the soccer community and the hearing may be held in person or by conference call, depending on logistics. The player and respective club presidents will be notified in writing of the transfer review panel's decision within 24-48 hours of the hearing.

This policy only applies to competitive players and restricts movements from one club's team to another club's team. The above policy does not apply to a player changing teams within the same soccer club

(intraclub transfer). (Notification to the State Office must be made by the district or club registrar in order to administer the roster change in LeagueOne.)

Districts have the authority to disband teams after 60 days as a team. Players from disbanded teams are not processed as a transfer and are free to be registered to a new club and/or team.

8.2.a. Player roster transfers are limited to three per team within a club per WYSA registration year.
(recreational & competitive)

8.2.b. Transfers over the limit may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the district president.

8.2.c. Player transfers on recreational teams that are within the same club (intraclub transfer) may be administered by the District Registrar.

8.2.d. Player transfers on recreational teams that are between clubs (interclub transfer) must complete the "WYSA Recreational Player Transfer Request Form" which may be found on the WYSA website.

- If the transfer is between clubs within the same district, the form is to be submitted to the District for approval and administration as defined by the District. The District may charge a fee for this administrative service.
- If the transfer is between clubs within different districts, the form is to be submitted to the State Office for administration. There will be no fee charged for this administrative service.

8.3. Recruiting Violations

The WYSA Tryout Policy establishes allowable contact between coaches/agents of a club and players or their family. Coaches may be suspended from coaching and/or the club may be sanctioned if violations of the Tryout Policy are confirmed.

8.4. Player Club Passes

A club pass is defined as use of a registered player from one team's roster for competition with a different team in the same club. The club pass is designated as an intraclub player arrangement and is not to be used as an interclub arrangement between two different clubs.

Effective August 1, 2013 players are eligible to be club passed to any team in their club provided they are age appropriate. There is no limit to the number of club pass players per competition; however, the maximum number of players shall not exceed the allowable number of players as designated by State policy.

Teams that make use of club passes must designate on the official game report (or game day roster) the names and player registration numbers. Additionally, teams using club passes will need a copy of the official WYSA "club/district authorized official roster" for each team the club pass players are coming from.

The Club President or Director of Coaching will oversee the implementation and be responsible for compliance to WYSA policies relating to club passes. A player's first obligation shall be to the team they were rostered to for the seasonal year. 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.

All tournaments sanctioned by WYSA have been encouraged to recognize player club passes. In the event that a tournament allows the use of club passes, those players shall not count as guest players for the event. Guest players are generally from another club and are countable against the maximum number of guest players allowed in a tournament.

8.5. Player Responsibility

A player's first responsibility shall be to the team that they are originally (permanently) rostered to for the seasonal year. 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. National Championship Series competition rules of play must be followed.

8.6. Guest Player Roster Form

The Guest Player 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. Guest Player Roster Form is available online and will provide teams with the necessary documentation of approval upon completion.

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

9. **MIDWEST REGIONAL LEAGUE**

Midwest Regional League (MRL) placement is offered to WYSA teams that have demonstrated proficiency in the State Championship Tournament, the Wisconsin Developmental Academy (WDA), and/or the WYSA State League. The MRL applications are reviewed by the Wisconsin State Technical Committee which is comprised of the WYSA Director of Coaching, Associate Director of Coaching, and Vice President – Competitions. The WYSA Competitions Administrator serves as the coordinator of this committee. The MRL Operating Committee and MRL Technical Committee will determine league placement based on recommendations of the WYSA State Technical Committee. The MRL operates under a system of promotion and relegation; the MRL First Division teams may be sent back to WYSA leagues. Placement in WYSA leagues will be determined by the State Technical Committee. The MRL applications are password protected. The State Office will provide application information to teams that qualify for MRL placement.

Criteria for consideration will include: Wisconsin State Championship Champion, Finalist and Semi Finalists, State League Premier Division Champions, WDA Teams and teams already placed in the MRL. Teams participating in the MRL at the U13 and U14 age levels will be reviewed between the fall and spring seasons for continued participation in the MRL. U13 and U14 teams will only be accepted after the spring season. New teams will not be accepted into the MRL midseason.

If a club earns a spot in the previous year and the MRL results are favorable, that spot remains with the club at the corresponding age level in the next seasonal year, as long as the club's selected team applies and meets the criteria for inclusion in the league. This rule applies to State League and WDA teams only.

If a club elects to maintain a team only in the MRL and then elects to substitute a team in its State Premier League spot, it must provide a rationale and vita of the team's credentials in order for the placement to be approved.

10. **EVENT AND TOURNAMENT TEAMS**

10.1. Event Teams

Event teams are defined as teams that are formed for competition in a particular event, i.e. tournaments, showcases, or league competitions that allow event teams. An event team allows a player to maintain their existing obligation to their club and team, but also be placed on an event roster for a specific competition. Event teams can be composed of players from multiple clubs. Approval from the home club is necessary for participation. The competition shall define roster requirements. All event teams will be authorized and processed by the State Office.

10.2. Tournament Teams Only

Tournament only teams are defined as teams registered with a club, whose players are exclusively rostered to a team in the club. The team does not participate in a sanctioned league; its competitions are limited to tournaments. All standard player registration and team rostering rules apply. This includes but is not limited to, rosters sizes, age eligibility, and coach requirements. The procedure to obtain approvals, team rosters and player passes also remains the same as a team playing in leagues.

11. TRAVEL POLICIES

In accordance with US Youth Soccer policy, WYSA requires that all WYSA registered teams competing in tournaments outside of the State of Wisconsin complete the online "Notification of Travel" form. Effective 8/1/10 there is no fee associated with this notification process. Travel requests should be submitted through the Tournament Center.

WYSA issued rosters and player passes may not be used for competitions other than US Youth Soccer sanctioned events. We do grant "one time only permission" for use of our rosters and player passes for international competitions.

12. COACH REQUIREMENTS

12.1. Coaching Education Guidelines

A team must be coached by an individual who is appropriately licensed for the age group being coached. This requirement is for all coaches, head and assistant. New coaches will be expected to make reasonable efforts to obtain the proper certification/license level in a reasonable time frame. League administrators will check applications for league play against the coaching license database prior to the start of each playing season.

Referees will verify that a coach holds a state issued pass card and that the license level is appropriate for the age group. The referee will note on the game report what license level is indicated on the coach's pass card. (Referees must allow the game to proceed if the coach has a coach pass card, even if the license level does not meet the minimum standards established by WYSA.)

All coaches are required to have, at minimum, an Y1 level coaching certificate.

Coaches working with Youth Academy teams and U11 through U14 Competitive and State League teams are required to have, at minimum, an 'E' License. Additionally, all U15 and older classic level teams playing in a competitive level league must maintain a minimum of an 'E' License.

All coaches working with WDA teams or U15 and above State League teams are required to have, at minimum, a 'D' License.

Coaches working with MRL teams are subject to the license requirements established by the MRL Commission. WYSA will verify team and coach eligibility based on the Regional requirement. For consideration, coaches must submit for approval a Coaching Credential Form accompanied by appropriate documentation.

A coach possessing an International License and/or NSCAA diploma does not receive a USSF License or equivalency from the WYSA. WYSA will consider, but not guarantee, acceptance of an International License or NSCAA Diploma to meet WYSA's coaching credential requirements. For consideration, coaches

must submit to the State Office for approval a Coaching Credential Form accompanied by appropriate documentation.

12.2. Coach 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 State Association expects coaches to abide by the following guidelines:

- 12.2.a. Coaches should participate in the post-game handshake.
- 12.2.b. Coaches should refrain from negative coaching from the sidelines and refrain from yelling at players, opponents and game officials from the sidelines.
- 12.2.c. 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 online to the State Office along 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.
- 12.2.d. Coaches are required to have the appropriate license for the age and competitive level of the team they are coaching.

13. REFEREES

13.1. Referee Game Fees

WYSA recommends the following fee structure for youth games sanctioned by the WYSA. It is encouraged that all member leagues adopt the fee structure for district play. These fees will apply to the State League Boys and Girls which includes the Premier and First Divisions and the Boys and Girls Southeast Classic League.

13.1.a. State League

Age Group	Length of Game	Ball Size	Center Referee (Pay Half)	Assistant Referee (Each)
U6 (3 v 3)	4 x 8'	3	\$10	NA
U8 (4 v 4)	4 x 10'	3	\$10	NA
U9 (5 v 5 + GK)	2 x 25'	4	\$12	\$8
U10 (5 v 5 + GK)	2 x 25'	4	\$12	\$8
U11 (7 v 7 + GK)	2 x 30'	4	\$26	\$16
U12 (7 v 7 + GK)	2 x 30'	4	\$26	\$16
U13 (11 v 11)	2 x 35'	5	\$36	\$26
U14 (11 v 11)	2 x 35'	5	\$36	\$26
U15 (11 v 11)	2 x 40'	5	\$40 Rec / \$46 Comp	\$25 Rec / \$30 Comp
U16 (11 v 11)	2 x 40'	5	\$40 Rec / \$46 Comp	\$25 Rec / \$30 Comp
U17 (11 v 11)	2 x 45'	5	\$45 Rec / \$56 Comp	\$30 Rec / \$36 Comp
U18 (11 v 11)	2 x 45'	5	\$45 Rec / \$56 Comp	\$30 Rec / \$36 Comp
U19 (11 v 11)	2 x 45'	5	\$45 Rec / \$56 Comp	\$30 Rec / \$36 Comp

13.1.b. WDA Game Times & Referee Fees

Age Group	Length of Game	Ball Size	Center Referee (Pay Half)	Assistant Referee (Each)
U11 & U12 (7 v 7 + GK)	2 x 30'	4	\$26	\$16
U12 (11 v 11)	2 x 30'	4	\$36	\$26
U13 (11 v 11)	2 x 40'	5	\$42	\$30
U14 (11 v 11)	2 x 40'	5	\$42	\$30
U15 (11 v 11)	2 x 45'	5	\$52	\$34
U16 (11 v 11)	2 x 45'	5	\$52	\$34
U17 (11 v 11)	2 x 45'	5	\$56	\$36
U18 (11 v 11)	2 x 45'	5	\$56	\$36

13.2. Referee Assignors

Only referee assignors with an appropriate level of licensing may schedule referees for WYSA sanctioned competitions, including leagues and tournaments. Referee assignor information will be collected through league and tournament applications. It is the club's responsibility to contract with a referee assignor for their games/events at an agreed upon rate.

13.3. Referee Scheduling Software

WISREF shall select the scheduling software to be used for all referee assignments in Wisconsin.

14. HEARINGS AND APPEALS

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

14.1. Involving Leagues and League Play

14.1.a. In-house leagues (Intraclub league):

- i. Appeals will be first addressed by the club
- ii. Then at the District level
- iii. Then at the State Association level
- iv. 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.

14.1.b. District League:

- i. Appeals will first be addressed at the District level
- ii. 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.

14.1.c. State League:

- i. Appeals will first be addressed by the State League.
- ii. 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.

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

14.2.a. Teams:

- i. Appeals will first be addressed by the club

- ii. Then at the District level
- iii. 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.

14.2.b. Clubs

- i. Appeals will first be addressed at the District level
- ii. 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.

14.2.c. Districts:

- i. 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.

14.2.d. State Association:

- i. 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.

14.3. USSF Bylaw 701 Hearing Procedures

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

- 14.3.a. Notice of the specific charges or alleged violations in writing and possible consequences if the charges are found to be true
- 14.3.b. Reasonable time between receipt of the notice of charges and the hearing within which to prepare a defense
- 14.3.c. The right to have the hearing conducted at a time and place so as to make it practical for the person charged to attend
- 14.3.d. A hearing before a disinterested and impartial body of fact-finders
- 14.3.e. The right to be assisted in the presentation of one's case at the hearing
- 14.3.f. The right to call witnesses and present oral and written evidence and argument
- 14.3.g. The right to confront witnesses, including the right to be provided the identity of witnesses in advance of the hearing
- 14.3.h. A written decision, with reasons for the decision, based solely on the evidence of record, issued in a timely fashion.

14.4. Exhaustion of Remedies

- 14.4.a. Section 1 - No member of WYSA (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 WYSA.
- 14.4.b. Section 2 - For violation of this by-law, the offending party shall be subject to suspension and fines and shall be liable to WYSA and its Officers and members of the Board of Directors in defending each court action including the following:
 - i. Court Costs
 - ii. Attorney's fees
 - iii. Reasonable compensation for time spent by WYSA Officials and Employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery and court appearances

- iv. Travel expenses; and
- v. Expenses for hold special National Council meetings necessitated by court action.

15. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

These definitions apply to these policies and the by-laws of WYSA:

Affiliate - a properly recognized member club of the WYSA

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 WYSA established under Article 5008 of the WYSA 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.

Event Team – teams that are formed for competition in a particular event, i.e. tournaments, showcases, or league competitions that allow event teams. An event team allows a player to maintain their existing obligation to their club and team, but also be placed on an event roster for a specific competition.

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 intraclub or interclub league in which:
 - a. 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.
 - b. The club or district administering the league accepts, as participants in the league, any and all eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms of registration).
 - c. A system of rostering players is employed for the purpose of creating a fair or balanced distribution of playing talent among all teams participating.
 - d. 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:
 - a. 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, 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. Second Division leagues may be established
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 registered 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. In this document, State Association refers to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association.

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.