

## WYSA Youth Academy 8U Playing Rules

### Game Day Rules

- 4 v 4 (side by side)
- 50-minute game with 10 min halftime (2 x 25 minutes)
- Ball Size: 3      Goal Size: 4' x 6'
- No referees
- All free kicks are indirect, NO PKS
- Goal Kicks, corner kicks taken within the general vicinity of goal or corner
- Regular Throw-Ins, if a foul throw is committed the player is allowed a second attempt. If a foul throw is committed on the second attempt the throw-in is awarded to the other team.
- Substitutions are unlimited and can occur at any stoppage
- Coaches need to manage the substitutions for equal playing time.

### Build Out Line

- No build out line at the 8U age level, the build out line will start at 9U

### Heading

- Deliberate heading is not allowed. If this happens, indirect free kick from the spot of the head ball.
- Any Head injury-remove from the field player should not return until evaluated by a Health Care Professional, player can be replaced immediately

### Offside

- No offside at the 8U age level, offside will start at 9U

### Field Size

- Length – 25 - 35 yards    Width – 15 - 25 yards
- Goal size – 4' x 6'

### Coach/Academy Director Code of Conduct

- Before, during and after the game, be an example for your club, players and staff
- Before the game, introduce yourself to the opposing coach and to the referee.
- During the game, you are responsible for the sportsmanship and conduct of your players and parents. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior.
- Encourage parents to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team and discourage them yelling at players and the referee.
- After the game, thank the referee and ask your players to do the same.
- WYSA will monitor the sportsmanship of all clubs during these play dates and any clubs who fail to meet the expectations listed above may be removed from the Program.

### Referees

- Especially young and inexperienced ones - are like your players and yourself, in that they need time to develop. You can play an important role in helping them to improve by letting them concentrate on the game. You can help by encouraging them, by accepting their inevitable, occasional mistakes and by offering constructive post-game comments. On the other hand, you could discourage and demoralize the referees by criticizing their decisions, by verbally abusing them and inciting - or even accepting - your own players' overly aggressive behavior.