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# Travel Rules & Regulations

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## **1 GENERAL INFORMATION**

This document defines the rules and regulations governing the operation of the Westminster Soccer Association Travel league. Generally speaking the rules of the game are defined by the travel league in which a WSA team participates (Central Maryland Soccer Association: CMSA – [www.CMSASoccer.com](http://www.CMSASoccer.com); Elite Development Program (EDP) – [www.edpsoccer.com](http://www.edpsoccer.com). Rules for these organizations are flowed down from the United States Soccer Federation: USSF – [www.USSoccer.com](http://www.USSoccer.com). WSA teams/coaches are expected to know and abide by the rules of play of those organizations; therefore, this document does not cover the rules of the match specifically. This document is intended to provide guidance and understanding for the following:

1. Ensure that the safety of the players is a key consideration (field conditions, equipment required, equipment not allowed, behavioral expectations).
  2. Clearly define the good sportsmanship behavioral expectations of the coaches, players, and spectators.
  3. Define the role of the Coach as it pertains to the team formation, player participation, etc.
  4. How multiple teams within the same age group are handled, specifically as it pertains to team formation.
- All coaches, players, and parents are required to abide by these rules.

### **1.1 WESTMINSTER AREA RECREATIONAL COUNCIL (WARC)**

WSA is a member of the Westminster Area Recreational Council. In addition to any/all rules/regulations set forth in this document. WSA and its members will follow any/all rules set forth by WARC. Detailed information regarding WARC can be found on their website: <http://www.westminsterarearec.com/Forms.html>

#### **1.1.1 PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

The rules outlined in this document regarding coach/player/parent/spectator behavioral expectations are an expansion of the Carroll County policy "[Coaches and Spectators Standards](#)". As part of the WSA registration process every parent/guardian affirms that they understand and will comply with these standards and that they understand the potential repercussions for failing to do so. In the event that the behavioral expectations defined by a travel league specifically contradict (for example, one league may require parents on the same side as the coach/team and another league may have all parents on one side and both teams on the other side) the guidance in this document, the travel league rules SUPERCEDE the WSA rules. In the event that the rules or sanctions of a travel league are more severe than those in this document, again the travel league rules SUPERCEDE the WSA rules. WSA may take additional measures for violating either the WSA or travel league rules, beyond those called out by the travel league, at the discretion of WSA leadership.

#### **1.1.2 SEVERE WEATHER POLICY**

Generally the referees are in charge of the field; however, if a game is being played in Carroll County, it is the responsibility of the WSA coach to ensure that the Carroll County Severe Weather Policy is followed. In the unlikely circumstance that a referee refuses to stop a match for lightning/thunder for instance, the WSA coach must still remove their team from the field of play. The following excerpt is taken from the March 9, 2010 memorandum from the Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks regarding severe weather situations that may affect WSA operations:

### 1.1.3 SAFETY: THUNDER & LIGHTNING

“Effectively immediately, once lightning is observed or thunder is heard during outdoor recreation council activities, all athletic fields must be cleared for a period of 20 minutes. If lightning is observed (or thunder heard) again, the 20 minute period of cleared fields starts over.”

### 1.1.4 SAFETY: WIND

“When a high wind warning is issued by the National Weather Service (NWS), outdoor activities shall not operate within close proximity of trees, power lines and other potential hazards. The NWS defines a high wind warning as sustained wind speeds of 40 mph or greater lasting for 1 hour or longer or 58 mph or greater for any duration of time.”

### 1.1.5 SAFETY: HEAT

“Approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the activity, temperature and heat index reading should be taken at the site or from [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) or a comparable source. The following are recommended guidelines for coaches, program leaders and volunteers to follow with regards to Department sponsored youth activities:

- Heat Index 80-89: Use caution; monitor athletes carefully for necessary action.
- Heat Index 90-104: Use extreme caution; remove helmets and other equipment if not involved in contact.
- Heat Index 105-129: Alter uniforms by removing items where feasible; practice time should be shortened with low intensity & limited conditioning.
- Heat Index 130 & above: NO PRACTICE OR GAMES. ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE RESCHEDULED FOR EARLY/LATE IN DAY OR AN ALTERNATIVE DATE WHEN HEAT INDEX IS LOWER.

Some discretion is granted to the volunteers in making this decision as programs may be occurring at sites with abundant shade, water & frequent breezes.

In all cases, once the heat index rises above 105, programs should allow for frequent cooling breaks, reduced activity levels, appropriate uniform modifications, and mandatory water breaks every 30 minutes (10 minutes in duration) and ice down towels to be available to players for cooling.”

### 1.1.6 WARC: PET POLICY

There is a WARC: NO PETS ALLOWED policy that WSA falls under and abides by. This policy set forth by WARC indicates that there are no pets allowed at any WARC sponsored events. As WSA operates under the WARC umbrella, all WSA practices, matches, meetings, etc are WARC sponsored events. The scope of coverage of an event is defined by the permitted access that WSA applies for and receives for our operations. For instance in the fall, WSA applies for and gets permits from CCR&P through WARC the Friendship Valley Elementary School, East Middle, West Middle fields as well as the Kate Wagner fields every weeknight evening as well as Saturdays and some Sundays. Therefore WSA or outside team participants are not allowed to bring pets to any of the ‘WSA home fields’. Anyone participating in a WSA event (practice, match, meeting, etc) whether they are a coach, referee, parent, spectator, or player and regardless of whether they are a WSA team or a visiting team is required to abide by this no pet policy. Coaches are requested to, at a minimum, make WSA aware that there were pets present at a WSA field. It is requested that the coach politely make the owner aware of the policy and ask that they not bring the pet next time.

## 1.2 MSYSA AFFILIATION

The Maryland State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) is WSA Travel's local US Youth Soccer organization. WSA Travel falls in the North Region of Maryland. Upon approval, WSA will be a MSYSA Affiliate.

### 1.2.1 RULES & REGULATIONS

WSA Travel agrees to abide by all rules, policies, and regulations of MSYSA - [www.msysa.org](http://www.msysa.org), US Youth Soccer - <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/>, and US Soccer.

### 1.2.2 REGISTRATION

WSA Travel will register all players, coaches, and teams who participate in the organization's programs with MSYSA and other US Soccer members at least annually and pay the appropriate registration fees to comply with US Soccer's 100% affiliation rule.

### 1.2.3 TRAINING

All WSA Travel Coaches will be required to meet the minimum level of MSYSA training within 1 year. As of 2021, this includes one online course and two in person courses (one being 11v11 in person).

## 1.3 NON-DISCRIMINATION

WSA Travel will not discriminate against any individual based on race, religion, age, sex, or nationality. Additionally, WSA Travel shall not discriminate against other teams or players based on the team membership or affiliation.

## 1.4 CONCERNS/ISSUES

During the course of normal operations of an organization the size of WSA, there are occasional issues that arise. These can include:

- Unacceptable behavior as defined in the WARC Standards or as defined within this document
- Disagreements regarding officiating of a match
- Concerns over player time
- Concerns over player eligibility

In the event that a coach, parent, player, referee, or spectator has a concern or issue with a match, the rules, or another coach, player, parent, referee, or spectator, the following is the process for having that concern heard.

Historically, many issues/concerns raised center around disagreements with call(s) or perceived lack of call(s) during a match. There can be many reasons for this; however, it is the very firm WSA policy that the **referees are in charge of the match** and that while the match is going on; their judgment is final. A coach, and ONLY a coach may request clarification from a referee on a call or non-call at an appropriate time, but that request for clarification should under no circumstances elevate to the point of being a challenge to the referees' decisions. **WSA leadership unconditionally supports the referee during a match and will not intervene or overturn a referee decision during a match.**

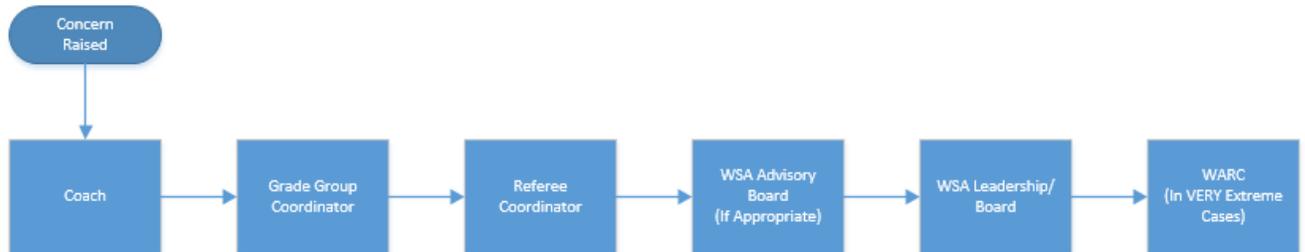
### 1.4.1 COOLING PERIOD

Sporting matches are exciting events and as such elevate emotions of the participants and spectators. It is WSA policy not to engage in discussions regarding issues in a match either during or immediately after the match. WSA requires a cooling off period of not less than 24 hours transpire prior to pursuit of a resolution to any non-safety related issues. In the event that a player/parent/guardian/coach/referee determines that

there is an issue so severe as to be threatening to the safety of the participants, a player/parent may extract themselves and/or their player from the match; a coach may remove their entire team from the match; or a referee may stop the match entirely. Still, the cooling off period is required before the issues begin to be addressed.

### **1.4.2 REPORTING THE CONCERN/ISSUE**

It is requested that the issue/concern be described in writing with as much detail as possible. The standard flow of that information would be as follows:



The issue will be raised to the highest level required for resolution/decision. It may be that the concern is with the coach and the concerned party may be uncomfortable raising the issue directly at which time raising the concern to the grade group coordinator would be the next step. The goal is to resolve the issue at the earliest possible level of the organization.

### **1.4.3 INVESTIGATING THE CONCERN/ISSUE**

Once the initial report of the issue is received, additional information from other sources may be gathered depending on the issue. These may include opposing coaches, other parents/spectators, referee, and players; however, typically WSA will not request information directly from the players in the younger age groups. There may be requests for additional clarification from the initiating party. There may be a meeting called to allow a dialog and discussion amongst the people involved with the intention of getting all of the information and positions out there and heard by all.

### **1.4.4 PRESENTING THE INFORMATION**

After all of the information is gathered, it will be discussed at the appropriate level. Again the goal is to resolve the issue at the earliest level possible. In most instances the WSA leadership is at least informed of the issue and may be involved directly in the disposition/resolution for more significant issues.

### **1.4.5 DECISION/RESULTS**

Once a decision has been reached, the concerned parties will be communicated with regarding the decision and any actions that WSA is taking to correct the situation, ensure that the issue does not arise again, and/or enforce sanctions if required.

### **1.4.6 SCOPE OF DECISION**

The scope and impact of the decision and implementation of the decision will be consistent with the level of the issue raised. For instance, in the event that a concern is raised regarding a coach, the decision and implementation of any associated actions may be applied to the coach/team only or may be more broadly applied to the larger organization. The determination of scope impact is at the sole discretion of the WSA leadership.

## 2 DIMENSIONS (USSF STANDARDS)

The field of play is as defined by the USSF and is presented here ONLY as a reference. In the event that there is any contradiction between this document and the USSF rules, USSF rules take precedence.

### 2.1 FIELD DIMENSIONS

Use a transit to set corners or measure right angles using the 3-4-5 method (use multiples: ex. 30-40-50). Mark all distances on end lines, then run string end to end and measure out proper distance from end line to set boxes (or measure in from sidelines to corner of box).

	u13+ L x W	u11/u12 L x W	u9/u10 L x W	u8 L x W	u6/u7 L x W
MAX Field size: (1)	112 x 75 (336' x 225') 404'4" diag	75 x 47 (225' x 141') 265'6" diag	47 x 30 (141' x 90') 167'3" diag	30 x 20 (90' x 60') 108' diag	30 x 20 (90' x 60') 108' diag
Midfield Line	165 ft.	120 ft.	105 ft.	60 ft.	45 ft.
Penalty Box:	44 x 18 (132' x 54')	28 x 12 (84' x 36')	28 x 12 (84' x 36')	15 x 6 (45' x 18')	n/a
Goal Box:	20 x 6 (60' x 18')	12 x 4 (36' x 12')	12 x 4 (36' x 12')	n/a	n/a
Center circle: (radius) (3)	10 (30')	8 (24')	6 (18')	n/a	n/a
Corner arc:	1 (3')	1 (3')	1 (3')	n/a	n/a
Penalty Mark:	12 (36')	10 (30')	10 (30')	n/a	n/a
Penalty arc: (radius) (4)	10 (30')	5 (15')	5 (15')	n/a	n/a
Goal Width: Goal Height:	24 ft. 8 ft.	18 ft. 6.5 ft.	18 ft. 6.5 ft.	6 ft. 4 ft.	6 ft. 4 ft.
Set back lines: (coach's box) (5)	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	n/a	n/a
# of Players:	11	9	7	4	4
Goal Keeper?	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Playing Time	3x35 minutes	2x30 minutes	2x25 minutes	3x15 minutes	4x8 minutes
Break Time	15 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes
Ball size:	5	4	4	3	3

**Table 1: Field Dimensions**

## 2.2 WSA FIELD DIMENSION NOTES

### 2.2.1 **(1) DIMENSION ADJUSTMENTS**

Field dimensions shown are suggested and can be adjusted based on space.

### 2.2.2 **(2) U-8 GOAL BOX:**

Hash marks for goal kicks are used in place of a goal box to avoid confusion with the penalty box. Place hash marks approx. 3 yards from end line and 2 yards wide of goal.

### 2.2.3 **(3) CENTER CIRCLE (RADIUS):**

This distance is measured from the midpoint of the midfield line (it is not the diameter of the center circle). Place hash line at midpoint for kickoffs.

### 2.2.4 **(4) PENALTY ARC (RADIUS):**

This distance is measured from the penalty mark, not from the top of the penalty box. The arc is drawn outside the penalty area.

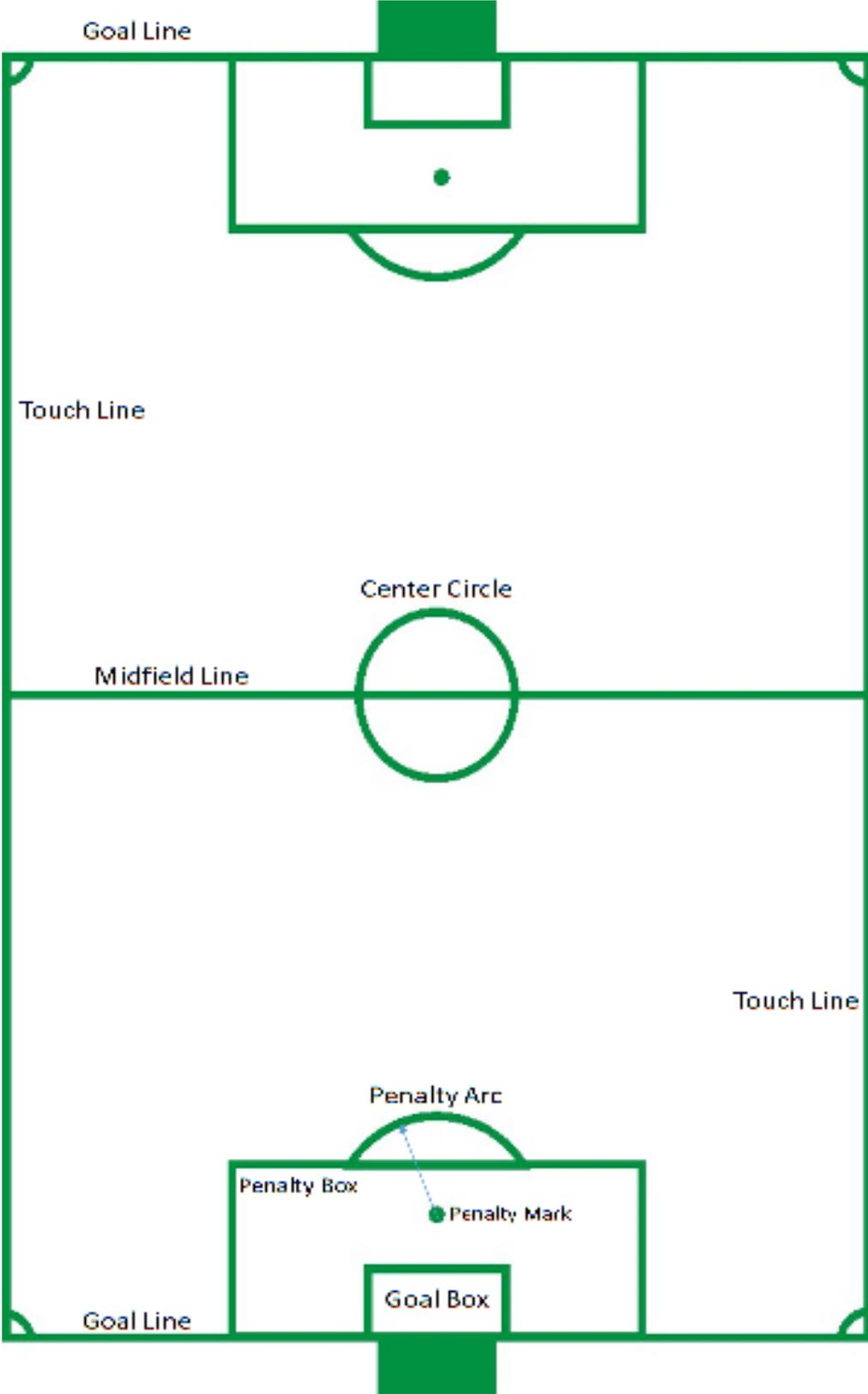
### 2.2.5 **(5) BUILD OUT LINE (7V7 ONLY)**

Generally, 7v7 travel leagues have been using build out lines. There is a build out line on each field that is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the field length from the goal line. Build out line should be a different paint color such as orange. See league rules for how this is played and interpreted.

### 2.2.6 **(6) SET BACK LINES (COACH'S BOX):**

Set back lines are placed approx. 5 feet from the sidelines and end at the top of the penalty boxes. Use orange paint.

2.3 FIELD DIAGRAM



### **3 EQUIPMENT**

Proper equipment that is of match quality is required for the safe and successful execution of the match. The referee will inspect the ball and the players prior to match start to ensure that the equipment used is in good order and that no disallowed equipment, clothing, accessories (jewelry etc) are present.

#### **3.1 MATCH BALL**

Travel teams are required to bring a match quality ball to every match. Leagues may have guidelines governing which team is required to supply the match ball and WSA teams will abide by the rules laid down by the league in which they are playing. By requiring that the team have a match ball available for EVERY match, WSA teams will always be prepared.

##### **3.1.1 MATCH BALL SIZE**

Match ball size per age group is as defined below:

Age Group	Ball Size
u6-u7	Size 3
U8-u12	Size 4
u13+	Size 5

**Table 2: Match Ball Size**

##### **3.1.2 HANDLING OF A DEFECTIVE BALL**

If the match ball bursts or becomes otherwise compromised during live play the match will be immediately stopped. The ball is replaced and the match restarted with a drop ball at the place where play was stopped. If the defective ball is identified whilst not in play at a corner kick, goal kick, kick off, penalty kick, or throw in the ball will be replaced prior to continuing the match.

#### **3.2 PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

In order to participate in a match, each player is required to have a basic set of equipment. All equipment must be functional and in good order for a player to participate. The referee will inspect players prior to the start of the match to ensure conformance to the equipment rules. The determination of suitability is at the sole discretion of the league referee. The guidance provided in this document is just that, guidance – a referee has the ultimate discretion associated with equipment suitability and allowed vs. disallowed equipment/clothing. In the event that a player is late and misses the inspection, it is the coach's responsibility to perform the equipment check to ensure compliance with the rules. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that players are abiding by the equipment rules defined here. Failure to ensure proper equipment may be a coach cautionable offense.

##### **3.2.1 JERSEY OR SHIRT**

Every player will wear a team jersey or shirt in order to participate in the match. All player's jerseys will remain tucked in at all times while in the match (with the exception of the goalie). In the event that a player lost or forgot their jersey, a substitute jersey of sufficiently similar color, as defined by the referee, may be substituted.

In the event that two teams have team jersey colors so similar as to cause confusion or difficulty for the referees to accurately distinguish between them, the 'home' team will switch to their alternate color jersey.

##### **3.2.2 SHORTS/PANTS**

Players may wear shorts and/or sports pants (sweatpants, etc) appropriate for the match.

### **3.2.3 SHIN GUARDS**

Players must have appropriately sized shin guards in order to participate in a match.

### **3.2.4 SOCKS/STOCKINGS**

Players must wear stockings that cover the shin guards. Stockings may be worn under the shin guards as well if desired and if long enough the stocking may be worn under the shin guard and then folded back down over the shin guard but the stocking must cover at least the TOP 75% of the shin guards.

### **3.2.5 FOOTWEAR**

Soccer cleats are highly recommended for u8 and above age groups. In the event that soccer cleats are not worn, 'tennis shoes' or other general purpose footwear may be worn as long as it does not violate any of the disallowed equipment rules below or is disallowed by the referee.

### **3.2.6 SAFETY: ADDITIONAL ALLOWED 'EQUIPMENT'**

There are always special cases associated with additional 'equipment' that a player may require in a match. Although not an exhaustive list, this section handles some of the more commonly encountered items. It is ultimately at the discretion of the referee to determine the safety of any such equipment and to decide to allow, or not, a player to participate in the match.

### **3.2.7 SAFETY: GLASSES**

Glasses are permitted on the field provided that they include some mechanism to secure them in place, i.e. Sports Eyeglasses Band, or goggles, etc. The intent is to ensure that the glasses are restricted and that they are not likely to fly off during the course of play.

### **3.2.8 SAFETY: KNEE/ANKLE/ELBOW BRACE**

Generally the neoprene support braces are allowed. Ace bandages are also allowed provided the securing mechanism is covered by sports tape to ensure that the bandage does not come undone during the course of play. Braces containing metal supports will need to be evaluated on a case by case basis by the referee. Any player requiring such a brace is encouraged to bring it to the attention of the coach and travel coordinator so that appropriate approvals are obtained prior to any match.

### **3.2.9 SAFETY: CAST**

It is possible for a player to participate in a match with a cast. Typically this would be limited to a cast on the lower arm only that does not extend past the elbow. In order to participate, **WSA REQUIRES** that the player must have a note from the doctor indicating that they are medically released to participate. The cast must be sufficiently wrapped with soft, impact absorbing material such as bubble wrap so as to greatly reduce the potential for inadvertent injury to the player themselves or any other player. The determination of safety and sufficiency of the wrapping is at the discretion of the referee.

### **3.2.10 SAFETY: JEWELRY**

The vast majority of jewelry is NOT allowed during a match. There are two notable exceptions that have been encountered in the past:

1. New Earring Studs: In the case where a player has 'new' ear piercing with a stud earring, the earring (front and back) **MUST** be covered by sports tape or a band-aid and it is strongly suggested that there be some padding on the back to prevent the stud from stabbing the player if they were to get hit by the ball in the ear.

2. Medical Alert Bracelets: These are generally allowed, but must be contained if worn. WSA recommends a wrist sweatband be placed over the bracelet during the match and checked regularly to ensure that it stays in place.

### **3.2.11 SAFETY: DISALLOWED EQUIPMENT/CLOTHING/ETC.**

Various 'equipment', clothing, jewelry, etc is not allowed during a match. The list below is meant to serve as examples and not a complete list. It is the responsibility of the referee at the match to make the determination of the safety of equipment, clothing, jewelry, etc prior to the match start. The referee's call at the match is the final call. Questions/concerns may be raised to the coach, WSA Travel Coordinator, etc.

#### **3.2.11.1 SAFETY: DISALLOWED CLEATS**

Any cleats with a toe cleat (a cleat at the front of the shoe) are NOT allowed in WSA practices or matches. These are typical of baseball cleats. No player will be allowed to participate in a match with a toe cleat. Metal cleats of any kind are also not allowed. Referees will check the cleats prior to the start of every match.

#### **3.2.11.2 SAFETY: DISALLOWED JEWELRY**

With the exception of the two items listed above ([Safety: Jewelry](#)), generally speaking, "NO JEWELRY" is allowable during a match. Referees will inspect and remind players prior to a match. If a player arrives late to a match, it is the coach's responsibility to inspect for jewelry. If a referee sees a player on the field with jewelry, the referee may issue a CARD to the player/coach and have the player immediately removed to remove the jewelry. This action is designed to ensure that a non-safe condition is addressed as quickly as possible.

#### **3.2.11.3 SAFETY: DISALLOWED CLOTHING**

Generally, all clothing that allows the player freedom of movement and is appropriate for the weather conditions is acceptable. One notable exception is hats with anything dangling from them (straps, pompoms, etc). These are not allowed because they have the potential to get tangled up with the player wearing them or another player or be inadvertently yanked.

#### **3.2.11.4 SAFETY: DISALLOWED GLASSES**

Nonprescription sun glasses are not allowed. Any glasses not constrained with a strap are not allowed.

## **4 AUTHORITY OF THE REFEREE**

Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which he/she has been appointed. WSA UNCONDITIONALLY BACKS THE RULINGS OF A REFEREE DURING A MATCH. WSA coaches are required to treat the referees with respect. Any concerns over calls or non-calls may be addressed/discussed ONLY between the COACH and the referee. Ultimately, the call of the referee is final and the coach is expected to abide by that call. Concerns may be raised to WSA and the travel league at a later time if desired.

### **4.1 REFEREE POWERS AND DUTIES**

#### **4.1.1 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Head Referee is completely in charge of the match. WSA UNCONDITIONALLY BACKS THE RULINGS OF A REFEREE DURING A MATCH. The following information serves to inform WSA participants of the general responsibilities of a referee. Referees will use their discretion during a match. Referees are supplied by the travel league and are answerable to that league.

The Head Referee:

1. Enforces the Laws of the Game.
2. Controls the match in cooperation with the referee.
3. Ensures that the field is safe for match play.
4. Ensures that a suitable ball is used.
5. Ensures that the Players' equipment conforms to the rules.
6. Keeps official match time.
7. May stop, suspend, or terminate any match, at their discretion, for any infringement of the Laws of the Game.
8. May stop, suspend, or terminate any match, at their discretion, for outside interference of any kind.
9. Response to an injury during play:
  - a. May stop the match, if in their opinion, a player is seriously injured and will ensure that the player is removed from the field of play.
  - b. May allow play to continue after a player injury until the ball is out of play if the player is, in the opinion of the referee, only slightly injured and if the player is not in danger of further injury due to the continued play.
  - c. Ensures that any player bleeding from a wound leaves the field of play. That player will only be allowed back into the match after receiving a signal from the referee who must be satisfied that the bleeding has been stopped and the wound sufficiently treated.
10. Handling offenses:
  - a. Will typically allow play to continue following an offense when the team against which the offense has been committed is deemed, in the opinion of the referee, to have the advantage and will benefit from continued play. The referee will penalize for the offense once the advantage is lost. In the event that the advantage results in a score, the penalty may be forgiven.
  - b. Will typically punish the more serious offense when a player commits multiple offenses in the same play.
  - c. Will take disciplinary action against players who, in the opinion of the referee, are guilty of cautionable and 'sending-off' offenses. The referee is not obligated to take these actions immediately but must do so when the ball next goes out of play.
  - d. May take action against team officials who fail to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and may, at their discretion, expel them from the field of play and its immediate surroundings.
  - e. May take action against spectators who fail to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and may, at their discretion, expel them from the field of play and its immediate surroundings.

11. Will act on the advice of assistant referee(s) regarding incidents that the Head Referee did not themselves witness.
12. Ensures that no unauthorized persons enter the field of play
13. Restarts the match after it has been stopped.

#### **4.1.2 CARDING OFFENSES**

Certain offenses may be severe enough to warrant a yellow or red card to be issued by the referee. In the event that ANY card is issued, WSA requests that any carded offense be reported to the Travel Coordinator by the coach (including if the coach themselves received the card). WSA requests at least the following information: Match Date/Time, Team Name, Opponent Team Name, Card level (YELLOW, RED), Name of recipient, and a brief description of the offense. Multiple offenses by the same individual can, in the worst case, result in suspension from or expulsion from WSA.

#### **4.1.3 YELLOW CARD (CAUTIONABLE OFFENSES)**

A yellow card is the issuance of a warning or caution to a player, coach, or spectator. The referee may issue the yellow card at any time during the match. WSA leadership will back the decision of the referee on the field unconditionally. In the event that a coach, player, or spectator wishes to discuss the events surrounding the caution, the individual(s) are required to abide by the process set out in section [1.3 Concerns and Issues](#).

##### **4.1.3.1.1 FIFA DEFINED CAUTIONABLE OFFENSES (WITH WSA MODIFICATIONS)**

WSA follows the specific rules of the travel league in which a WSA team participates. All of the below infractions and the level required to warrant a cautionable offense are at the discretion of the referee. For informational purposes FIFA defines cautionable offenses (WSA modifications generally applied by the leagues in which WSA participates are shown in **RED**) as:

A player, **coach, or spectator** is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he/she commits any of the following seven offenses:

- Unsporting behavior
- Dissent by word or action
- Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game
- Delaying the restart of play, likely will be quite severe for the referee to issue a card for this offense
- Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in. Multiple offenses by the same player must be committed and the card will be shown only if the referee in their judgment believes the player to be blatantly disregarding the instructions of the referee.
- Entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission. Multiple offenses by the same team must be committed and the card will be shown only if the referee in their judgment believes the coach to be blatantly disregarding the instructions of the referee.
- Deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission. It would be very rare for a player/coach to receive a card for simply leaving the field. More likely there would be infractions of one of the first 3 items in this list coincident with leaving the field that would result in a card.

##### **4.1.3.2 RED CARD (SENDING-OFF OFFENSES)**

A red card is the issuance of a sending-off or ejection to a player, coach, or spectator. The referee may issue the red card at any time during the match. WSA leadership will back the decision of the referee on the field unconditionally. In the event that a coach, player, or spectator wishes to discuss the events surrounding the caution, the individual(s) are required to abide by the process set out in section [1.3 Concerns and Issues](#). **WSA REQUIRES that any player, coach, or spectator must immediately leave**

**the field area and may not return for the remainder to the match AS WELL AS THE NEXT MATCH.** The WSA sanction defined here is the MINIMUM sanction and is designed to demonstrate WSA's commitment to respectful, fair and appropriate behavior. In the event that the travel league sanctions are MORE severe than WSA's sanction, the offending party will abide by those more severe sanctions.

#### **4.1.3.2.1 FIFA DEFINED SENDING-OFF OFFENSES (WITH WSA MODIFICATIONS)**

Again, WSA follows the specific rules of the travel league in which a WSA team participates. All of the below infractions and the level required to warrant a Sending-Off offense are at the discretion of the referee. For informational purposes FIFA defines Sending-Off offenses (WSA modifications generally applied by the leagues in which WSA participates are shown in RED) as:

A player, **coach, or spectator** is sent off if he/she commits any of the following seven offenses:

- serious foul play
- violent conduct
- spitting at an opponent or any other person
- denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goalscoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
- denying an obvious goalscoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
- using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- receiving a second caution in the same match

A player, **coach, or spectator** who has been sent off must leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area.

## 5 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

WSA travel teams will comply with the eligibility guidelines set forth by USSF and adopted by all of the travel leagues in which WSA participates. While WSA encourages players to play at their age level, WSA does NOT restrict players from 'playing up' and the decision to 'play up' is left up to the player, the parents, and the coach.

### 5.1 PLAYER AGE

United States Soccer Federation changed the age cutoff in 2016 from the age as of July 31<sup>st</sup> of the fall season, to the age as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of that fall season. Basically the age group therefore is now based on the age you are in the calendar year of the fall season – if the player turns 13 in 2016 (born in 2003), they are in the u14 age group for the fall 2016-spring 2017 season. The following chart from USSF shows birth year vs. age group:

	Season	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Birth Year								
2022								U6
2021							U6	U7
2020						U6	U7	U8
2019					U6	U7	U8	U9
2018				U6	U7	U8	U9	U10
2017			U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11
2016		U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
2015		U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
2014		U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14
2013		U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
2012		U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
2011		U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
2010		U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
2009		U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
2008		U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	
2007		U15	U16	U17	U18	U19		
2006		U16	U17	U18	U19			
2005		U17	U18	U19				
2004		U18	U19					
2003		U19						

**Table 3: Birth Year vs. Age Group**

### 5.2 MULTIPLY ROSTERED PLAYERS

Players may be rostered on multiple teams as long as they are not violating any of the rules of the league(s) in which they are playing. Players must make their WSA coach(s) aware that they are playing for another team. Additional fees may apply.

## **6 TEAM FORMATION**

WSA travel teams are typically formed as a result of a tryout process held in late spring. Coaches will evaluate the player during those tryouts and decide which players to offer positions on the team.

### **6.1 FORMING A TRAVEL TEAM – FIRST STEP**

In order to form a team within WSA, the coach must contact the Travel Coordinator and indicate their desire to coach a team and identify the following:

- Team Gender
- Team Age Group
- Travel League (CMSA, EDP, etc)
- Expected Level (A, B, C)
- If the potential coach is new to coaching in WSA, a brief description of their capabilities, any coaching certificates, etc should be provided.
- Assistant Coach information

The above needs to be conveyed prior to tryouts for the fall.

#### **6.1.1 OUTSIDE TEAMS MOVING TO WSA**

WSA wishes to offer a place to play for anyone who wants to play. Having said that, it is the policy of WSA NOT to 'poach' teams from other organizations. There are times when a team wishes to change the organization under which they play. If an outside team wishes to join WSA, that team MUST first communicate to their current organization that they intend to leave. WSA Travel Coordinator must have some evidence that this communication has taken place. Any team wishing to join WSA MUST join prior to tryouts for that fall season – WSA will not accept a team that held tryouts in their organization, formed a team and is then leaving that organization prior to the start of the season. Such a team may join WSA the following year provided they communicate their intentions and participate in WSA held tryouts.

### **6.2 THE TRYOUTS**

Tryouts for WSA travel teams are held in spring; typically April and May. Tryouts may be run by the coach(s), assistant coach(s), or in some cases a third party brought in by the coach(s) to help evaluate the candidates. Tryout content is at the discretion of the coach. Tryouts will be held for ALL potential travel teams u6-u15.

There are cases, with older travel teams (high school age players), where the team has been together a long time, and has had a consistent roster. In such cases, it is possible that WSA will have a team in an age group and that the team will not hold tryouts. Additions to such a team are made by invitation and WSA supports that. This applies only to teams with players in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Potential players in these age groups are encouraged to contact the coach of the team and/or the travel coordinator.

### **6.3 PLAYER EVALUATION**

The evaluation process again is at the sole discretion of the coach(s). There may be many criteria used by the coach to help decide on the players to which they wish to make offers. Some of these criteria may be objective such as:

- Speed – 100 yd dash race
- Endurance – X minute run and the place players finished
- Juggling count

Others may have an element of subjectivity such as:

- Ball handling capability
- Defense capability

Still others may be even more subjective:

- Player interaction
- Player Attitude

Finally, the coach is forming an ENTIRE team and needs to fill every position so your player may in fact be one of 5 simply fantastic strikers and all 5 you may feel are 'good enough to make the team. The coach doesn't need 5 strikers on a team where they are playing only 2 at a time, so a left defender whom you feel isn't as good as your player may get a spot while your player doesn't – because the team needs defenders TOO.

## 6.4 REQUESTS

In the event that there are multiple teams being formed in an age group, a player/parent MAY request to be considered for ONLY one of the teams. This will make the player unavailable to any other travel team within WSA in that age group. This does NOT guarantee the player a spot on their chosen team and in fact may result in the player not being offered a position that they may otherwise have been offered on the other team.

## 6.5 HANDLING MULTIPLE TEAMS IN THE SAME AGE GROUP

WSA is supportive of having as many travel teams as possible based on the commitment and desire of WSA players and the drive of coaches to take a travel team!

This will lead to multiple teams within a single age group. There are several potential situations that lead to multiple teams in the same age group:

- No current team in an age group, but enough players and coaches are willing to participate to form multiple teams
- There is a current WSA team in an age group and enough players try out to form multiple teams and another coach steps up to take a second team
- There is a current WSA team in an age group and another travel team from another organization wishes to join WSA
- There is NO WSA team in an age group, a team from another organization wishes to join WSA

Each of the above situations carries with it its own set of potential challenges.

### 6.5.1 GENERAL APPROACH

The Travel Coordinator will provide the contact information of the coaches to each other. The Travel Coordinator and coaches will meet and discuss the formation of the multiple teams and how that will be handled.

### 6.5.2 COACHES

WSA STRONGLY encourages the coaches to get together prior to meeting with the coordinator and to have agreed to how these team will be formed. Coaches are encouraged to have reviewed this document for guidance on handling any issues/concerns that they identify.

#### 6.5.2.1.1 MUTUALLY AGREED TO PROCESS (PREFERRED)

The coaches are encouraged to document an agreed to approach and to each sign off and bring this to the discussion with the travel coordinator. WSA will honor the agreement that the coaches make provided it doesn't violate the rules contained within this document.

#### 6.5.2.1.2 WSA ASSISTED TEAM FORMATION

In the event that the coaches cannot agree to a process to form the multiple teams, WSA leadership will engage to ensure that the process is 'fair'. To be clear, FAIR is not likely as positive an outcome for any team involved as a mutually agreed to process would have been. ABSOLUTELY NO OFFERS MAY BE SENT TO ANY PLAYER WITHOUT WSA LEADERSHIP CONSENT. See section [Teams](#) below for details.

## 6.5.2.2 TEAMS

There are several team formation options to be considered, again WSA encourages the coaches to work out the team formation option they wish to take. The decision on the formation option will drive how coaches select players to offer positions. If the coaches have a plan in place and approved by WSA, that plan will execute. The guidelines below may be part of an agreed to approach or may be WSA enforced as a result of coaches that did not reach an agreement on their own.

### 6.5.2.2.1 TIERED TEAMS

A tiered team approach is one where the goal will be to have a higher level team (A) and a lower level team (B or C). In this case, the coach of the higher tiered team will have first picks across the entire field of potential players. Once that team has been formed the second tier team may make offers to remaining potential players. If this approach is chosen, **WSA REQUIRES** that the teams NOT be registered at the same play level.

### 6.5.2.2.2 TWO 'NEW' TEAMS – POTENTIALLY SAME PLAY LEVEL

This case arises when there are enough players and coaches to form two teams in the same age bracket and the coaches are not interested in forming an 'A' team and a 'B' team for whatever reason. Again coaches may get together, and are encouraged to do so, and formulate a player selection plan on their own. A possible basis for such a plan follows, and this plan will be used in the event the coaches do not have an otherwise agreed to and approved plan.

- The player selection process will be a **modified** draft process with the coaches taking alternating turns selecting players from the available player pool.
- The **modified** part of the process addresses any players who requested to be evaluated for only one of the two teams must be considered before the 'drafting' begins. The coaches decide which (if any) of the players that specifically requested their team they wish to have on their team. All specific request players are then removed from the player pool either placed on their requested team, or placed in the 'no offer to be made' pile.
- Once player request process is complete the draft begins as follows:
  - The team with the lower number of players following player request assignments starts and drafts players from the remaining pool until the player counts are EQUAL on each team.
  - Following the previous step there are two teams with equal numbers either because there were no player requests, the player count was even after player request assignments, or the team with lower player request count drafted to equal player count.
  - A coin toss or some other method to determine which team chooses first
  - Teams then alternate selecting players from the pool until each team has filled their roster to their desired level. If one team wants to roster 15 and the other 18, the second team simply gets to choose their final 3 players from the pool remaining after the teams reached 15 each.

### 6.5.2.2.3 CURRENT WSA TEAM, ENOUGH PLAYERS TRYOUT TO FORM SECOND TEAM

This case arises when an existing team holds their tryouts and enough players come out to form two teams and a coach steps up to coach a second team. It is the goal of this process to allow the current WSA team the opportunity to remain together at whatever level the coach desires. In this case (unless an agreed to and approved plan is supplied by the coaches), the following process will guide the creation of these two teams:

- The player selection process will be a **modified** draft process with the coaches taking alternating turns selecting players from the available player pool.
- The **modified** part of the process addresses the players previously rostered to the current WSA team. While not as limiting as a 'player request' to be considered for the current WSA team only,

the current WSA team does get first access to any/all previously rostered players. The current WSA tea Coach decides which (if any) of the players from the previous year's roster they want to choose. Those players are placed on that team and any remaining players are placed in the available player pool. The current WSA team coach basically uses their first 'however many' draft picks to choose previously rostered players. This may be the entire roster or may be none because the coach has a 'first round draft pick in mind who was not on the team the previous year.

- Once previously rostered players are assigned or returned to the player pool:
  - The 'new team drafts players from the player pool until the player counts are EQUAL on each team.
  - Following the previous step there are two teams with equal numbers either because current WSA team chose none of their rostered players (unlikely) or the new team drafted to equal player count.
  - In this case the current WSA team chooses first.
  - Teams then alternate selecting players from the pool until each team has filled their roster to their desired level. If one team wants to roster 15 and the other 18, the second team simply gets to choose their final 3 players from the pool remaining after the teams reached 15 each.

#### **6.5.2.2.4 CURRENT WSA TEAM, OUTSIDE TEAM WISHES TO JOIN**

The outside team must have met all of the requirements of the OUTSIDE TEAMS MOVING TO WSA section above, once that is complete and joint tryouts held the following process will guide the creation of the two teams. It is the goal of this process to provide each team with the ability to remain together at the level each coach decides. Again, the two coaches can come up with an agreed to approved plan if, for instance, they both agree that the goal is to create tiered teams and they decide to select one coach as the 'A' coach and operate under the Tiered Team guidelines. Otherwise, the following defines the process:

- The player selection process will be a **modified** draft process with the coaches taking alternating turns selecting players from the available player pool.
- The **modified** part of the process addresses the players previously rostered to the two teams. In this scenario, each coach may select as many players from their previously rostered team as they wish. Those players are placed on their respective teams and any remaining players are placed in the available player pool.
- Once previously rostered players are assigned or returned to the player pool:
  - The team with the lower number of players following previous roster player assignments starts and drafts players from the remaining pool until the player counts are EQUAL on each team.
  - A coin toss or some other method to determine which team chooses first.
  - Teams then alternate selecting players from the pool until each team has filled their roster to their desired level. If one team wants to roster 15 and the other 18, the second team simply gets to choose their final 3 players from the pool remaining after the teams reached 15 each.

## **6.6 SELECTION AND COMMUNICATION**

Once the coach has identified the players that they wish to offer a spot on the team, an initial round of communications will go out to those players/parents (or a subset of them) via email. In an effort to standardize and reduce the emotional content of this inherently difficult and emotional process, WSA has created two email messages to be used to communicate to the potential players, one to offer a position on the team, the other to inform a player that they did not make the team this time around. The content of those emails is in APPENDIX B.

There may/will be multiple rounds of offer emails. WSA requests that coaches do not strictly send offer emails in descending order and that the offer emails go out in relatively rapid succession. The rationale here is that just because an offer is made to a player does not guarantee that the player will accept. Therefore, there may be a need to continue down the list of potential players to round out the team. The email provides a relatively short time for the player to respond so that the team can be fully formed and every player that tried out can be communicated with in a reasonable time frame.

The following is an example of how this might go:

- 32 players tried out
- 15 initially selected as the coach's top choices
- Offer email sent out to 5 on June 5<sup>th</sup>, response requested by June 8<sup>th</sup>, all 5 accept
- Offer email sent out to 5 on June 7<sup>th</sup>, response requested by June 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 accept, 1 declines (defender)
- Offer email sent out to 5 on June 9<sup>th</sup>, response requested by June 12<sup>th</sup>, 3 accept, 2 decline (striker, goalie)
- Offer email sent out to one (defender) on June 9<sup>th</sup> to replace the decline, accepts
- Offer email sent out to one (striker) on June 10<sup>th</sup> to replace decline, accepts
- Offer email sent out to one (goalie) on June 12<sup>th</sup> to replace decline, accepts
- Communication email sent out to the remaining 14 candidates indicating that they did not make the team on or about the time the goalie accepts

A coach may carry a roster up to the maximum allowable by the travel league, but is NOT required to do so. It is up to the coach to determine how many players they wish to carry. Furthermore, a coach may decide to 'leave a spot or two open' on their roster at the time of tryouts with an expectation of trying to fill those spots before the fall season begins. Again, this is up to the coach and they may invite potential players to come to practices and these may be players who tried out but have not been offered a spot on the team or they may be potential players invited by the coach that were not at the initial tryouts.

## 6.7 'OFF-SEASON' TEAMS

Some WSA travel teams may play together outside of the primary (fall) season. WSA understands and encourages multiple sport players and so also understands that members of a travel team might not be able (or desire) to play indoor, or futsal, or spring soccer. These off season opportunities have their challenges:

- Indoor soccer and futsal may have a much smaller number of fielded players and may therefore not be conducive to taking in an entire team that plays 11v11 in the fall. It is at the discretion of the coach to determine how to best handle the situation. They may:
  - Form two teams
  - Take as much of the team as wants to play in and deal with reduced play time
  - Only invite certain players to play in the 'off season'
- Spring soccer leagues typically allow for a larger roster than the fall. This is specifically set up so that coaches can, if they wish, add players to evaluate their capabilities. This will most likely be done on an invitational basis as opposed to a tryout. WSA does NOT hold official tryouts outside of the one in late spring to support the formation of the fall teams.
- In any off season, a coach may find themselves with enough players that are unavailable due to other commitments that they need to add players – this also likely gets done via invitation as opposed to a tryout.

As with the fall season, how the coach manages the formation of the team to participate in any off season soccer/futsal activities is entirely at the discretion of the coach.

## 7 THE MATCH

This section governs the match play and the expectations of the participants at the match to include players, coaches, and spectators.

### 7.1 THE PLAYERS

#### 7.1.1 NUMBER OF FIELDIED PLAYERS

The following table defines the number of fieldied players by age group as set down by USSF.

Age Group	Fieldied Players		Goalie	=	TOTAL
u6-u7	4	+	0	=	4
U8-u10	6	+	1	=	7
u11/u12	8	+	1	=	9
u13+	10	+	1	=	11

**Table 4: Number of Fieldied Players**

In the event that a team does not have enough players, typically they may play down a player or in the older age groups 2 players.

#### 7.1.2 PLAYER TIME

In WSA travel, player time in a match is at the sole discretion of the Coach. WSA leadership will not interfere with that discretion. Players concerned with their amount of play time are encouraged to approach the coach (outside of the match, possibly before or after a practice) and ask what they can do to get the playing time that they would like.

#### 7.1.3 HEADING THE BALL

Per the rules set down from USSF in 2016, players under 12 years old will not be allowed to head the ball during a match. This rule applies to intentional and unintentional heading of the ball. In these age groups, if a player heads the ball, play is stopped and a free kick is awarded to the opposing team.

### 7.2 THE SPECTATORS

**WSA REQUIRES** spectators to behave in accordance with the [Youth Sports Standards for Coaches and Spectators](#). Spectators are not to interact directly with the referees. If a spectator has a concern, they may bring the concern to the coach.

Travel league requirements vary and in some cases the field layout affects where spectators can be. In general it is at the discretion of the referee as to whether a team's parents and coaches are on the sideline together, or if all parents are on one side and coaches and players the other. **WSA REQUESTS** spectators to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from the sidelines. **WSA REQUIRES** that no WSA spectator be allowed to be along either goal line or behind either goal.

Unsatisfactory behavior by a spectator may result in a card-able offense.

## 7.3 THE COACHES

### 7.3.1 COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

The coach is the WSA representative and is the 'face of the organization' during the match. As such WSA expects the coach to serve as a positive role model for the players and parents as well as a positive representative for WSA. The coach is responsible for their behavior as well as the behavior of the team and the spectators on their sideline. Any coach receiving a card (RED or YELLOW) is **required**, following the 24 hour cooling off period, to submit a written description of the offense cited and the events leading up to the card. WSA does not condone or tolerate behavior that results in a card. Multiple offenses may lead to suspension or removal of the coach from the position by WSA in addition to any sanctions that may be handed down by the governing travel league.

#### 7.3.1.1 REFEREE INTERACTION

The head coach is the only person on the field who may interact with the referee. Interactions are to be respectful. A coach may ask for clarification on a call. If the coach disagrees with a call, they may raise that concern to the age group coordinator, referee coordinator, and/or WSA board in accordance with the process outlined [Concerns/Issues](#).

#### 7.3.1.2 PLAYER INSPECTION

It is ultimately the coach's responsibility to ensure that the players on their team not have any disallowed equipment, clothing, or jewelry as defined in [Safety: Disallowed Equipment/Clothing/Etc](#). In the event that a player takes the field with any disallowed item, the coach or player may be carded at the discretion of the referee.

#### 7.3.1.3 SIDELINE CONTROL

In those times that the team and parents are on the same sideline; **WSA REQUESTS** that the coach maintain control of the spectators on their sideline. In the event that a coach is having difficulty with a spectator or parent, the coach should bring that concern to the attention of the Travel Coordinator. WSA may send a representative to a match to observe the behavior and may remind the spectator of the rules and behavior expectations. Unacceptable behavior on the sideline may result in a card being issued to the spectator(s) by WSA.

#### 7.3.1.4 TEAM MANAGEMENT

Although last in this list, by far the most important responsibility of the coach is to the team and players. The coach is required to have a roster list at every match along with player cards and must be able to produce that list upon request of the referee. The coach is responsible for setting a positive tone of competition and good sportsmanship and generally providing a good example to the players and spectators.

## A. YOUTH SPORTS STANDARDS FOR COACHES AND SPECTATORS



### CARROLL COUNTY RECREATION & PARKS



#### Youth Sports Standards for Coaches and Spectators

As we attempt to promote the most positive experience for the youth of Carroll County, we are committed to the following standards. All the coaches and spectators should read the following standards and sign below to indicate their willingness to abide by them. As parents/guardians of a player, you are responsible for yourself, as well as, all guests and family members who attend the game. In addition, the team’s coach will be held accountable for the behavior of their team’s spectators and will be disciplined accordingly if spectators do not uphold these standards.

**ALL COACHES AND SPECTATORS WILL:**

1. Comply with the policies and procedures of Carroll County Recreation & Parks and schools as communicated by recreation council volunteers or county staff.
2. Respect all participants, coaches, staff, officials and volunteers at every practice or youth sports event and encourage all children to do the same.
3. Refrain from abusive or inappropriate language or gestures towards officials, volunteers, coaches, staff and participants. With the exception of a congratulatory handshake or “high five”, never make inappropriate contact with participants, coaches, staff, officials or volunteers.
4. Accept the decisions of the officials as being fair and preformed to the best of their ability. Spectators shall never go onto the court or playing field, or approach the official scorekeeper, while the game is in progress or immediately after the event. Allow the coach to take all questions, rule interpretations or concerns to the appropriate league official.
5. Refrain from giving the children instructions during the game – allow the coach to guide them.
6. Help ensure the safety of the playing area by reporting any unsafe hazards, removing trash, leaving food and beverages outside the gym or playing area when requested, refraining from the use of tobacco within 50 yards of the playing field or program site and refraining from the use of alcohol or other drugs at or immediately prior to all youth sports events.
7. Encourage and compliment players when they show improvement, play with extra effort or simply need kind words.
8. Abide by a doctor’s decision in matters of health, injuries and ability to play.
9. Remember that the game is for youth – not adults.

**Penalty for non-compliance:**

If a coach or spectator is ejected for these or any reason, they may not attend the next two (2) games played. When such action is taken, the individual must meet with the League Commissioner and Recreation Council President prior to returning to any event. *In addition, if the head coach in attendance has been warned by the official(s) about the behavior of a spectator at the game, that coach will also be suspended for at least one (1) game.* When such action is taken, the coach must meet with the League Commissioner and Recreation Council President before returning to any event. If a coach or spectator is ejected a second time or acts out physically towards another individual, they will not be allowed to attend any Carroll County Recreation Council sports activity for at least one (1) year from the date of the incident. When such action is taken, the individual must meet with the League Commissioner, Recreation Council President and Bureau of Recreation staff prior to returning to any event.

*I/We agree to help make youth sports fun and help teach our players good sportsmanship. I/We understand and will abide by the above standards: (please sign and return form to your child’s coach)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Figure 1: CC Rec&Parks Sports Standard**



