



# NORTHWEST SOUND YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION NSYSA

Subj: NSYSA Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

Date: 05-02-2016

Location:

Meadowdale Fire Station #41  
7600 Old Military Rd NE  
Bremerton, WA 98311

Time:

6:30-9:00

## **In Attendance**

### **NSYSA Board:**

President - Louie Bond  
VP of Admin - Val Corden  
Competition - Bob Bjornemo  
VP of Awards and Recognition - Darcy Buell

Registrar - Liming McMillan  
Treasurer - Steve Vonheeder  
Secretary - Kent Hassebrock

### **Club Representatives:**

BIYSC - John Thornton  
BSC - Shannon Bayne  
CKSC - Dawn Byron  
JCSC - Amy Yaley  
KAFC - Teneka Morley-Short

NKSC - Laura Alikpala  
NMYSC - Michelle Powell  
SKSC - Kathie Thoma  
TSC - Vicky Webb

### **Committee Representatives**

NSYSA Discipline - Bob Bjornemo  
Recreation Cup - Bob Bjornemo  
Soccer to the Maxx - Kathie Thoma  
NSYSA Scholarship - Darcy Buell

### **Others in Attendance**

Steve Shively - NSYSA Scheduler  
Guests -

1. Roll Call
  - \* NSYSA Board
  - \* Club Representatives
  - \* Guest Introductions
2. Communications
3. Approval of Minutes
  - \* March 2016



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4. Officer's Reports
  - A. President
  - B. VP of Administration
  - C. VP of Award and Recognition
  - D. Competition
  - E. Registrar
  - F. Treasurer
  - G. Secretary
5. NSYSA Scheduler
6. NSYSA Website Administrator
7. Committee Reports
  - A. NSYSA Development Committee
  - B. NSYSA Discipline Committee
  - C. Recreational Cup Committee
  - D. NSYSA Scholarship Committee
8. Club Reports
  - A. BIFC
  - B. BSC
  - C. CKSC
  - D. JCSC
  - E. KAFC
  - F. NKSC
  - G. NMYSC
  - H. SKSC
  - I. TSC
9. Unfinished Business
  - \* Field Dimension Chart
  - \* NSYSA Full Sided Operating Procedures
  - \* Field sizes U05-U08, U09/U10, and U11/U12
  - \* NSYSA Small Sided Operating Procedures
10. New Business
11. Good of the Game
12. Adjournment



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**In Attendance**

**NSYSA Board:**

President - Louie Bond - Present @ 6:34  
VP of Admin - Val Corden - Present  
Competition - Bob Bjornemo - Present  
VP of Awards - Darcy Buell - Present

Registrar - Liming McMillian - Present  
Treasurer - Steve Vonheeder - Present  
Secretary - Kent Hassebrock - Present

**Club Representatives:**

BIYSC - John Thornton - Present  
BSC - Shannon Bayne - Present  
CKSC - Dawn Byron - Present  
JCSC - Erin Brown - Present  
KAFC - Teneka Morley-Short - Present

NKSC - Laurie Alikpla - Present  
NMYSC - Michelle Powell - Present  
SKSC - Kathie Thoma - Present  
TSC - Vicky Webb - Present

**Committee Representatives**

NSYSA Discipline - Bob Bjornemo - Present  
Recreation Cup - Bob Bjornemo - Present  
Soccer to the Maxx - Kathie Thoma - Present  
Scholarship - Darcy Buell - Present

**Others in Attendance**

NSYSA Scheduler - Steve Shively - Present  
GUEST: None

1. Called to order at 6:31pm

\* Roll Call - As noted above.

\* Louie emailed that he would be late. He arrived at 6:34.



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## 2. Communications

- \* To Treasurer, Steve Vonheeder
  - \* Deposit slip 2/16 - SKSC Invoice 15-063 \$2,252.00
  - \* Deposit slip 3/7 - BIYSC Invoice 16-010 \$60.00
  - \* Department of L&I - 2015 4th quarter invoice
  - \* Items from February meeting that were noted on those minutes.
  
- \* To President, Louie Bond
  - \* None

## 3. Approval of February Minutes

### Motion:

Approve January minutes as written - Bob Bjornemo

Second: Vicky Webb

13 Approve, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain

## 4. Officers Reports

### President

- \* Worked with State on a number of different issues. One being officers insurance.
- \* No pending SOC meetings
- \* Worked with Steve Vonheeder on the budget for the AGM

### VP of Admin

- \* Worked with State of Wa Dept of Rev. to determine new state laws regarding our Clubs. Forwarded all information to NSYSA Treasurer, Steve Vonheeder. Steve states that it is not applicable to our Clubs.
- \* Contacted Clubs to check on 501c(3) status. Some of the Clubs have had that lapse. Those Clubs should contact Steve Vonheeder to get in compliance.



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## 4. Officers Reports (continued)

### VP of Comp

- \* See the full report at the end of the minutes
- \* Presidents Cup will continue the weekend of March 14th. Any reschedule issues need to go through Bob. Finals will be April 30th and May 1st, at Starfire.
- \* Sent out Operating Procedure to clubs, but haven't received feedback.
- \* Regarding headers, Bob contacted the state for guidance for spring, but got a response that was slow down, there will be guidance following, but nothing has followed.

### VP of Awards and Recognition:

- \* People of the year
  - \* Girls Recreational Coach - None submitted
  - \* Girls Competitive Coach - None submitted
  - \* Boys Recreational Coach, 2 nominations Will be voted on in Unfinished Business
    - Aaron Waley - BSC
    - Mark Hanson - BIYSC
  - \* Boys Competitive Coach, 2 nominations Will be voted on in Unfinished Business
    - Kevin Skinner - KAFC
    - Alex Jungnotz - BIYSC
  - \* Volunteer of the Year
    - Mitch Jones - KAFC
  - \* Administrator of the Year
    - Brenda Berry - BIYSC
  - \* Young Volunteer of the Year
    - Clayton Bond - NSYSA/BIYSC
- \* District 4 used to have a recognition for young volunteers. Would like to create a young volunteer (under 21) award that the association would recognize.
- \* Motion: Redo the District 4 form for NSYSA and use it going forward - Darcy
- Second: John Thornton
- 13 Approve, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstain



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### Registrar:

- \* Working to plan a Registrar's meeting.

### Treasurer

- \* Reconciled Account Balance: \$93,125.07
- \* Outstanding Liabilities
  - Uncleared Ref Payments: \$608.00
  - RMA refund to clubs \$3,068.65
  - WYS Rec Cup \$3,200.00
- \* Remaining Balance: \$86,248.42
  
- \* Payment from Clubs
  - \* SKSC Invoice 15-063 (Player Fees) \$2,252.00
  
- \* Outstanding Invoices
  - \* CKSC Invoice 16-011 (Missed BOD mtg)
  - \* JCSC Invoice 16-012 (Missed BOD mtg)
  - \* NKSC Invoice 15-061 (Referees wk 5-10)
  - \* KAFC Invoice 16-013
  - \* NKSC Invoice 16-014 (Game Forfeit)
  - \* TSC Invoice 16-015 (Game Forfeit)
  
- \* Winter League Scheduling
  - \* BIFC Invoice 16-010 Winter Schedule, Just received update from Scheduler and will send update.
  - \* KAFC Invoice 16-013 Winter Schedule, Just received update from Scheduler and will send update.
  
- \* Settled RMA's with all Clubs, sent Clubs refund checks from 2014-2015 season minus charges for 2015-2016 season.



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### Treasurer (continued)

- \* Developed 2016 Budget - includes an increase to the Scheduler pay schedule.
- \* Invoiced Clubs for Winter League and remaining outstanding fines.
- \* WA Secretary of State certification due for Annual Non-Profit report due March 2016.
- \* Renewal of business license due March 2016
- \* Submission of Federal 990 for 501c(3) due 5/15/2016
- \* I have emailed all invoices to Club Presidents and Treasurer's at the email addresses listed on the Club website. If any Club needs another copy of an invoice or a different email address is needed, please let me know.

### Secretary

- \* No Report

### NSYSA Website Administrator

- \* Girls still playing some Winter Leagues and Boys are starting Spring Leagues.
- \* Ridgestar recommends we move our email system off their platform. Steve suggested Google Business Apps. We have reached tier 6 currently on Ridgestar and moving the email system and archives off Ridgestar could save us approximately \$1,000.00 per year. This would also help with the issue that bulk system emails crashing the system and causing certain email providers to label all emails from NSYSA as spam. Waiting for 501c(3) to be recognized. Google looks for that for non profit status.
- \* Would like confirmation for 8 week 10 game season, or 9 week 10 game season. Steve would like time to test the schedule before it needs to go live. Steve would like this confirmation sooner rather than later. The decision will be made at the AGM. Clubs please have a vote on March 29th.

End of Officer's Reports



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## 5. Committee reports

### \* NSYSA Development Committee

\* As reported by Bob, NKSC is leading a charge to get a coaches E class scheduled. Bainbridge is hosting one in April as noted in the BIYSC report.

We would be looking to host E and D classes, C classes probably would not be held on the Peninsula.

\* Ian would like a coaches quarterly newsletter. Ian is looking for help from the clubs with submissions for each newsletter. Contact Ian McCallum from BIYSC at [ian@bifc.net](mailto:ian@bifc.net) for more information.

### \* NSYSA Discipline Committee (as reported by Bob Bjornemo)

\* Would like to work with Louie about the Respect Program. Talked to TSC about Silent Saturday, and it was met with resistance.

### \* Rec Committee (as reported by Bob Bjornemo)

\* No Report

### \* Scholarship committee (as reported by Darcy Buell)

\* No Report

### \* Soccer to the Maxx committee (as reported by Kathie Thoma)

\* No Report

End of committee Reports





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## 6. Club Reports

- \* BIYSC
  - \* Select Soccer
    - \* 2004 Boys State Cup Champions
    - \* 2000 Boys State Cup Champions
  - \* Bainbridge Island FC Awards Night
    - \* Over 200 people attended with Special Guests:
      - \* Daren Mancini (President, Washington Youth Soccer)
      - \* Sam Laity (Assistant Coach, Seattle Reign)
      - \* Beverly Yanez (Forward, Seattle Reign)
      - \* Louie Bond (President, NSYSA)
  - \* Coach Education
    - \* USSF E License: April 15-17 @ Bainbridge High School
    - \* Link to registration: <https://dcc.ussoccer.com/courses/available/2/wa/details/147/>
    - \* Seattle Reign Coaches
    - \* Clinic: Date TBD
  - \* Referee Clinic Grade 8
    - \* July 9th at Bainbridge HS
    - \* Registration opens June 1st
  - \* Island Cup
    - \* August 19-21 across Bainbridge Island
    - \* Ages: 2008-2003 teams
    - \* Register at <http://www.bifc.net/islandcup>
  - \* Youth Soccer Day - April 9th @ Bainbridge High School (FREE ENTRY)
    - \* 11am: Bainbridge JV v Kingston JV
    - \* 12:45pm: Bainbridge Varsity v Kingston Varsity
    - \* 2:15pm: Kitsap Pumas v Western Washington University
  - \* Select Tryouts
    - \* 05/06: Friday and Saturday, 29th & 30th, April
    - \* 03/04: Friday and Saturday, 6th & 7th, May
    - \* 02 Boys: Friday and Saturday, 6th & 7th, May
    - \* 98-02 Girls: Friday and Saturday, 13th & 14th, May
    - \* 01 Boys: Tuesday, 24th May
  - \* Good of the Game: Mario Vukic selected Region IV ODP All-Star Team.



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### \* BSC

- \* Working on fundraising during April-September. To be used for field maintenance for school fields. There was some vandalism at Mountain View lower fields involving a vehicle driving on the field.
- \* Starting registration April 1st.
- \* Holding a members meeting to discuss the new registration guidelines.

### \* CKSC

- \* No Report

### \* JCSC

- \* Almost every position has been filled by a new member.
- \* Rosanna Herman is transitioning out of the position and bringing someone else on.

### \* KAFC

- \* Have a new DOC. Kegan Miller, will be here on March 21st.
- \* Partnering with Pumas for summer camps
- \* For Pumas games, if kids wear their club jersey, they get in to the game for free.
- \* Working on the website and have a volunteer working with the club.

### \* NKSC

- \* Held the awards ceremony.
- \* Held a member meeting to discuss the registration changes, still getting member questions.
- \* Registration is open
- \* Completed tryouts for Boys HS
  - \* 1998, 1999, and 2000 teams
- \* Viking Cup upcoming Memorial Day Weekend, 7v7. KPSRA will officiate the games.
- \* Coaches Appreciation and Fundraiser this Friday March 11th at the Casino.



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### \* NMYSC

- \* Date for 2nd Annual Foot Golf Tournament, August 27th, \$100.00 for a couple. It includes dinner.
- \* Joel will contact Bob about getting in with the goal purchase.
- \* Asking if there is a limit on the number of camps or the number of fundraiser allowed. No limit.

### \* SKSC

- \* Planning meeting was 2/13. Set dates for tryouts.
- \* May 10, 12, and 14
- \* Select program would like to run kick around dates to prep players for tryouts.
- \* Registration opened 3/1. A lot of questions about player play ups.
- \* Set the date for Soccer One camp, July 25-29
- \* SKJ is scheduled for August 20th
- \* Our Select Director is working to schedule a coaching clinic in the south area.

### \* TSC

- \* Susie McGill is working on a document regarding the new registration guidelines. It will be sent out to the members.
- \* Registration is getting ready to open.

End of Club Reports



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## 7. Unfinished Business

- \* KPSRA Redline copy for the referee contract. Have not received any feedback to this point, with the exception of Bob Bjornemo.
- \* People of the Year Voting
  - \* Boys Recreations Coach
    - \* Aaron Waley is selected via vote of board
  - \* Boys Competitive Coach
    - \* Kevin Skinner is selected via vote of board

## 8. New Business

- \* JCSC fines for missing BOD meetings
  - \* With the number of vacant spots on the board and getting a new board up and running, they are inquiring if NSYSA would consider rescinding those fines.
  - \* Motion: Rescind the two fines - John Thornton  
Second: Kathie Thoma  
11 Approve, 0 Opposed, 2 Abstain, KAFC and CKSC abstain from voting  
JCSC will not be fined for the recent (2) BOD meetings that were missed.
- \* Operating Procedures Addendum U10 & Below Small Sided Soccer
  - \* Bob asks for feedback from the clubs. He would like to vote on the proposed Operating Procedures at the May BOD.

## 9. Good of the Game

## 10. Adjourned 8:09

NSYSA VP of Competition March 2016 Report to the NSYSA Board

1. 2016 Founders Cup has completed. We had several teams from area Clubs which reached the semifinal games. And even though all played well and represented our area with honor; we have but one team finish in the championship bracket. Our congratulations go out to BIFC B04 Blue's.
2. 2016 Presidents Cup has completed for Boys U15 and above. Several teams competed from our area. BIFC 00 Blue was victorious in winning the championship for their division.
3. 2016 Presidents Cup will continue with round robin play beginning the weekend of March 14. Quarter finals will be held the weekend of 23 April. And semi-final and finals are 30 April and 1 May. Best of luck to all who have entered post season play.
4. I have distributed the 2016 NSYSA Operating Procedure. I have edited this document with elements of the 2016 - 2017 USSF Implementation Initiatives. These changes will bring many changes to the game. Comments from Clubs are necessary to bring our game forward. We also need input from the Clubs for full agreement to the implementations.
5. There are also important aspects of the negotiations with the referee community. What levels of non-Recreation U09 & U10 games will be officiated by KPSRA? This answer will define the Club obligation for these games.
6. I am awaiting direction from KPSRA as to the administering of managing the practice for "Heading the Ball" for ages U11 thru U13. It is necessary to have directions from WA State Referee Association as this must be a consistent and unified application of this rule.
7. I have sent Club Presidents a detailing of the submittals of bid for the purchase of new goals to facilitate the changes presented by the new implementations. Should purchase be necessary, any order after the first of April may result in long backlog delay?
8. TopSoccer will have a conference the weekend of 01-03 April in Tukwila, WA. This program has been sluggish in its promotion. The individuals that have lead the program in the past have reasons of their own why they will be unable to continue in this role. Our Association must make a determination of how we will continue this program.

## NSYSA Scheduler / Web staff report for March 2016

Fall Scheduling sticking with 10 week season - Development and demo of 10 game season in 8-weeks has been shelved for consideration with NSYSA's upcoming Fall 2016 season.

Records Retention matrix developed – In coordination with NSYSA's VP of Comp, I've been working on identifying files and providing templates for use when the Board considers a records retention policy.

Winter, Spring and Cup Scheduling – 243 State Cup, Winter or Spring season matches have been scheduled. Resulting in sponsoring Club's being billed \$5,815 in scheduling fees. Of note seven teams scheduled so many seasonal matches that they fell into NSYSA's "**Not to Exceed \$175**" fee scheduling policy, triggered at 6 or more scheduled matches. Most teams averaged 3 scheduled matches / season.

Email migration project update - One of the benefits of NSYSA's recently renewed 501(c)3 non-profit status is that NSYSA now qualifies for low cost enterprise email solutions from such vendors as Google. Should NSYSA qualify as an eligible nonprofit user the free suite of Google Apps for Nonprofits could supply an alternative to our integrated RidgeStar email.

So far - weekly - eligibility status checks with Google have been **unsuccessful**:

*Date: Thu, Apr 28, 2016 at 10:04 AM*

*Subject: **Google for Nonprofits Application Status***

*To: Administrator@NSYSAsoccer.org, SoccerNSYSA@gmail.com*

*Hello NSYSA,*

*Thank you for applying to the **Google for Nonprofits** program.*

*We regret to inform you that your application **for Northwest Sound Youth Soccer Association** has not been approved.*



*We were unable to verify the charity status of your nonprofit organization. In order to qualify for the Google for Nonprofits program, your organization must be listed in the **Internal Revenue Service's** online searchable database of charitable organizations.*

*Thank you for your interest in the Google for Nonprofits program.*

*Sincerely - The Google for Nonprofits Team*

Dishing up possible workaround - **Google for Nonprofits** works closely with **Techsoup Global**. NSYSA



has applied with Techsoup. Pending authorization, there is understanding that we can reapply to Google using our Techsoup nonprofit authentication. Stay tuned!

**Report respectively submitted –**  
Steve Shively, NSYSA Scheduler / Webstaff



**OPERATING PROCEDURES  
Addendum  
U10 & Below  
Small Sided Soccer**

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### LAW I - FIELD OF PLAY Field Size and Goal Size

- A. Use Field and Goal sizes as described/shown in chart below:  
 B. Field Markings Use field markings as described/shown in chart below:

**NSYSA U10 & Below Field/Goal Size & Field Marking Chart**

	<b>U05/U06 4 v 4</b>		<b>U07 4 v 4</b>		<b>U08 4 v 4</b>	<b>U09 7 v 7</b>	<b>U10 7 v 7</b>
Field Length x Width	30 x 20 Yd		30 x 20 Yd		30 x 20 Yd	47 x 30 Yd	47 x 30 Yd
Goalie Box	2 x 10 Yd		2 x 10 Yd		4 x 10 Yd	4 x 8 Yd	4 x 8 Yd
Goal Size	Cones	4 x 6 Ft	Cones	4 x 6 Ft	4 x 6 Ft	6.5 x 12 Ft	6.5 x 12 Ft
		6 x 6 Ft		6 x 6 Ft	6 x 6 Ft		
Penalty Mark	None		None		None	None	None
Penalty Area	None		None		None	11 x 16 Yd	11 x 16 Yd
Center Circle Radius	3 Yd		3 Yd		5 Yd	5 Yd	5Yd

### LAW II - EXCEPTIONS TO FIFA

- A. Games shall not be played with fewer than the following number of players on the field:
1. 4 players for U5, U6 U07 & U8 teams. (No Goalkeeper)
  2. 7 players and goal keeper players for U09 & U10 teams.
- B. In all U10 matches and below, **no player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper** within the penalty area. Any attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball, IN ANY MANNER, is prohibited.
- C. Dropkicking/punting by the goalkeeper is not allowed for age all ages thru U10.

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## LAW III - PLAYER Registration

### A. Number of Players:

Age	# of Players on Field	Goal Keepers	Maximum Roster Size
U05	4 Field Players	None	8
U06	4 Field Players	None	8
U07	4 Field Players	None	8
U08	4 Field Players	None	8
U09	6 Field Players	1 Goal Keeper	12
U10	6 Field Players	1 Goal Keeper	12

### B. Definitions

1. Youth Players - The term "Youth" as applied to the NSYSA shall mean, an amateur player who's age groupings for teams shall be comprised of players who's birthdate occurs on the first day of January thru the last day of December of the current seasonal year

### C. Registration

1. All players must register annually through member Clubs, in accordance with WYS, and NSYSA, in accordance with applicable Association Rules and Guidelines; to participate in all activities of NSYSA.
2. No team may allow unregistered players to practice with a team, nor may any coach, Club, or Association official place a player in a reserve status.

### D. Player Eligibility

1. **Play Down** - All players requesting to play down for an age group less than defined in Law III-B; and must make application through WYS and receive approval.
  - a. The Application and form may be accessed on the WYS website, search for "Play Down."
  - b. The approved application must be presented to the Club Registrar before the player will be allowed to register.
2. **Play Up (1 Year)** - Players may request and register to play up one age group greater than defined in in Law III-B
3. **Play Up (Greater than 1 Year)** - Players may not request or register to play up greater than one age group, as defined in Law III-B; without the following condition being met:
  - a. Requesting Club VP of Competition or Director of Coaching must evaluate the

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player for the following criteria:

- i. Will the playing skill of the individual being evaluated provide opportunity to play competitively at the higher level?
  - ii. Will the player receive opportunity for playing time based on skills?
  - iii. Will the physical size of the player place the individual in jeopardy of harm / injury due to differences of stature with other team members?
- b. Written evaluation results must be presented to the Club's Board of Directors and the request must be approved by the Club's Board.
  - c. Clubs may not request two players or more for play up to a single age / gender merely for purpose of roster size.

### E. Substitutions

1. May be made, with permission of the referee on ANY dead ball.
2. The number of substitutes shall be unlimited unless a competition superseding the jurisdiction of the WSYSA determines otherwise.
1. Players not on the field of play must remain two (2) yards behind the touchline and not within the distance of the goal area for the particular age from the corner of the field.

### F. Playing Time

1. **Each player will be given the opportunity to receive meaningful playing time with a goal of 50%.**

Substitutions will be allowed in order to give an opportunity for all players to get equal playing time and to balance rather than to run up the score.

## LAW IV – PLAYER EQUIPMENT

### A. Shoes.

1. Soccer shoes or gym shoes are acceptable. Soccer shoes must have nonmetal cleats and no toe cleat.

### B. Shin guards

1. Shin guards are mandatory
2. Must be worn under socks and the shin guard must be completely covered by the socks. Shin guards shall have connected ankle pads.

### C. Socks

1. Socks must be all of the same color.

### D. Jerseys

1. Jerseys should be all of the same color and a color designated by NSYSA as the Club color.
2. Jersey with a unique six (6) inch high number.

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- i. Sweatshirts may be worn, but if there is a hood it must be tucked underneath the jersey so that the number can be seen and all strings must be tucked inside as well.
- ii. Goalkeepers are required to wear a different color jersey than the rest of the layers on the field.

### **Shorts**

Shorts should be all of the same color and a color designated by NSYSA as the Club color.

### **E. Miscellaneous**

1. Sweat pants or leggings can be worn, but they must be underneath the socks and cannot be used to encourage slide tackles.
2. Hats may be worn; however they cannot have a peak, a bill or any dangling or protruding objects.
  - i. A goalkeeper may wear a soft billed hat to keep the sun out of their eyes.
3. Any member(s) of a team are permitted to wear extra protective clothing against the cold, including gloves without dangerous, protruding or hard objects, provided that:
  - a. The proper team uniform is worn outermost.
  - b. Referee discretion may be used to determine if an item of protective clothing is considered to go beyond the purpose of providing a means of retaining body heat.

### **F. Protective orthopedic devices,**

Prosthetic devices and any equipment, gear, appliance or apparatus that is protective for a known medical condition may be worn during a regularly scheduled game provided that the referee determines that the device can be used safely.

### **G. Jewelry**

1. No jewelry is allowed. Arm bracelets, hair beads, and hair pins; are examples of unacceptable jewelry.
2. Items of religious designation are acceptable, but must be deemed safe by the referee. All items must be taped to the body.
3. Medical alert items may be worn. All medical alert items must be taped to the body.

## **LAW V - REFEREE**

A. Referee training and pool shall be the responsibility of the Clubs.

1. KPSRA will provide an instructor to train each Club's referees
2. Failure of a scheduled referee to show up will not be the cause for canceling the match:

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- i. After a five (5) minute grace period, a substitute official should be chosen upon the agreement by both coaches, and his/her decision shall be final.
  - ii. In the event a Referee cannot be chosen to the agreement of both coaches, the coaches themselves shall referee, each coach will referee one half of the match, the home team coach will referee the first half. The visiting team coach will referee the second half.
- B. Referee's decision on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
- C. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

### LAW VI - ASSISTANT REFEREE

- A. Assistant referees are not required, nor recommended, in small-sided matches

### LAW VII - DURATION OF MATCH AND GAME BALL SIZE

Age	Match	Qtr Break	Half Break	Ball	Total Playing Time
U05 / U06	4 x 8 Min. Qtr.	2 Min	5 Min	3	32
U07 / U08	4 x 10 Min. Qtr	2 Min	5 Min	3	40
U09 / U10	2 x 25 Min. Half	NA	5 Min	4	50

### LAW VIII -

#### START OF PLAY

- A. Conform to FIFA
- B. Defensive players must be outside the center circle and in their own half, for play to begin.
- C. U09 / U10 May score directly from kick-off

#### Restart of Play

- A. Conform to FIFA
1. All restarts shall be subject to the definition for LAW XII
  2. When a player performs a header in an attempt to play the ball, the referee shall stop play and instruct the player of the dangers of executing this action.
    - i. The referee will then restart play with an Indirect Restart for the team that had performed the action.
- B. Build out line.
1. Age U05 thru U08 shall use the half line as the "build out line"
  2. Ages U09 thru U10 (6 v 6) shall be no closer than three yards from the top line of the penalty box.

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3. No player, U05 thru U10 (6 v 6), shall challenge the ball by entering the area bordered by the “build out line” or penalty area prior the game is restarted the goal kick.
4. Violation of this rule will result of with an indirect free kick from the original location.

## **LAW IX - BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY**

Conform to FIFA

## **LAW X - METHOD OF SCORING**

- A. When the whole of the ball has passed over the goal line between the goal posts and under the top of the crossbar a goal shall be scored.
- B. When the whole of the ball has passed over the goal line and between the flags / cones and under the top of the goalkeepers’ hands, that shall determine the imaginary crossbar, a goal shall be scored.
- C. U08 and Below; If cones are being used for goals and a cone is knocked over or moved as a result of a direct hit by the ball as it crosses the goal line, if last struck by the attacking team, the goal will not be allowed
  1. The restart shall be one of the two methods below as determined by the referee and which team last touched the ball.
    - i. If the ball is last struck by an attacking player the ball shall be put into play using a goal kick.
    - ii. If the ball is last struck by a defending player, the ball shall be put into play using a corner kick
  2. U09 and below: A goal cannot be scored directly from kick-off. The ball must touch another player before scoring.
- D. U08 and below: A goal cannot be scored directly from kick-off. The ball must be touched by another player before the ball may be scored.
- E. U09 / U10 May score directly from kick-off.

## **LAW XI OFFSIDE**

- A. Conform to FIFA
- B. The offside rule will not apply to any teams U8 and below.
  1. However, the intent of the rule will be followed.
  2. Positioning a player in front of the opponent’s goal irrespective of the location of the ball on the field is contrary to the aims of the program.

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- i. If a team is consistently positioning a player at the opponent's goal, the referee shall stop play and instruct the player and the coach to stop.
  - ii. If the team continues to play while positioning a player in an offside position the referee shall award an indirect kick to the offended team at the location where the opposing player is in an offside Position.
  - iii. If a team continues to position a player at an opponent's goal, the referee may deny any goals scored as a result of this tactic. The referee shall award an indirect kick to the offended team at the location where the opposing player is in an offside Position.
  - iv. If a defending team positions a player inside the goal box area for the purpose of defending the goal and the ball is not in the area, the referee shall stop play and inform the defending team that this action is not acceptable; without the ball being in the goal box area.
- C. U09 and U10 teams will play the offside.

## LAW XII FOULS AND MISCONDUCTS

- A. **Free Kicks** - Free kicks shall be classified under two (2) categories:
1. **"Indirect Kick"** – Kicks from a dead ball restart from which a goal cannot be scored unless the ball has been played or touched by another player before passing through the goal.
  2. **"Direct Kick"**, Kicks from a dead ball restart from which a goal can be scored directly from the restart.
    - i. U8 and below may only use "indirect Kick" for all restarts.
    - ii. U9 and above will be allowed to use "direct kick" for all applicable restarts.
- B. Restarts which allow the **"direct free kick"** for the restart are:
1. Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent.
  2. Tripping or attempting to trip an opponent.
  3. Jumping or attempting to jump at an opponent.
  4. Charging an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner.
  5. Charging an opponent from behind.
  6. Striking an opponent.
  7. Holding an opponent.
  8. Handling the ball, with exception of the goal keeper in their own goal area.

Restarts which allow the **"indirect free kick"** for the restart are:

1. Dangerous Play (exp.. High Kick, Player on the ground)

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2. Charging fairly (shoulder to shoulder) when the ball is not within playing distance of the players involved.
3. Obstructing the goal keeper. (Preventing to allow the goal keeper to release the ball while inside the penalty area.)
4. Unsportsmanlike behavior.

**NOTE:** There will be NO INTENTIONAL PHYSICAL CONTACT with the goalkeeper within the “penalty box area.” This contact will result in a free kick by the defending team at the spot of the foul.

C. For all restarts the distance the defensive players must set the defensive wall is equal to the age appropriate radius of the center circle. (See Law I - FIELD OF PLAY Field Size and Goal Size)

### D. Penalty Kicks

1. **Penalty kicks for U10 and below, are not allowed for small sided games.**
2. Fouls committed within Penalty box / Goal Box area are restarted by direct or indirect kick, as appropriate. The ball will be placed at a point that is diagonally nearest, but outside of the top of the area where foul was committed.
3. For U08 and below, the ball will be placed outside the top of the goal box. A defensive line may be placed inside the goal area for this event. The defensive line can be no closer than the distance from the goal line. Therefore all defenders must be on the goal line and between the goalposts/cones. Any other defender, not on the goal line, must be equal to the radius of the center circle (age appropriate) away from the spot of the restart.
  - i. For U09 thru U10, the ball will be placed outside the top of the penalty area. All defender must be equal to the radius of the center circle away from the spot of the restart.

### E. **Slide Tackling will not be allowed** for U05 thru U10.

- I. Should a slide tackle occur, it will be considered dangerous play. The referee will stop play and instruct the player of his infraction and then award an indirect free kick restart.
  - i. If the slide tackle is performed by the attacking team, a restart for the opposing team will be an indirect free kick at the spot of the foul.

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- ii. Should the slide tackle occur with the Penalty Box / Goal Box area and performed by the defending team, the restart will be at the point nearest, but outside of the top of the penalty / goal area where foul was committed.

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F. **Using the Head to lay the Ball** - Headers

1. Use of the head for playing the ball or attempting to head the ball, “headers” will **NOT** be allowed for all ages **U10 and below**, in either **practice** or **during** game play.
  - i. The referee will stop play and inform the player that using the head to strike the ball is dangerous and therefore should not be performed. An indirect kick restart will be awarded to the opposite team that performed the action following the referee speaking with the player.
  - ii. Coaches are reminded that no heading will occur during practice or during game time. And all such action should be followed by an instruction not to perform the action.

G. The “**Blue Card**” only will be used for all ‘small sided’ matches. Neither red nor yellow cards have application to the Small Side game.

1. The “Blue Card” is a tool to address and inform players, coaches, and sidelines of unacceptable play or conduct for individuals participating or spectators of the game.
2. See Appendix A for “Blue Card” rules.

## LAW XIII THROW IN

A. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

1. U09 and Below - A second throw in will be allowed if the player fails to properly attempt to throw the ball into play.
  - i. The referee will explain the proper technique before allowing the player to second throw.
2. If on the second throw in, the player once again fails to properly execute a proper throw in, the ball will be awarded to the opposing team for their throw in.

## LAW XIV GOAL KICK

A. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

1. The ball is to be placed at any point within the goal area.
2. For U08 and Below, all defensive players must be a distance equal to the radius of the center circle for the age appropriate game.
3. For U09 and U10, all defensive players must be a distance equal to the radius of the center circle for the age appropriate game.
  - i. For U09 and above the ball may not be played by a second player until the ball has left the penalty box area.

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- ii. Failing to allow the ball to leave the penalty area will result in a second goal kick.

### **LAW XV CORNER KICK**

A. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

1. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

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## *Appendix A - The “Blue Card”*

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The “**Blue Card**” will be used for all ‘small sided’ matches. Neither the red nor yellow cards have application to the Small Side game. The “Blue Card” is a tool to address and inform players, coaches, and sidelines of unacceptable play or conduct for individuals participating in the game or spectators of the game.

- A. The Small Sided referee often does not feel comfortable with addressing a coach or spectator about their behavior.
  - 1. We must accept that our referees are young and just beginning to learn the skills of being a referee. We must accept that mistakes will be made. It is necessary to reinforce that even the best of referees will make mistakes. Coaches and spectators must accept and respect the efforts of our young referees.
  - 2. The largest factor for referee retention is the interaction of the referee with players, coaches, and spectators. The courtesies and respect given to the referee will support the retention and growth of our young referees.
  - 3. Our young referees are as our young players, learning and maturing with the game of soccer. Please allow them this opportunity through respect and patience.
  
- B. What is the purpose of the “Blue Card”?
  - 1. The “Blue Card” is a tool to address and inform players, coaches, and sidelines of unacceptable play or conduct for individuals participating or spectators of the game.
  - 2. Examples of unacceptable conduct include:
    - i. Coaches, spectators, or players loudly expressing their disagreement with the referees call.
    - ii. Coaches, spectators, or players speaking disrespectfully toward the opposing players, coaches, or spectators.

Note: Coaches, Spectators, and players may not address others of the opposing side in any manner other than as supportive and positive comments.

- iii. A Player persistently commits the same foul over and over even after having been instructed to stop such behavior.
- iv. If the referee feels uncomfortable and feels that disrespectful comments are being addressed towards the referee.

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3. The coaches/sidelines may be shown a blue card for the following offenses:
    - i. Abusing or behaving in a threatening manner towards the referee.
    - ii. Abusing or behaving in a threatening manner towards the opposing sidelines.
    - iii. Abusing or behaving in a threatening manner towards the opposing players.
  4. A player may be shown a blue card for the following offenses:
    - i. Abusing or behaving in a threatening manner towards the referee.
    - ii. Abusing or behaving in a threatening manner towards the opposing sidelines.
    - iii. Abusing or behaving in a threatening manner towards the opposing players.
    - iv. Persistently commits the same foul over and over even after having been instructed to stop such behavior.
- C. Coaches responsibility:
1. Coaches are responsible for their own conduct as well as the conduct of the team's spectators and players.
    - i. It is expected that the coach will control unacceptable conduct from his spectators and players.
- D. What purpose does the "Blue Card" provide for the young referee?
1. A young referee may feel uncomfortable when addressing a coach or spectators about their conduct. In most cases this is the young referee first attempt at officiating and do not need the added complexity of addressing angry coaches or spectators. During the learning process, mistakes will be made. These mistakes should be accepted. Rational understanding and comments may be shared with the referee after the game has completed.
  2. Severe concerns regarding referee performance should be forwarded to the Club Small Sided Referee Assignor for follow up.
  3. These concerns regarding referee performance may also be forwarded to the Club VP of Competition.
- E. The presentation of the "Blue Card" by the referee is a non-verbal statement that some condition of the game has become unacceptable and must be corrected.
1. Coaches or spectators must correct the unacceptable conduct. No further unacceptable actions of this kind will be accepted.
  2. Cross field comments must be discontinued immediately.
  3. Coaches are responsible to assist the referee to correct unacceptable play by his players which may be considered disrespectful, dangerous, or persistent.
- F. Coaches are the responsible representative for the team and sideline spectators.
1. Each individual is responsible to correct any unacceptable conduct.

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2. Should the referee be unable to affect correction of an unacceptable behavior it then becomes the responsibility of the coach to assist in achieving an acceptable behavior.
3. Any further continuance of this unacceptable behavior by coaches or spectators will result in the issue of a 2<sup>nd</sup> "Blue Card" and abandonment of the game. The circumstances of the event will be communicated to the appropriate Club VP of Competition or Small Sided Referee Assignor.

### G. Process for issued "Blue Cards":

1. Any "Blue Card" issued must be reported to the Club Referee Assignor within 24 hours of the issue.
  - i. The Club VP of Competition will facilitate discussion and possible administrative discipline within their Club.
  - ii. The Club VP of Competition will notify to the Association VP of Administration no later than the following Monday regarding any and all "Blue Cards: issued to the visiting team (s).
2. The Association VP of Administration will notify the visiting teams VP of Competition regarding any "Blue Cards" being issued to their teams while playing away from their Club area.
  - i. The Club VP of Competition will facilitate discussion and possible administrative discipline within their Club.
3. A complete report must also be submitted by the referee via the Association web site when completing the game report.
4. Each Club VP of Competition will report back to the Association VP of Competition within five days (or before the next scheduled game) with the resolution pertaining to each "Blue Card" offense.

### H. Expectations for teams receiving multiple "Blue Cards" in a single game or accumulated over a season.

1. The Association VP of Competition will notify the responsible Club VP of Competition upon identification of a trend for multiple cards issued.
2. The Club VP of Competition will facilitate discussion and possible administrative discipline within their Club.
3. The Club shall consider actions such as removal of coaches or spectators from the sidelines should the situation be warranted.
4. If the issue is related to player performances, assigning of a mentor for the coach may be necessary.

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5. The Club VP of Competition will report back to the Association VP of Competition within five days (or before the next scheduled game) with the resolution pertaining to the cause and corrective action associated with the accumulation of multiple “Blue Card” offenses.
6. Any reported action by a referee or coach, which is of a serious nature or deemed severe, may be brought before the NSYSA Disciplinary Committee. The findings of the Club may be considered, but the decisions of the NSYSA Disciplinary Committee may be added to the findings of the Club or supersede those findings.

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## *Appendix B:*

### *NSYSA Special Consideration - Mercy Rule*

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- A. The mission of North Sound Youth Soccer Association includes the goals of teaching the game soccer and promoting sportsmanship.

With regard to the values of sportsmanship, one of the main things that we as coaches need to avoid is running up the score against opponents who are not as strong. The general rule of thumb is that if your team is ahead by five or more goals, the coach should take measures to keep further scoring to a minimum.

- B. For the Small sided games U5 through U10
1. If the score differential reaches 5 goals, then the coach of the team with fewer goals may add one field player. If the goal differential returns to 4 goals, then the coach must remove one field player, thus returning to the original number of players.
  2. If the score differential reaches 8 goals, then the coach of the team with the fewest goals may insert an additional field player to the field. If the goal differential returns to 7 goals, then the second extra field player must be removed from the field.

## *Appendix C:*

### *Player, Parent / Spectator, Coach Sideline Guidance*

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#### **GENERAL NSYSA GUIDELINES FOR THE SIDELINES**

Coaches, parents and spectators should show only good adult behavior on the sidelines and act as role models for the younger players. Help create a positive soccer atmosphere. Influence your youngster's soccer experience by following these "Soccer Sideline Ethics".

- A. **The Fun is Playing** – Encourage youngsters in skill development and 100% performance. **Winning is not their motivation.** They want to be having fun. So lighten up, decrease the competitive pressures, and encourage skills, teamwork, self-esteem, and good sportsmanship. Enjoy this opportunity to be with youngsters on the field.
  
- B. **Know the Game and the Laws** – Soccer looks simple but it is complex to play, coach and officiate. You'll enjoy the game more by understanding soccer skills and tactics, the flow of play, and how the game is played. Soccer is free-flowing with ever-changing situations and constant problem solving by the players. Soccer is physical and demanding. With no timeouts, it is fun to watch. There are only 17 laws in soccer. Understand the basic laws and increase your enjoyment of the game.  
Note For "Laws of the Game" go to the FIFA Web Site,  
<http://www.fifa.com/worldfootball/lawsofthegame.html>
  
- C. **Support the Team, not just your Youngster** – Give encouragement to the entire team. Don't yell constantly at a youngster. Avoid giving directions while they are playing. Soccer is above all a player-dominated game and they have to make the decisions on the field. Always be positive, win or lose. Don't get over involved emotionally.
  
- D. **Practice Good Sportsmanship** – Always show sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Young people learn by example. Encourage your players to play by the rules. Cheer good play by both teams. Ask your youngster: "Did you have fun and try your best?" rather than, "Why didn't you win?" Win gracefully, not boastfully. Lose without being negative. Make sure the end-of-the-game rituals (such as the handshakes) reflect good sportsmanship.
  
- E. **Let the Players Play** – Soccer is a players' game. Youngsters participate for their enjoyment, not ours. To children, playing is more important than winning, while

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winning is more important to parents and coaches. Emphasize player development and having fun over winning.

- F. **Let the Coaches Coach** – The coach, volunteer or paid, provides guidance, skill instruction, and supervised fun for your youngsters in soccer. Respect the coaches and their decisions. Their concern is the whole team, not just your player. Don't undermine, second-guess, or criticize a coach in public. Coaching will be allowed only from the sidelines occupied by the team. No coaching is allowed from both sides. Most coaches will listen to parents in private, and may ask parents to help with practice.
- G. **Let the Referee Judge the Game** – Soccer referees control the game the moment they enter the grounds. Most are young and are still learning to referee, just as the players are learning to play. They respect fair play, sportsmanship, skill and the spirit of the game. Referee calls are final. No player, coach, or parent may change a ref's decision, but the criticism disrupts the game. Support the referees.
- H. **Get involved with Soccer** – Come to the games in the spirit of fun and play. Meet other parents and coaches. Make sure your youngster comes ready to play – with the proper equipment and attitude. Help them develop the skills and tactics for the game. Go to a pro or college game with your kids, or watch a game on television with them. Kick the ball around with them. Soccer isn't easy to play, so don't criticize your player for losing or making mistakes – applaud good effort.
- I. **Be a Supportive Soccer Parent** – Volunteer to help with practices. Soccer teaches discipline and responsibility, so be on time! Support the coach whenever possible. Be more concerned with your player's long-term development of skills and tactics than with short-term winning and losing. Focus on skill accomplishments and effort.
- J. **They're Only Kids - It's Only a Game** – Allow your child to be a child. Kids see soccer as fun, learning new skills, emulating heroes, being on a team, gaining success by touching the ball, and just being involved. Soccer can teach skills for life, building character, self-esteem, and awareness of others. There's no such thing as a loss if players do their best. You'll see wonderful progress if fun and skill development are your priorities.
- K. **Sideline Conduct** - U05 thru U06, It is **RECOMMENDED** that parents and spectators remain on the opposite side of the field away from the teams.
- L. **Sideline Conduct** U07 thru U10 (6 v 6), parents and spectators **SHALL** remain on the opposite side of the field away from the teams

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- M. Neither teams, parents or spectators may go beyond the top of the goal box when present on the field. Spectators and parents may not gather along the goal lines or behind the nets during the playing of the game.
- N. **Animals at the Field** - It is recommended that animals not be permitted at the field, at any time. Many of the fields are marked and provided guidance regarding field usage and animal presence. Please abide by this signage. County ordinance and school regulations do not allow for animals to be at the field. The exception to this rule will be "service dogs." Service animals in training must be accompanied with a trainer who can present appropriate documentation for the animal. Service Animals in service must be wearing the associated halter which bears the appropriate documentation for the animal. No exceptions will be made.

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## *Appendix D:*

# *Guidance for “Heading the Ball”*

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### References:

- a: USSF Initiative “Player Development” 2016
- b: USSF Guidance for “Heading the Ball”
- c: Recognize to Recovery - December 2015
- d: Recognize to Recovery Update - 02 December 2015
- e: WASRC Policy on Safety

### **General Guidelines for Using the Head to play the ball - “Heading the ball”:**

U.S. Soccer has taken a lead in education, research and proposing rule changes in the area of concussion management and protocols, and has been at the forefront of concussion prevention.

These changes are recommended for U.S. Soccer’s youth members. Washington Youth Soccer has determined that the implementation of these rules is in the best interest of our players and the game of soccer. They are based on the advice of the U.S. Soccer medical committee, and therefore U.S. Soccer strongly urges that they be followed.

➤ **These new rules will take effect on Jan. 1, 2016.**

If a player suffers a significant blow to the head and is removed from the game to be evaluated for a suspected concussion or head injury; the rules mandate that a Health Care Professional (HCP) must evaluate a player, using prescribed concussion protocol, for all players that display the symptoms of a concussion.

### **Coaches’ Responsibility:**

For ages U10 and below; coaches shall not train or allow players to head the ball during practice or league play. Attempts by players to head the ball must be corrected. And the player must be encouraged not to attempt to head a ball for any reason.

**There is no exception to this implementation!**

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**Referee Responsibility:**

Statements from reference “e” expand and clarify referee powers and duties concerning safety. These statements do not alter or conflict with any Laws of the Game or other instructions from USSF or FIFA. These statements are endorsed by the Washington State Referee Committee, Washington Youth Soccer Association and Washington Adult Soccer Association. These instructions are policy and will be followed by all USSF Certified Referees in the State of Washington and will be implemented in all USSF Sanctioned youth games. These guidelines are also will be policy for Club Referees and will be followed in all Association sponsored games.

**Article I Concussions:**

- A. If the referee suspects a participant in their youth game is suffering from a concussion:
- 1) The referee must immediately stop play if the ball is still in play
  - 2) The participant must leave the field, with assistance if necessary, before play can be resumed
  - 3) The referee MUST advise both coach and player that by Washington Law, future participation in sports requires that they cannot return to play until the athlete has been evaluated by a licensed health care provider and received a written clearance to play
  - 4) Once off, the participant is no longer a player, substitute or substituted player; and the athlete is disqualified from further participation in this game
  - 5) At the conclusion of the game, the referee must file a report with the appropriate State or Local Association containing all the details of the incident and data to clearly identify the participant involved. The referee must also confirm that both the coach and player have been informed about the return to play requirements of the Washington Law.
  - 6) Referees are in no way responsible for events that may have occurred in prior or following games where they are not an assigned official
- B. No coach shall permit a player who has been removed from a game for a concussion assessment to RTP until cleared to do so by an HCP.
- C. If a coach continues to seek to allow a player, who been removed from a game for a concussion assessment, to re-enter the game; the referee shall allow the player to return to the field but shall:
- 1) Not restart play
  - 2) Direct the player to leave the field of play and
  - 3) Direct the coach to remove the player and select a substitute.
- D. If a coach seeks to allow a player to re-enter the game, that has been removed from a game for a concussion assessment and who has not been cleared to medically by a qualified HCP, the referee shall issue a warning to the coach. If a coach persists in seeking to allow such player to re-enter the game after having been issued a warning, the referee shall be entitled to take such

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other disciplinary measures as are permitted. The game shall not continue while the player removed for a possible concussion is removed and substituted for.

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AGE	FIELD SIZE	GOAL SIZE	BALL SIZE	ROSTER SIZE (Minimum)	ROSTER SIZE (Maximum)	ROSTER SIZE (Suggested)	FIELD PLAYERS (Maximum)	Minimum PLAYERS (On Field)	GAME LENGTH
U19	112x75	8' X 24'	#5	11	22	18	11	7	2 X 45 Min Halves
U18	112x75	8' X 24'	#5	11	22	18	11	7	2 X 45 Min Halves
U17	112x75	8' X 24'	#5	11	22	18	11	7	2 X 45 Min Halves
U16	112x75	8' X 24'	#5	11	22	18	11	7	2 x 40 Min Halves
U15	112x75	8' X 24'	#5	11	18	18	11	7	2 x 40 Min Halves
U14	112x75	8' X 24'	#5	11	18	16	11	7	2 X 35 Min Halves
U13	112x75	8' X 24'	#5	11	18	16	11	7	2 X 35 Min Halves
U12	75x47	6.5' x 18.5'	#4	9	14	12	9	7	2 X 30 Min Halves
U11	75x47	6.5' x 18.5'	#4	9	14	12	9	7	2 X 30 Min Halves
U10	47x30	6.5' x 12'	#4	9	14	12	9	7	2 x 25Min Halves

**TABLE 1**

**I. GENERAL RULES**

**ARTICLE 1. GOVERNING OF LEAGUES**

The organization of leagues and competition for **Northwest Sound Youth Soccer Association (NSYSA)** sponsored Leagues shall be governed by the Operating Procedures set forth herein, unless rules of a specific competition determine otherwise.

**ARTICLE 2. SEASON**

**Section A. Seasonal Year**

1. The seasonal year of NSYSA shall be defined by Washington Youth Soccer (WYS).

Seasonal Year has been defined as 01 August through 31 July.

2. Seasonal Year will define the period of time a team is part of a single roster and eligible to enter competitive play prior to the registration of the team for the following year competition.

**Section B. Playing Season/s**

Fall League season to be established per WYS guidelines. Other League seasons to be determined by the NSYSA Board.

**ARTICLE 3. DISTRIBUTION/CHANGES TO OPERATING PROCEDURES**

**Section A. Approving Changes**

The NSYSA Operating Procedures shall be reviewed each quarter for possible changes or updates in accordance with the NSYSA Bylaws.

**Section B. Changes Effective**

1. No change to these Operating Procedures shall be made retroactive.
2. Changes are effective immediately, unless otherwise noted on the revision.

**Section C. Publishing/Distribution of Changes**

1. The Secretary shall prepare the corrected/updated version of the Operating Procedures and submit them to the NSYSA Web Site Administrator who will publish the corrected/updated version on the NSYSA Web Site ([www.nsysasoccer.org](http://www.nsysasoccer.org)) within thirty (30) days of Board approval.

2. Copies of Operating Procedures shall be made available via the NSYSA Web Site ([www.nsysasoccer.org](http://www.nsysasoccer.org)) to each Club participating in NSYSA play and the applicable Referees by their Association. The latest version will be posted at least two weeks prior to the first scheduled match of the season.
3. Each Club shall be responsible for distributing current NSYSA Operating Procedures to each coach and Club Officer prior to the first match of each season or within thirty days of approved changes.

## II. PLAYERS/TEAMS/LEAGUES

### ARTICLE 4. REGISTRATION

#### Section A. Definitions

- 1 Youth Players  
The term "Youth" as applied to the NSYSA shall mean an amateur player who has not attained his or her 19th birthday before the first day of August of the seasonal year in which he or she applies for registration.
- 2 Youth Teams
  - a. Recreation  
The practice of using tryouts, invitations, recruiting, or any like process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability **is strictly prohibited**, as defined by WYS.
  - b. Competitive (Select)  
The practice of using tryouts, invitations, recruiting, or any like process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability **is permitted**, as defined by WYS.

#### Section B. Player Age Classification for Team Formation

- 1 All member Clubs shall form teams of equal age groupings as follows for all competitions unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors. Age groupings on teams shall be comprised of players who, on the first day of January of the current seasonal year are:
  - Under 19 years of age
  - Under 18 years of age
  - Under 17 years of age
  - Under 16 years of age
  - Under 15 years of age
  - Under 14 years of age
  - Under 13 years of age
  - Under 12 years of age

Under 11 years of age  
Under 10 years of age

- 2 Prior to the beginning of the playing season (Fall, Spring, etc.), the Board shall determine the age groups for competition during that playing season.

**Section C. Club Registrars**

All member Clubs shall have a Club Registrar, who shall be responsible for the proper registration of players for their Club. Registration will include obtaining proof of age and assignment to teams. All Club Registrars will follow WYS and NSYSA regulations and guidelines in the registration process.

**Section D. Player Registration**

- 1 All players must register annually through member Clubs in accordance with WYS, NSYSA and applicable Association Rules and Guidelines to participate in all activities of NSYSA.
- 2 No team may allow unregistered players to practice with a team, nor may any coach, Club, or Association official place a player in a reserve status.

**Section E. Registration Procedures**

1. Each Club Registrar shall submit properly completed team registration using the WYS Data Formatting conventions as published by WYS to the NSYSA Registrar by the published NSYSA Registration timeline. The timeline is developed to aid the NSYSA Registrar in meeting specific player & team registration deadlines of WYS and Association as specified by WYS.
2. Failure by a member club to properly register all its teams by the specified deadlines in the NSYSA Registrar Handbook may result in forfeiture of all games played by unregistered teams and a \$250 fine to the club at the discretion of the board.
3. Any Club having a team fold after the NSYSA Scheduling Meeting, which causes a rescheduling of play for the applicable group/division, will be subject to a \$150.00 rescheduling fine at the discretion of the NSYSA Board.

**Section F. Over-age/Ineligible Players**

1. Any team playing a player who is over-age, as classified in ARTICLE 4, Section B, or otherwise ineligible to play, as a result of improper or late registration, disciplinary action, or other suspension, shall forfeit the

- game(s) in which such a player takes part.
2. Any coach, Club or Association Officer who knowingly allows an ineligible or over-age player to participate in any League, Cup or Tournament match without prior approval of the NSYSA Board, shall be subject to disciplinary action, as defined by ARTICLE 13.
3. Waivers for over-age players shall be accepted only upon approval of the NSYSA Board as outlined in ARTICLE 4 Section H.

**Section G. Falsification of Records**

Willful falsification of records, by any person, shall be grounds for suspension from future participation in NSYSA sponsored Leagues.

**Section H. NSYSA Waiver Requests**

1. Waiver requests shall be submitted as follows:
  - a. Requests shall be originated by the player's parent/s and submitted to the applicable Club for its review.
  - b. The Club Board shall rule on the request. If the Club approves the request, it shall then forward the original request along with the Club Board's written recommendation to the NSYSA Board for review.
2. Any coach of or Club Officer who knowingly allows a player requiring a waiver to be registered without prior approval of the NSYSA Board, shall be subject to disciplinary action, as defined by ARTICLE 13.
3. Any waiver approved by the NSYSA Board will only be in effect for that specific playing season. A new waiver must be submitted and approved for any subsequent season
4. If a waiver is granted for a team to be allowed to play in a younger age division for league play, the team must play all post season games and tournaments at the oldest player's age division.

**Section I. Recreational or Competitive Team Formation**

1. Recreational Teams
  - a. All recreational teams will be formed by Club Registrar assignment of players as per club policy.
  - b. Recreational teams will play for NSYSA in NSYSA Recreational leagues.
  - c. Clubs outside the NSYSA geographical boundaries requesting participation in the NSYSA Recreational League will abide by the rules set forth within this document. Registrars outside of the NSYSA must provide a WYS team roster to NSYSA Administrator prior to September 1.

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- d. All Clubs participating in the NSYSA league must also provide any updated WYS rosters to NSYSA registrar prior to Oct. 31.
2. Competitive (Select) Teams
- a. Each club may form a baseline number of teams (competitive or select) per gender and age division starting at the U -10.

Age Group	Maximum allowed per gender and age division
U10	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 six-a-side teams (more with association approval) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nine-a-side teams <input type="checkbox"/> Also, Clubs may offer a separate Academy training program with no formal teams, not competing/overlapping with association rec programs
U11	3
U12	3
U13 and Above	2

- b. All teams formed through a tryout process must play in Association Competitive leagues or higher.
- c. Competitive teams may be formed by a tryout process of one or a combination of clubs within NSYSA.
- d. Each club's competitive team policy will dictate tryouts for the formation of competitive/select teams.
- e. The competitive team will not be allowed to return to recreational leagues once it has been formed through a tryout process. Players from the team may return but are to be divided equally between the available age appropriate or older teams with no more than 6 select players from any team being placed on the same club recreational team by the Club Registrar.

### **ARTICLE 5. PLAYER MOVEMENT**

#### **Section A. Player Assigned to a Team Roster**

1. Each member Club shall have the authority to assign youth players

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according to its own Bylaws and operating procedures provided they do not violate those of higher authority (NSYSA, WYS).

2. Each Club will develop and publish its approved player placement policy. The policy shall include the following: registration dates, criteria for player placement on teams, maximum number of requests the registrar or registration team must try to honor, request criteria that will be considered (siblings, day care, transportation, etc.), how requests are honored (registration date, friend, etc.). The Club policy is due to the NSYSA Registrar prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year prior to Fall League registration.

### **Section B. Player Release/Transfer Procedures**

1. Release and transfer of a player rostered on a team (competitive or recreational) to any other team shall be in accordance with WYS and applicable Association procedures.
2. Transfers shall be allowed up to the NSYSA Registrar's deadline of October 15<sup>th</sup>. Any player rostered on a disbanded team may be transferred up to the NSYSA deadline upon request of the player involved. Transfer of the said player shall be initiated by the Club Registrar of the receiving team.
3. A player may be transferred to another team in a different division or league (i.e., blue to green, Select to Rec, etc.) in accordance with his/her Club policy and the transfer rules of WYS, NSYSA and the appropriate league.
4. Any transfers for post-season play shall be in accordance with the tournament rules and WYS procedures. All transfers for league play must be submitted to the Club Registrar a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours before a scheduled match. The transfer is not considered in effect until the proper form is signed by the NSYSA Registrar.
5. The Association Player Pass, Appendix C, is a tool that allows player movement from Rec to Select Club and Select Club to Regional Club and players to Player Pass to RCL.

### **Section C. Deleting Players from a Roster**

Players may be deleted from a team after the registration is submitted to WYS, in accordance with WYS Regulations.

## **ARTICLE 6. TEAM REGISTRATION**

### **Section A. Team Affiliations**

1. All teams must affiliate with the Club in which its players are registered.
2. If a Club lacks a team for a player(s), it may release the player(s) to another club. Clubs may combine players for the purpose of putting a team into competition, if they lack sufficient players to register a team.

3. Select teams from one club may have players from other clubs who tryout and participate on said teams.

**Section B. Number of Players**

1. No team shall have more than the following maximum number of players registered to it.
  - a. U10-12 soccer teams may have a maximum number of 14 players
  - b. U13 – U15 soccer teams may have a maximum number of 18 players.
  - c. U16 & Above soccer teams may have a maximum number of 22 players on the roster but no more than 18 may suit up and be presented to the referee at the time of the match.
2. No team shall have less than the following minimum number of players registered to it.
  - a. U10 - 12 soccer teams shall have a minimum number of 9 players.
  - b. U13 & Above soccer teams shall have a minimum number of 11 players.
3. Any change to the original roster as submitted to the NSYSA Registrar, may be made only by the Club Registrar, in accordance with WYS and NSYSA procedures.
4. No team shall allow unregistered players to practice with a team, nor shall any coach or Club official place a player in a reserve status.
5. Any team U10 - 12 with less than 14 players or any team U13 or above with less than 16 players, playing in Association Recreational level competition, which refuses to accept any additional players offered to it by the Club Registrar, shall have its roster frozen for the balance of the seasonal year. If a coach accepts an additional player, the club registrar may then add players to the team until it reaches the maximum number of players per each age group.
6. A team shall be considered defunct if it fails to maintain the minimum number of players during the competitive season, or if responsible Club or NSYSA officers determine the team has disbanded.

**Section C. Player Poaching**

1. Any team, during the season of play, whether through its team staff, Club officer, parents, or players, attempting to induce a registered player under the jurisdiction of this Association to transfer from his/her rostered team shall be deemed to have committed a poaching offense Per WYS guidelines, this action shall be subject to action by the NSYSA Board.

2. Scouting of players during the season for the purpose of offering invitations to future tryouts for subsequent seasons is not a poaching offense.

**Section D. Player Fees**

Player Fees per individual player

- a. Recreational Player Under - 10 and younger \$5.50
- b. Recreational Player Under - 11 and older \$11.00
- c. Select and Regional players (all ages) \$13.20

**ARTICLE 7. PARTICIPATION IN SENIOR OR PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES**

**Section A. Youth Eligibility**

1. A youth player will be permitted to play an unlimited number of senior amateur games without losing his/her eligibility, provided permission is sought and granted, in accordance with WYS procedures.
2. Any youth player playing in senior league without permission shall lose their youth eligibility for the remainder of the seasonal year.
3. Youth games shall take precedence over senior games.

**Section B. Revocation of Eligibility**

1. Any player signing a professional contract or playing with a professional team shall lose all privileges of youth amateur status.
2. Permission maybe granted to play in tryouts, benefit or exhibition matches with professionals. WYS procedures must be followed.

**III. RULES OF COMPETITION**

**ARTICLE 8. RULES OF COMPETITION/SCHEDULING**

**Section A. Governing/Pertaining To**

- 1 All teams participating in leagues governed by NSYSA shall be subject to these rules.
- 2 The NSYSA Scheduler (NSYSA Scheduler) will perform all league scheduling functions under the direction of the VP of Competition in accordance with the NSYSA rules and regulations.

**Section B. Playing of Scheduled Matches/Tournaments**

1. All league matches must be played on the day at the time scheduled by the NSYSA Scheduler under the direction of the NSYSA VP of Competition.

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- a. Requests for rescheduling of any match must be submitted in writing and signed by the home club's President or VP of Competition supporting and requesting the reschedule to the NSYSA VP of Competition a minimum of **fourteen (14)** days before the regularly scheduled match time, except in the case of an emergency as approved by the NSYSA VP of Competition who will notify the NSYSA Scheduler.
  - b. Failure of a team to appear for or have a sufficient number of players to legally start a regularly scheduled match will result in the following:
    - i. Forfeiture of the match, as a result of a team failing to appear or having an insufficient number of players (see Table #1 for numbers for each age group).
    - ii. During league play any team having a forfeited game, as determined by the NSYSA VP of Competition and the NSYSA Scheduler; will be assessed a \$100.00 fine for the first occurrence. A second forfeiture may constitute a withdrawal from the league and the team's home club will be fined an additional \$200.00.
    - iii. Should both teams fail to appear or have an insufficient number of players to start and/or fail to have a RMA certified coaching staff member available; both teams will be:
      - 1) Considered to have the game not played within the league standings.
      - 2) Fined according to ARTICLE 8 Section B.1.b.2 above.
2. The NSYSA Scheduler may notify a team that their match will not be played as scheduled and therefore, they will not need to show up for that match. This is the only acceptable reason for a team to be granted prior permission not to show for a scheduled match.
  3. Game reschedules must be approved by the NSYSA VP of Competition. The match may then be rescheduled by the NSYSA Scheduler. It shall be the NSYSA Scheduler's responsibility for contacting the applicable Referee Assignor. Marking of the field and any other business necessary for the completion of the rescheduled match shall be the responsibility of the home team Club.

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- a. Rescheduling of games should be limited and be used only when no other choices can be found. It is strongly preferred that all rescheduled games are submitted within a 14 day window of game day. Rescheduled games must be brought forward by a Club Board member to the NSYSA VP OF Competition. Coach to coach agreement will not be accepted for purposes of reschedule.
  - b. Reschedules for the purpose of accommodating coaches with multiple teams shall be mitigated by the Club. Alternate resources should be used by the Club to eliminate the need of reschedule. Repetitive reschedule of a team shall result in the assessment of a \$25.00 fine should one or more of the conditions below are met:
    - i. Reschedules for other than 'Acts of Nature,' Field Closure, or circumstances beyond the control of a team.
    - ii. Request for schedule change within 72 hours of game day.
    - iii. The third such request by a team for schedule change.
4. No team may participate in any tournament during the NSYSA scheduled season without the permission of the NSYSA Board. League matches have priority over tournament matches, with the exception of the Canadian Exchange and NSYSA approved tournaments.
- a. All teams desiring to play a NSYSA approved tournament must submit their intent in writing no later than the scheduling meeting. Teams participating in the NSYSA Recreational league and approved (see a. above) as participating in the Wenatchee tournament will have the following restriction applied:
    - i. Games may be rescheduled with agreement from both coaches. A \$25.00 reschedule fee will be assigned to the Club of the team requesting reschedule.
    - ii. Teams identified as participating in the Wenatchee tournament will be paired when there is an opportunity, to play against each other and the regular game will be listed as a non-played game. If teams are not to be matched, the non-participating team will be notified of the forfeiture and having a break in their schedule that weekend.
  - b. Any coach, or Club President that does not meet this requirement will be required to appear before a NSYSA Hearing Committee appointed by the NSYSA Board.
5. When league matches are suspended due to one or both team's participation in the Canadian Exchange or any NSYSA approved

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tournament, it will be the responsibility of the NSYSA Scheduler to notify the affected teams through their Club's VP of Competition.

6. No team may participate in any tournaments not sanctioned by NSYSA, WYS, or USYSA during League play.

**Section C. League Format/Formation**

1. The following format for scheduled games shall be used by the NSYSA Scheduler under the direction of the NSYSA VP of Competition. The desired minimum number of scheduled league games for any team in the fall season shall be ten (10) for Recreational and fall Small-Sided games.
2. The desired minimum number of scheduled league games for any other league season shall be determined by the NSYSA Board.
3. Recreational Leagues will be formed with a desired minimum of 6 teams per division.
4. Complete game schedules shall be compiled and distributed by the NSYSA Scheduler via the NSYSA Website.
5. The NSYSA Scheduler under the direction of the NSYSA VP of Competition may, at his/her own discretion, schedule some fall season Recreational League matches to be played on weekdays or on both a Saturday and Sunday on a weekend to ensure recreational seasonal play is concluded prior to commencement of the WYS Recreational Cup Quarter Final and Semi Final games.

**Section D. Scheduling Fees**

1. Scheduling fees shall be applied for the following seasons and tournament play
  - a. Fall League
    - i. Recreational Player Under - 10 and younger \$36.00
    - ii. Recreational Player Under - 11 and older \$100.00
    - iii. Select and Regional players (all ages) \$175.00
  - b. Winter League
    - i. Select and Regional players (all ages) \$175.00
    - ii. State Cup Tournaments \$175.00
  - c. Spring League
    - i. Select and Regional players (all ages) \$30.00 (per game)
    - ii. State Cup Tournaments \$30.00 (per game)

**Section E. Point System to Track Season Results**

1. A ten (10) point value will be assigned for wins, ties, and losses in the NSYSA Fall Recreational Season only.
  - a. The winning team will be awarded six (6) points.
  - b. Both teams will be awarded Points to for goals scored to a maximum of three (3) points
  - c. One (1) point will be awarded to the winning team for a shutout.
  - d. One (1) point will be awarded to each team for ties
2. The division champion will be decided by the number of points accrued during the season as outlined in Section E.1.above.
3. Ties will be resolved as follows:
  - a. First, head to head competition results will be used as a tiebreaker.
  - b. Second, fewest goals against.
  - c. Third, best goal differential: All league games.
  - d. Should a tie still exist, teams will share the placement and the next level of award will not be awarded (example: Tied for first – both are co-champions and a second place is not awarded.)
4. The spring league will be purely recreational with no standings being kept.

**Section F. Providing Season Schedule to KPSRA and NSYSA Clubs**

The NSYSA Scheduler under the direction of the NSYSA VP of Competition will be responsible for providing the league schedule to the KPSRA Assignor and each Club via the NSYSA Website.

**Section G. Responsibility of Marking/Setting up Fields**

1. It shall be the responsibility of each home Club team to provide for the proper marking of the fields.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the home Club to ensure all nets are secure per FIFA criteria.
3. It is mandatory that all fields have goals. (The Referee may abandon the match prior to its start at his/her discretion for lack of nets).
4. Where possible, a "Spectator Line" shall be included. This line is to be two (2) yards from the touch line and run the length of the touchline - from the top of one penalty box (18 Yard point) to the top of the other Penalty Box (18 Yard Point).

**Section H. Reporting of Match Results**

Match results are to be input by a member of each team's staff (coach, assistant coach, manager) no later than 10:00 p.m. on Sunday evening via the NSYSA website, [www.nsysasoccer.org](http://www.nsysasoccer.org) as specified under **Coach: FAQ – How to Submit Match Reports.**

**Section I. Team Standings/NSYSA Sportsmanship Standings**

1. Current Team **standings** will be made available after the first week's matches are reported on the NSYSA website, [www.nsysasoccer.org](http://www.nsysasoccer.org)
2. Tom Higby Sportsmanship standings will be made available after the first week's matches are reported on the NSYSA website, [www.nsysasoccer.org](http://www.nsysasoccer.org)
3. No Standings will be kept for the spring league.

**Section J. ABANDONED Matches**

1. All ABANDONED matches will be replayed in their entirety, forfeited or score at abandonment let stand as determined by the NSYSA Board unless specified otherwise in these rules and regulations. All replays will be scheduled by the NSYSA Scheduler.
2. If a match is abandoned due to the misconduct of one of the teams or a member of one of the teams, that team shall not profit by the abandonment.
3. If both teams have been notified of a scheduled match and one team fails to show, following a fifteen (15) minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the showing team, with a score of 1-0, subject to review by the Board. The referee shall count the number of players present and abandon the game. Penalties/fines shall be assigned as specified in ARTICLE 8 Section B.1.b.2.
4. If both teams have been notified of a scheduled match and both fail to show, within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled match time, the referee shall abandon the match and notify the VP of Competition and NSYSA Scheduler. Penalties/fines shall be assigned as specified in ARTICLE 8 Section B.1.b.2.

**Section K. Miscellaneous**

1. Players wearing prosthetic or orthopedic devices must have written WYS permission to play in such devices before being allowed to compete.
2. No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted at any scheduled match or team practice.
3. Dogs/Pets of any kind shall not be permitted at NSYSA matches.



4. Services animals will be allowed, but must have correct documentation present for review/verification.
5. Saturday games will not begin before 9:00 A.M.
6. Sunday games will not begin before 10 A.M. unless requested by both club teams involved. All games will end no later than 10:00 P.M. Exceptions may be granted by the NSYSA Board.

**Section L. Pre-Game and Post-Game Procedures**

1. NSYSA Game Roster Sheets will be available on the NSYSA website, [www.nsysasoccer.org](http://www.nsysasoccer.org) Coaches or managers may print the pdf document by accessing the website and select the icon adjacent to the game schedule of the team for that day. The ability to print pre-completed rosters is available for each week the team is scheduled to play.
2. Pre-Game Procedures:  
Prior to the start of each game the coach is to present to the referee three (3) copies of the NSYSA Game Roster Sheet. The Game Sheet is to include the Coach/staff name, players' names and jersey numbers as well as the basic game information.
3. Post-Game Procedures:  
At the conclusion of the game, the coach is to acquire from the referee a copy of their team and the opponents Game Roster Sheet. These sheets will be used to report the game results on the NSYSA website, [www.nsysasoccer.org](http://www.nsysasoccer.org), before 10:00 P.M. on Sunday evening.

**ARTICLE 9. PLAQUES/MEDALS (U11 & Above Only)**

1. NSYSA will provide plaques/medals for First and Second Place teams in all divisions U11 & Above age brackets. A plaque/medal will be given to each team should two or more teams in a division remain tied for First Place at the end of the season as outlined in ARTICLE 8, Section E.
2. The **Tom Higby Sportsmanship Award** was instituted to encourage the highest level of sportsmanship within the Leagues operated by NSYSA at the Recreational level.  
Additional information may be viewed on the NSYSA website, [www.nsysasoccer.org](http://www.nsysasoccer.org), FAQ page: **Tom Higby Sportsmanship Award**.

#### IV. MATCH PROCEEDINGS

##### ARTICLE 10. REFEREE AND FIELDS

###### Section A. Governing/Pertaining to

All teams participating in NSYSA governed leagues shall be subject to these rules.

###### Section B. Abandoning a Match

1. To declare a field unplayable due to adverse weather/field conditions at the time of the scheduled match, will be the prerogative of the Referee or the agreed upon official. They will then notify the VP of Competition and NSYSA Scheduler via phone/e-mail within 24 hours of the scheduled match.
2. If the Referee or the agreed upon official abandons a match due to disciplinary actions and/or the number of eligible players on a team drops below the minimums allowed, they will notify the VP of Competition and the NSYSA Scheduler via phone/e-mail within 24 hours of the scheduled match.

###### Section C. No Assigned Referee Present

1. Failure of a scheduled referee to show up will not be the cause for canceling the match, after a fifteen (15) minute grace period.
2. A substitute official should be chosen upon the agreement by both coaches, and his/her decision shall be final. In any case, both teams should check the 'no referee' box when they report the score on the NSYSA home page. It is recommended that each team have at least one licensed referee affiliated with it.
3. In the event a Referee cannot be chosen to the agreement of both coaches, the coaches themselves shall referee, each coach will referee one half of the match, the toss of a coin will decide who referees which half.

###### Section D. Problem with an Official/Referee

1. In the case of a non-licensed official, in addition to reporting the problem in your match report, a detailed report shall be written and submitted through your club and association to the NSYSA VP of Competition. The Board shall have the right to suspend or bar from officiating in matches under its jurisdiction, any individual who, by word or action, displays an attitude detrimental to the Associations purposes and principles, or who willfully violates the Constitution, Bylaws, or Operating Procedures of this Association and WYS.

2. In the case of a licensed official, in addition to reporting the problem in your match report, a detailed report shall be written and submitted through your club and association to the President of the appropriate Referee Association via the NSYSA VP of Competition.

**Section E. Suitability of Field**

1. Upon his/her arrival at the field, the Referee shall inspect the marking of same to determine suitability for play.
2. If the Referee finds that the field is not adequately marked for play, or does not have goals with secured nets or is hazardous, he/she may abandon the match, and report the circumstances to the NSYSA V.P of Competition within 24 hours of the scheduled match.
3. The assigned Referee, shall receive compensation for the abandoned match, and the responsible Club shall be assessed an additional fee for the rescheduled match, if played.
4. Referees may, at any time, be called upon by the proper authority to explain the circumstances applicable to abandoning a match due to field conditions.

**ARTICLE 11. RULES OF PLAY/GAME CONDUCT**

**Section A. Exceptions to F.I.F.A. Law (General)**

1. All matches under the jurisdiction of this Association shall be conducted under the rules of F.I.F.A authorized by the International Football Association Board, and modified by USYSA, WYS, and NSYSA as specified.
2. For U11 & Above, all matches shall not continue with fewer than seven (7) per team participating in the match.
3. The duration of matches, ball size, ball weight, ball dimensions, and overtime periods for each age group shall be as depicted in Table #1.
4. Players which demonstrate the signs of concussion, Appendix E, shall be removed from the game and may not reenter prior to assessment and cleared by a qualified Health Care Professional (HCP).
  - a. Neither coaches nor referees may allow a player demonstrating signs of concussion to continue to play.
5. Attempts to allow a player demonstrating signs of concussion to continue to play will result in the game being suspended until such time as the player is removed. In all matches with a goalkeeper, no player shall make intentional physical contact with the goalkeeper WITHIN THE GOAL AREA, harass the goalkeeper, or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever.

***NOTE: Also included in "having control of the ball" is, if any part of the goalkeeper is in contact with the ball while on the ground it is considered control.***

6. During the match, any player that has any exposed bleeding shall immediately be removed from the playing field (substitution is allowed) and cannot reenter the game until the bleeding is stopped and the blood cleaned off of the player.
7. Zero Tolerance Regarding verbal/physical abuse and /or assault. Refer to WYS Judicial Process.

## **ARTICLE 12. GAME CONDUCT**

### **Section A. Coaching/Coaches**

1. Coaching from the sidelines, giving directions to one's own team on points of strategy and positioning, is permitted in all NSYSA play providing the Coaching is:
  - a. Done from at least two (2) yards behind the touchlines, between the penalty boxes. Coaching may not be accomplished from both touchlines.
  - b. By not more than two (2) persons, one (1) identifying himself/herself as "Coach", and one (1) as an assistant prior to the commencement of the match.
  - c. No mechanical or electronic device may be used.
  - d. The tone of voice should be informative.
2. Both teams shall be located on the same side of the field with teams on opposite sides of the midfield line. Opposing coaches will not enter into the opponents half of the field
  - a. A coach's failure to comply upon request of the Referee may result in his/her ejection.
  - b. All coaching must be done from one side of the field. The coach must confine themselves to their own half of the field at all times. No team may have coaches on both touchlines.
3. Team Coaches/Assistants should assist in ensuring that anyone ejected or asked to leave from a match immediately leave the playing field area. Failure to leave the area may, at the discretion of the Referee become just cause for the abandonment of the match.
4. A coach will be subject to ejection by the Referee without any warning by the Referee.
  - a. A named assistant coach, with RMA certification and listed on the official roster for that team, may then be permitted to continue

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- coaching the team and assume all duties and responsibilities of the coach should the coach be ejected.
- b. If a coach has been ejected, for any reason, the coach will be ineligible to coach until the ejection has been reviewed by the NSYSA Disciplinary Committee. If suspended he/she may not be present on the field or sidelines with the team prior to or during the matches or practices.
5. Any coach who removes his/her team from the field prior to the completion of a match, must appear before a NSYSA Hearing Committee appointed by the NSYSA VP of Administration to explain his/her actions prior to his/her next scheduled match.
  6. Coaches must be RMA qualified and eighteen (18) years of age or older, unless written approval of their club's Board is obtained. An adult must be present at each match/practice or team event if the coach is under eighteen. The adult must occupy a place on the sidelines with the players, and shall be responsible for that team before, during, and after the match/practice. No team will be allowed to take the field unless this requirement is met.
  7. Coaches shall be responsible for their assistants, players, substitutes, and spectators.
    - a. Whenever conditions warrant, according to game officials (Referee and/or Assistant Referee), coaches, substitutes, players and spectators may be asked to move back further than the minimum 2 yards from the touch line to enable an Assistant Referee (AR) to perform their function unhindered and in an safe manner. Such a request is to be honored immediately and without question
    - b. For U11 and above this rule is mandatory. Players and RMA cleared coaches on one side of the field all parents and spectators on the opposite side of the field. For U10 and Below it is recommended.
  8. Upon request the coach shall be required to give his/her name, the name of any assistant, player, substitute, or spectator to the Referee.
  9. Prior to the game, each coach shall print the game roster in triplicate (3 ea.) from the NSYSA website and present the roster to the referee.

The NSYSA Game Roster Sheet must show the following:

    - a. The name of the coach.
    - b. The name of the team.
    - c. The date.
    - d. The game ID number.

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- e. The level/division of the team.
  - f. The name and jersey number of each player.
10. At the completion of each game, the referee will give each coach a completed and signed copy of their opponent's NSYSA Game Roster Sheet.
  11. Game schedules and field locations must be verified by coach 72 hours prior to start of match.

**Section B. Substitutions/Playing Time**

1. The number of substitutions within a match shall be unlimited and be made with the consent of the referee during any stoppage.
2. In any case, a substitute may not enter the field of play until he/she has been given a signal to do so by the Referee.
3. Substitutes shall enter and exit at the half line.
4. Players not on the field of play must remain in an area along one touchline, at least two yards from the touchline and between the penalty areas.
5. All players of a recreational team participating in NSYSA League competition, which are in attendance, in uniform, physically fit and eligible are required to play in the match, or the match will be declared a forfeit.

**Section C. Uniforms/Player Equipment**

1. All uniforms shall have a six (6) inch minimum size number on the back of the jersey. Numbers shall not be duplicated on the same team and will be legible. Players without numbers will not play. All jerseys will be the same color.
  - a. A proper uniform shall consist of shorts, jersey, socks, shin guards and legal soccer shoes. All players will have their jerseys tucked in and socks pulled up covering the shin guards entirely (shin guards must be under the socks).
  - b. Legal soccer shoes shall be those without a single toe stud. Legal shoes are defined by F.I.F.A. Law IV. Exceptions: **NO** metal studs are allowed in NSYSA play. Gym or tennis shoes may be allowed.
  - c. Gloves, tights, pantyhose, long underwear, warm-up or sweat pants, stocking caps, sweatshirts or similar long sleeved shirts may be worn providing such items are form fitting. The jersey and shorts shall be worn as the outermost garments.
  - d. Headbands and wristbands may be worn by any player.
  - e. Bandannas will not be worn by any player.
  - f. Goalkeeper may also wear a soft-billed baseball style cap,

- kneepads, elbow pads, and sweat pants provided such attire is not potentially hazardous to the game.
- g. No other player other than the goalkeeper shall wear kneepads or elbow pads without NSYSA permission.
  - h. A player not in proper uniform shall not be allowed to play.
  - i. Shin guards are mandatory for all players in NSYSA League play.
  - j. It is recommended that all male goalkeepers wear a protective cup.
  - k. It is recommended that a mouth guard be worn over braces (Orthodontic).
  - l. It shall be the coach's responsibility to see that players are properly attired.
2. In the event of two teams appear in the same colors, the away team shall maintain their colors per the NSYSA Constitution Article 3, Section A. The home team will shift to their alternate color or may wear pennies at the approval of the referee that are distinctly different in color than the away team.
  3. If the goalkeeper's shirt is similar to the opposing team's colors, the goalkeeper must change his/her color.
  4. It will be the responsibility of the home team to have a game ball properly inflated, at game time.

#### **Section D. Spectators**

1. Spectators and/or parents, who unduly interfere with the progress of the match, can be warned by the Referee or by a responsible officer of the NSYSA, present at the field. Responsible "officer" shall mean any elected officer of the Club, NSYSA, or in their absence, the coach.
2. Spectators will not be allowed behind the goal area, or within two (2) yards of the touch line, or beyond the top of the penalty box. Persons desiring to photograph the match from these areas shall obtain permission from the Referee before the start of the match. Said person shall not coach, cheer, or in any way distract the players or official.

3. Any spectator violating the Rules of Competition or interfering with the progress of a match shall be asked to leave the field.
  - a. The Coach of the team concerned is responsible for removal of the spectator.
  - b. Failure to do so may result in an abandoned game.
  - c. The Club concerned shall take action to see that the problem does not occur again.
  - d. Spectators and/or parents will be located on the touchline opposite the teams for all U11 and above games. For U10 competitive this rule is also applies.

## **V. DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS**

### **ARTICLE 13. AUTHORITY**

#### **Section A. Authority**

1. In accordance with WYS Rules and Regulations, any player, coach, parent, spectator or person associated with a team that is accused of assaulting a referee or assistant referee shall be subject to the authority of the WYS Appeals Committee.
2. As a condition of association with NSYSA, players, coaches, parents, and member Clubs shall be subject to the authority of the NSYSA Disciplinary Committee.
3. Teams, coaches, assistant coaches, players, managers, Club officers, representatives, and parents shall be subject to the disciplinary authority of the league within which the team is participating, and/or the NSYSA Board.
4. Coaches and other team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained herein, including cautions, ejections and suspensions. Any other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team such as relatives and spectators shall also be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the Association. Any coach or team official shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual(s) at any match that, in the opinion of the referee, is a supporter of that team.
5. A plea of ignorance to any published NSYSA, WYS, USYSA or F.I.F.A. rule shall not be considered an excuse for violating same. Individual Clubs and coaches are responsible for educating their players on the rules.



## Section B. Cautions/Ejections

1. If a player or coach is sent off the field of play for any reason, **he/she shall be considered ineligible to play or coach in the next regularly scheduled game** . Scheduled disciplinary hearing for misconduct resulting in a red card send off or dismissal shall be convened as needed for the purpose of adjudication by the Disciplinary Committee.
  - a. The Disciplinary Committee, using established guidelines, may apply a less or more severe penalty.
  - b. Failure of an ejected player or coach to leave the vicinity of the field IMMEDIATELY may result in abandonment of the match and/or an additional three (3) game suspension of the offender.
2. Games in which the coach is dismissed and no additional RMA qualified staff is present to continue to coach the team, the game shall be suspended.
3. The Referee concerned shall send a written report of any caution or ejection within 48 hours of the match to the Director of the Disciplinary Committee.
4. It is strongly recommended that any player or coach who is sent off, attend the NSYSA Disciplinary Committee meeting scheduled for the purpose of reviewing the misconduct. The Disciplinary Chairman will forward notification of time and location of the meeting.
5. The Disciplinary Committee shall keep records of all players or coaches cautioned or ejected. Players and coaches sent off the last match of the season must have the approval of the Disciplinary Committee before they are eligible to participate in future NSYSA or WYS activities.
6. Penalties may also be assessed for offenses committed by a player or coach before, during or after a match.

## Section C. Notes and Definitions

1. **Caution** – Issued by the **Referee** to a Player for exhibiting unacceptable actions. Shown a yellow card, refer to US Soccer’s “laws of the game”.
2. **Expelled/Expulsion** – Notification by the Referee to a Team Official that their behavior is **irresponsible** and that they must now leave the complex and its immediate surroundings. No coaching from behind a fence or from the parking lot or via cell phone use.
3. **Irresponsible Behavior**
  - a. “Irresponsible Behavior” is a verbal statement or action that impedes, distracts, interferes or delays in any manner a referee (including assistant referees or fourth officials) from the duties of his/her game management.

b. Irresponsible Behavior does not include assault or abuse of a referee under USSF Policy 531-9 or Washington Youth Soccer Operating Documents and Judicial Procedures, (which must be heard by the Washington Youth Soccer Appeals Committee). Irresponsible Behavior is applicable to all participants defined as a Team Official below. Where a Team Official is charged with a violation of USSF Policy 531-9 and/or Washington Youth Soccer Operating Documents and Judicial Procedures, the Team Official may also be charged with Irresponsible Behavior. The panel hearing the charges of violation of USSF Policy 531-9 and/or Washington Youth Soccer Operating Documents and Judicial Procedures, may determine at the same time if Irresponsible Behavior occurred. It is not necessary that there be a finding of a violation of USSF Policy 531-9 or Washington Youth Soccer Operating Documents and Judicial Procedures for there to be a finding of a violation of Irresponsible Behavior. Where a Team Official is not charged with a violation of USSF Policy 531-9 and/or Washington **Youth** Soccer Operating Documents and Judicial Procedures, the Irresponsible Behavior charge shall be heard by the applicable Disciplinary committee.

4. **Penalty Points** – Will be accumulated over the seasonal year.
- a. Cautions (Yellow Cards)/Warnings will be accumulated at one (1) point each
  - b. Ejections (Red Cards)/Expulsions will be accumulated at three (3) points each
  - c. Second Caution will be accumulated at two (2) points each
5. **Player** – For the purposes of this rule, “player” includes the players on the field of play, substitutes on the sideline and players formally on the field who have been substituted out of the match.
- Note** Registered/Rostered players who are sitting on the bench in the technical area, but who are not eligible to play in the match (disciplinary action, injury, etc) are to be considered a Team Official for the purposes of this rule.*
6. **Reports of Misconduct** - Include reports of Cautions (Yellow Cards - Warnings), Sendoffs (Red Cards - Expulsions), or any other supplemental reports submitted by a game official(s).

7. **Sanctions** - The Disciplinary Committee adjudicating a Report of Misconduct may not impose a sanction that exceeds those provided herein (minimums) without notice and an opportunity for a hearing. A more severe sanction may be imposed for more serious offenses. The Disciplinary Committee may also forward any report of misconduct on to any other appropriate committee for action, and shall forward any cases involving assault or abuse under USSF 531-9 or Washington Youth Soccer Operating Documents and Judicial Procedures to the Washington Youth Soccer Appeals Committee.
8. **Seasonal Year** – Is defined in the Washington Youth Soccer Bylaws.
9. **Sendoff** – Issued by a Referee to a Player for unacceptable actions. Shown a red card, refer to US Soccer’s “laws of the game”. A Player Sent Off may not participate in remainder of the game including any handshake following the game or award ceremony following an event.
10. **Team Official** – For the purposes of this rule, “team official” includes anyone officially allowed in the technical area who is not a rostered player or substitute (or substituted player) for the match (i.e. coaches, assistant coaches, managers, trainers) and other medical support persons, together with any other persons formally associated with the team which the rules of competition allow (i.e. parents, other relatives, other spectators).
11. **Types of Suspension:**
  - a. **Game Suspension** - Suspension from a specific number of league and/or state cup **games** with the team the Player/Team Official was associated with at the time of Ejection/Expulsion.
  - b. **Limited Suspension** - Suspension from specific activities within Washington Youth Soccer and affiliates of the US Soccer Federation as specified by the suspending body in their letter of determination/suspension.
  - c. **Full Suspension (time suspension)** - Suspension of defined time duration from all activities within Washington Youth Soccer and affiliates of the US Soccer Federation. A Player/Team Official under “Full Suspension” is not considered in good standing as a member of Washington Youth Soccer until the expiration of the suspension.
  - d. **Indefinite Suspension** - Suspension of a defined time duration from all activities within Washington Youth Soccer and affiliates of the US Soccer Federation until the Player/Team Official has complied with all the conditions of their sanctions as specified by the suspending body in their letter of determination/suspension. A Player/Team

Official under “Indefinite Suspension” is not considered in good standing as a member of Washington Youth Soccer until they have completed all conditions specified by the suspending body in their letter of determination/suspension.

**Note** *A Team Official on suspension barring them from viewing a match shall not be permitted in the complex where that match is to be held. Presence will be banned during the match, one (1) hour prior to the match, and one (1) hour after the match to allow the teams to leave.*

12. **Warning** – Notification by the Referee to a Team Official that their behavior is at risk of being considered irresponsible.

#### **Section D. Disciplinary Notification Procedures**

1. It is the responsibility of the team coach to notify their Club of any reported misconduct. The Club in turn should notify the NSYSA Association VP of Administration. [NSYSA.admin@nsyasoccer.org](mailto:NSYSA.admin@nsyasoccer.org) and the NSYSA Association VP of Competition. [NSYSA.competition@nsyasoccer.org](mailto:NSYSA.competition@nsyasoccer.org) shall also be notified to review team and staff status.
2. Reported misconduct shall be a Referee misconduct report for the match, or a letter of concern by a Club or Association official, another coach or referee.
3. Member Clubs are responsible for ensuring that their members named in the above are aware of the Association’s Disciplinary Policy.

#### **Section E. Noncompliance of Disciplinary Findings**

If an affiliated Club fails to correct a problem of spectator, coach and/or player conduct, the matter shall be brought to the attention of the NSYSA Board. The NSYSA Board will determine action based on review.

#### **Section F. Administration**

1. The Disciplinary Committee shall assess penalties for misconduct in accordance with WYS and NSYSA procedures.
2. Adjudication of Misconduct Reports and Notification of results will be performed in accordance with the NSYSA Disciplinary Policy.
3. The offender shall be notified of his/her right of appeal and the appeal procedure.
4. All penalties assessed on ejections shall be considered open-ended. All records and Disciplinary decisions shall be part of the person's record as long as they remain affiliated with NSYSA. Any subsequent misconduct may be dealt with more severely as a result of this record of history.

5. Any suspension from league matches will carry over to the next regular playing season if necessary.
6. Should a person named in a misconduct report fail to show for a hearing or to notify the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee of their inability to attend, the misconduct report will be acted upon in that person's absence.
7. Copies of misconduct reports and letters of concern will be available at the Disciplinary Committee hearing.

**Section G. Appeals to Disciplinary Committee Rulings**

1. Decisions of the NSYSA Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the WYS Appeals Committee.
2. All appeals must be in accordance with WYS procedures. (i.e. Operating Documents (Judicial Process – Internal Procedures – Appeal Hearings))

**Section H. Referees**

1. The referee is to submit a written misconduct report for any carded Player(s) and/or Warned/Expelled Team Official(s) to the NSYSA disciplinary system per contract agreement, following the completion of the match.
2. Officiating crew other than center referee are to submit a written supplemental report when they have information to contribute regarding unusual facts of the game (fights, ejection of team officials, providing the center referee with facts of which he was not aware, etc.)

**Section I. Class of Infraction**

1. Class I
  - a. Serious foul play - Intentionally handling the ball to prevent a goal or a goal scoring opportunity.
  - b. Serious foul play - Impeding a player, through unlawful means, thus denying the attacking player's team a goal scoring opportunity.
  - c. Foul or abusive language - not directed at another.
  - d. Persisting in misconduct after having received a caution.
2. Class II
  - a. Serious foul play other than those listed under Class I.
  - b. Foul or abusive language directed at another player or spectator.

3. Class III
  - a. Violent conduct.
  - b. Foul or abusive language directed at a game official.
  - c. Racial harassment.
  - d. Sexual harassment.

**Section I. Player-Penalties for Infraction**

1. Players may receive Cautions and Sendoffs.
2. Players are shown cards when issued by the official.
3. A player Sent-Off will be ineligible to participate in their next regularly scheduled match. A more severe penalty may be applied by the Disciplinary Committee.
4. Players that accumulate three yellow cards during the league season will be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled league match. The player will sit out one additional match for each additional yellow card or warning received during the league or cup season.
5. Yellow card accumulation from league play will not carry into state tournament play. Any player receiving their third or subsequent yellow card in the tournament competition will be required to sit out their next match. Proof of a sit out must be sent to the Disciplinary Committee.
6. Suspension Guidelines for Players:
  - a. **SERIOUS FOUL PLAY**

Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match  
Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to:

    - 1) When a player, in a violent or dangerous manner
    - 2) Intentionally holds, trips, pushes, charges or tackles an opponent from behind.
  - b. **VIOLENT CONDUCT**

Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches  
Examples include but are not necessarily limited to:

    - 1) Striking or attempting to strike another player, team official or spectator.
    - 2) Unlawfully entering the field of play during an altercation.
  - c. **SPITTING AT ANOTHER PERSON**
    - i. Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches for spitting at another person.
    - ii. Suspended for a minimum of three (3) matches for spitting on another person.

- d. **DENYING GOAL BY HANDLING THE BALL**  
Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match.
- e. **DENYING GOAL BY OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS**  
Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match.
- f. **FOUL OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE**
  - i. Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match.
  - ii. Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: not directed at another. Foul or abusive language said loud enough for the game official to hear, but not directed at a specific individual. Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs.
  - iii. Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches.  
Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to:
    - 1) Directed at another.
    - 2) Word or actions directed at an individual.
    - 3) Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs.
  - iv. Suspended for a minimum of three (3) matches  
Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to:
    - 1) Word or actions directed at a referee.
    - 2) Word or actions directed at an individual.
      - a) Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs.
      - b) Includes racial harassment, sexual harassment, ethnic slurs.
- g. **SECOND CAUTION/WARNING**  
Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match.
  - 1) Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to:  
Receives a second caution in the same match, resulting in a red card ejection.
  - 2) Receives an accumulation of cautions in multiple games equaling three (3) or more.

**Section J. Team Official**

- 1. May be issued Warnings/Expulsions by the game official.
  - a. Are not shown any cards by the game official.
  - b. The full severity of the disciplinary for the misconduct is applicable.

2. Any Team Official who is Expelled from the field of play is subject to the following:
  - a. Must leave the field of play.
  - b. May not remain in the stadium, complex, or parking lot.
  - c. Will have no contact with the team for a period of one (1) hour after the game.
  - d. Will be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled match. A more severe penalty may be applied by the Disciplinary Committee.
3. Any Team Official that accumulates three (3) Warnings during the league season will be ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled league match. The Team Official will sit out one additional match for each additional Warning received during the league or cup season.
4. Warning accumulation from league play will not carry into state tournament play. Any Team Official receiving their third or subsequent Warning in the tournament competition will be required to sit out their next match. Proof of a sit out must be sent to the Disciplinary Committee.
5. Suspension Guidelines for Team Officials:
  - a. **VIOLENT CONDUCT**

Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches  
Examples include but are not necessarily limited to:

    - 1) Striking or attempting to strike a player, team official or spectator.
    - 2) Unlawfully entering the field of play during an altercation.
  - b. **SPITTING AT ANOTHER PERSON**
    - 1) Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches for spitting at another person.
    - 2) Suspended for a minimum of three (3) matches for spitting on another person.
  - c. **FOUL OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE**
    - 1) Team Official: Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches
      - a) Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to:
      - b) Foul or abusive language said loud enough for the game official to hear, but not directed at a specific individual.
      - c) Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs.



- 2) Team Official: Suspended for a minimum of three (3) matches
  - a) Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to:
  - b) Word or actions directed at an individual.
  - c) Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs.
- 3) Team Official: Suspended for a minimum of four (4) matches
  - a) Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: directed at a referee.
  - b) Word or actions directed at an individual.
  - c) Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs. Includes racial harassment, sexual harassment, ethnic slurs.
- d. **SECOND WARNING**
  - a) Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match. Receives a second warning in the same match, resulting in an expulsion.
  - b) Receives an accumulation of cautions in multiple games equaling three (3) or more.

**Section K. Point Violation**

- 1. NSYSA utilizes a Point System to discourage misconduct by its teams.
- 2. When a Player/Team Official accumulates points as provide for in Washington Youth Soccer Operating Documents (Judicial Process – Internal Procedures – Penalty Code 2.3), the Player or Team Official will be required to attend a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee to determine if the Player or Team Official should be suspended for a term not to exceed the remainder of the current seasonal year and the subsequent seasonal year. The Disciplinary Committee has the option of suspending the Player/Team Official, but allowing any suspended Player/Team Official to participate under probation. Should the Player/Team Official violate the probation, the Disciplinary Committee will notify the Player/Team Official of the reinstatement of the balance of the original suspension. The Player/Team Official may file a petition for reinstatement of their eligibility to compete on any team, or coach within Washington Youth Soccer, accompanied by a nonrefundable filing fee of \$100.00 for a Player and \$250.00 for a Team Official.
- 3. Players that accumulate three (3) red cards/ejections in a seasonal year will be subject to disciplinary actions.
- 4. Team Officials that accumulate three (3) expulsions in a seasonal year will be subject to disciplinary actions.

5. Players that accumulate seven (7) points from red and/or yellow card accumulation during the seasonal year will be subject to disciplinary actions.
6. The coach of a team receiving fifteen (15) points accumulated from cautions/ejections/warnings/expulsions during the seasonal year, will be subject to disciplinary actions.
7. The coach of a team that has four (4) players who received red cards during the seasonal year will be subject to disciplinary actions

## **ARTICLE 14. GAME PROTESTS**

### **Section A. Administration**

1. Protests arising from matches within the jurisdiction of NSYSA will be heard by a NSYSA Hearing Committee appointed as necessary by the NSYSA VP of Administration. [NSYSA.admin@nsyasoccer.org](mailto:NSYSA.admin@nsyasoccer.org)
2. All protests are to be noted in the applicable Match Report. KPSRA must also notify the NSYSA VP of Competition within twenty-four (24) hours of the date of the match to which it relates (Sundays and Holidays included). [NSYSA.competition@nsyasoccer.org](mailto:NSYSA.competition@nsyasoccer.org)
3. Written protest, Appendix E, must then be submitted in triplicate after review and endorsement by a Club Officer. This must occur within seventy-two (72) hours and be sent to the NSYSA VP of Administration, [NSYSA.admin@nsyasoccer.org](mailto:NSYSA.admin@nsyasoccer.org). One copy of the protest shall be sent to the opposing team by the NSYSA VP of Competition within twenty-four (24) hours after receiving the protest. One copy shall be kept by the NSYSA VP of Competition in the event of an appeal to the WYS.
4. Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances of the field shall not be entertained by the NSYSA Hearing Committee unless notice with particulars was given by the objecting team as soon as it came to their knowledge. And an objection was acknowledged by the Referee before the commencement of the match, or during the match should these conditions become altered after the start of the match. The Referee shall require the responsible team to remove the cause of the objection, if this is possible, without delaying progress of the match.
5. The decisions of the NSYSA Hearing Committee shall be binding but subject to appeal to the WYS Appeals Committee. Appeals to the WYS Appeals Committee shall be made using [WYS Appeals Form](#).

**Section B. Protest Procedures**

1. The Referee and the opposing coach must be verbally notified, **upon completion of the match**, that the match shall be protested, except for player eligibility. The Referee shall report the verbal notification to the NSYSA VP of Competition.
2. Upon receipt of a written protest by the VP of Administration shall appoint a NSYSA Hearing Committee to schedule a meeting prior to the next scheduled match, or in sufficient time to render a decision before completion of the current season, whichever is the least.
3. Every protest must be accompanied by a \$75.00 fee, refundable if the protest is upheld. (The \$75.00 fee cannot be a personal check.)
4. In the matter of protest, no party (player, parent, spectator, coach, team, Club, etc.) shall engage any legal counsel until all avenues of approach to protests are exhausted through the regular channels of organized soccer.
5. The Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the play of the match, and those prerogatives granted to the Referee by the "Laws of the Game" as published by F.I.F.A. shall not be challenged.
6. Only violations of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of this Association, WYS, and misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" as published by F.I.F.A. shall be proper subjects to consider for protest or appeal.
7. Coaches or representatives of the teams involved in a protest as well as the match officials (Referee and Assistant Referees) shall be invited to the meeting of the NSYSA Hearing Committee. In the event invited parties, duly notified fail to appear, NSYSA Hearing Committee decisions will be rendered based on information available at that time.
8. The order of business shall be:
  - a. Introduction of all parties present.
  - b. Reading of the protest by the NSYSA Hearing Committee Chair.
  - c. Statement by a representative of the protesting team.
  - d. Statement by a representative of the opposing team.
  - e. Statement by the game official(s).
  - f. Questioning by the NSYSA Hearing Committee if desired.
  - g. Ruling on the protest by the Committee (in absence of any witnesses or spectators).
  - h. Informing teams involved of NSYSA Hearing Committee's decision shall be done in writing.

- i. The protest fee shall then be forfeited to NSYSA in the event the protest is denied and shall be returned if upheld. Persons required to attend proceedings, but found not at fault, will be reimbursed at a rate of twenty-five (25) cents per mile.
9. In dealing with any protest the NSYSA Hearing Committee may take into consideration the possession of the protesting team of any knowledge, which if properly used, might have obviated the protest.
10. All debate among the Committee members concerned with the protest shall be held in private.
11. Decisions made by the Committee shall be in writing; one copy to be retained by the Association and one copy to each party involved.

**Section C. Appealing Findings of the NSYSA Hearing Committee**

1. Decisions of the NSYSA Hearing Committee may be appealed to the WYS Appeals Committee. All appeals must be filed within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of written notification of the Committee's decision.
2. The decisions of the NSYSA Hearing Committee shall be binding but subject to appeal to the WYS Appeals Committee. Appeals to the WYS Appeals Committee shall be made using [WYS Appeals Form](#)

**VI. ADMINISTRATION Governance Issue Should be in Bylaws**

**ARTICLE 15. STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Section A. Current Standing Committees**

The following Standing Committees have been authorized by the NSYSA Board of Directors:

- a. Disciplinary Committee
- b. Nominating Committee
- c. Risk Management Committee
- d. Development Committee
- e. Soccer To The Max Committee
- f. WYS Recreation Cup Committee

**Section B. Disciplinary Committee**

The Disciplinary Committee is the responsibility of the VP of Administration.

- a. The Disciplinary Committee shall handle match related misconducts and protests.
- b. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Director and three (3) to five (5) members.
  - i. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

- ii. No member shall sit as a member adjudicating an incident involving a bracket in which they or any member of their family are involved.
- c. The Disciplinary Committee shall meet weekly, as needed, throughout the season.
- d. All debate among the Committee members concerned with the disciplinary action shall be held in private.
- e. A member of the Disciplinary Committee may represent no more than one organization. No person sitting on a possible appeal board may sit on the NSYSA Disciplinary Committee as a voting member.

**Section C. Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is the responsibility of the Secretary.

- a. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Director and as many other members deemed necessary by the NSYSA Board.
- b. The Nominating Committee shall collect and maintain a record of nominations for Executive Board positions.

**Section D. Risk Management Committee**

The Risk Management Committee is the responsibility of the NSYSA Registrar.

- a. The Risk Management Committee shall consist of a Director and as many other members deemed necessary by the NSYSA Board.
- b. The Risk Management Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that all administrators, other volunteers, or employees at the Association level have completed the Employee/Volunteer Background Check.
- c. The Risk Management Committee shall apply the process as specified in the most current WYS Administrative Handbook.

**Section E. NSYSA Soccer To The Maxx Committee - STTM**

The STTM committee is the responsibility of the NSYSA VP of Competition.

- a. The STTM committee shall consist of a Director and a committee of members' representative of the Clubs within NSYSA.
- b. The STTM committee shall determine a date the tournament will be scheduled to occur prior to the August NSYSA Scheduling meeting.
- c. The STTM committee shall determine the age divisions eligible to participate in the tournament.

**Section F. WYS Recreation Committee**

- 1. The NSYSA representative to the WYS Recreation committee is the responsibility of the VP of Competition.

2. The NSYSA Recreation committee is the responsibility of the VP of Competition.
  - a. The NSYSA Recreation committee consists of a Director and a committee of members' representative of the Clubs within NSYSA.
  - b. The NSYSA Recreation committee shall determine a date the tournament will be scheduled to occur prior to the August NSYSA Scheduling meeting.
  - c. The NSYSA Recreation committee representative to WYS shall communicate all information pertinent to the scheduling and progression of the tournament to the Association members.

## **ARTICLE 16. RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

### **Section A. Administrative Procedures**

The following steps define the processing required for NSYSA to be in compliance with WYS Risk Management requirements:

- a. The Secretary shall compile and maintain a roll of all NSYSA administrators, volunteers, and employees. This roll shall contain the full name and birth date of each member listed.
- b. Each NSYSA officer shall be responsible for providing full name and birth date information of administrators, volunteers, and employees that fall within his or her area of responsibility to the Secretary. In addition, the Secretary shall be kept informed of any changes, additions, or deletions.
- c. The Secretary shall provide a current copy of the NSYSA Roll to the NSYSA Risk Management Committee Director any time that the roll changes.
- d. The NSYSA Risk Management Committee Director shall check the roll to ensure that all administrators, volunteers, or employees listed have completed the Employee/Volunteer Background Check process as specified in the most current WYS Administrative Handbook.
- e. The NSYSA Risk Management Committee Director shall inform the NSYSA Registrar of any administrators, volunteers, or employees listed on the roll that has not completed the required Risk Management process.
- f. The NSYSA Registrar shall contact any administrator, volunteer, or employee identified as not having completed the required Risk Management Process, assess the situation, and take appropriate action. This action can be any of the following:
- g. Inform that person that he or she may not participate as a NSYSA

administrator, volunteer, or employee until the situation has been resolved. In this case, the Commissioner shall be informed of the action taken.

- h. Instruct that person how to begin the Risk Management Process and inform that person that he or she may not participate as a NSYSA administrator, volunteer or employee until he or she has completed the Risk Management Process. In this case, both the Commissioner and the NSYSA Risk Management Committee Director shall be informed.
- i. Allow that person to participate if it is positively determined that he or she has satisfactorily submitted the Risk Management paperwork to the state and the state has confirmed that the individual is cleared to participate. In this case, the NSYSA Risk Management Committee Director shall be informed of action taken.

## **ARTICLE 17. AD HOC COMMITTEES**

### **Section A. Ad Hoc Committees**

- 1. Ad Hoc Committees are formed for a specific purpose, case, or situation at hand and for no other.
- 2. NSYSA Hearing Committee will be an Ad Hoc Committee within NSYSA.

### **Section B. NSYSA Hearing Committee**

- 1. The NSYSA Hearing Committee is the responsibility of:
  - a. The NSYSA President when the committee is convened by the NSYSA President.
  - b. The NSYSA VP of Administration. When the committee is convened by the NSYSA VP of Administration.
- 2. The committee shall consist of:
  - a. The Chair will be appointed by the convening authority. The convening authority may determine to appoint their self as the chair.
  - b. At least 3 but no more than 5 members appointed by the convening authority in addition to the chair.
    - 1) Member Association Representatives may be appointed to the committee, but not if the hearing involves their association.
    - 2) The committee may be convened to hear matters as specified in the NSYSA Operating Procedures.
    - 3) The committee will follow the hearing procedures delineated in WYS Rule 602 (Protests, Appeals, and Administrative Hearings).

**VII. APPENDIXES**

**APPENDIX A. NSYSA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

**Section A. Overview.**

1. The NSYSA Sportsmanship Award is to honor those teams who are recognized from within the NSYSA soccer community for their outstanding display of sportsmanship.

**Section B. Rating System:**

1. Teams are rated on their sportsmanship in each week's game when the opposing team reports the game scores and the referee files the game report on the NSYSA website.
2. Points awarded in each category range are: 4, 3, 2, and 1.
3. Point definitions are: 4 = excellent. 1 = poor

**Section C. Evaluation**

Teams (Players, Coaching Staff and Spectators) will be evaluated on the following:

- a. Players – Players will be rated on their actions both physical and verbal on and off the field towards their teammates, opponents and officials.
- b. Coaching Staff – They will be rated on their actions both physical and verbal on and off the field towards their players, parents, opponents and officials.
- c. Spectators / Parents - They will be rated on their actions both physical and verbal on and off the field towards their players, other spectators/parents, opponent team (players, coaches, spectators), and the officials.



## **Appendix B: NSYSA ASSOCIATION PLAYER PASS PROCEDURE**

Ref: WYS Rules of Competition - Internal Procedures, Revision June 7 2014

- A. The Association Player Pass is a tool that allows player movement from Rec to Select Club and Select Club to Regional Club and players to Player Pass to RCL. The Association player pass will:
1. Provide developmental opportunities for players
  2. Allow for more participation of players that may otherwise choose another sport
  3. Educate families on the different levels of play in the Player Pathway
  4. Enhance the level of play at all levels - enhancing RCL with more talent; players developing via Player Pass at RCL and returning to Rec or Select will enhance that level as well.
- B. Administration:
1. Players Passes may be used to go UP in level of play (i.e. from Rec, Select or RCL).
  2. Players Passes may be used to go UP in age of play (i.e. from U14 to U15, etc.)
  3. Within a level to upper division or age within League.
    - a. Tracking of players utilizing a Player Pass would be identified by their home Rec or Select team and must be tracked and reported on at the Club level. The borrowing Club will report playing time each week to the loaning Club.
    - b. Receiving team must report to loaning team weekly.
  4. Receiving Clubs utilizing the play pass process are responsible to report to the Loaning Club the playing time of each player utilized as a play up.
  5. The reporting shall be on a weekly basis.
  6. Failure to provide this information may result in the loaning club rescinding their approval for those players to play up.
- C. Approval Request Time Frames:
1. All requests will be initiated no later than five (5) days prior to the weekend in which the play up player is desired.
  2. All actions of the below Approval Process, Item 4, will be complete and the final request mailing will be forwarded to the NSYSA Registrar no later than three (3) days prior to the weekend in which the play up player is desired.
  3. Failure to meet these timelines will result in denial of the request.
  4. All emergent requests, which fall inside the specified timelines, will require approval of the NSYSA President or NSYSA VP of Competition. No Exceptions!

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D. Approval process:

1. The request shall be initiated by the Requesting club to the Loaning team coach/Club
2. First approval should be by email from the coach of player playing up
3. Second approval should be from club president/VP of Competition of the player playing up
4. Third, copied on all e-mails should be, at a minimum; the coach of player playing up, coach using passed player, originating club president, and others as defined by league or Association rules.
5. Player Pass requests for players used to go up in age level two years or greater must have a statement in the approval mailing from the requesting coach stating the following:
  - a. That it has been determined that the play up of the player will not be harmful to the player due to the differences of age and size.
  - b. That it has been determined that the play up of the player will provide a opportunity for competitive play with consideration for the disparity of age and size.
6. A final copy of all correspondence shall be forwarded to the NSYSA VP of Competition.
7. The organization that administers the league or tournament will determine whether use of the player pass is permitted and, if so, any special conditions attaching to it e.g. rules of application, including any special permissions and communication requirements.

Violation of the spirit of the rule will result in a suspension of the use of the Pass for that team and a fine levied by the appropriate governing body of the league.
8. Players using the Club/Player Pass should have a participatory target (maximum 35) of Washington Youth Soccer sanctioned matches in league and State Cup play during that year period.
9. The Game Rosters must be noted for player pass use. CPP (Club Player Pass) is a column that the approved roster has for noting the player using the Pass. If you're using Korrio or Bonzi rosters, please write CPP next to the name of the player using the pass.
10. Players using a Player Pass may play a maximum of 2 games per weekend and 1.5 games per day
11. Club/Player Passes utilized for player development cannot violate the WA Youth Soccer roster limits for team play.

- E. Clubs utilizing the play pass process are responsible to report the playing time of each player utilized as a play up.
1. The reporting shall be on a weekly basis.
  2. Failure to provide this information may result in the loaning club resending their offer for those players to play up.

**\*\*NOTE:** The intent of this proposal is to enable and simplify the use of the Player Pass from Rec to Select, Select to RCL, or younger to older, within the Club and/or Association irrespective of dissimilar Club IDs.

**APPENDIX C: REQUEST OF HEARING FOR DISCIPLINARY**

**Please attach copies of both game rosters to your Hearing Request**

**A. Individual / Organization Requesting the Hearing:**

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Opposing Individual / Organization Requesting the Hearing:**

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**C. Match Number:**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Please Describe the Claimed Errors:**

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E. List Rules or Procedures You Claim Were Violated, Including Rule/Procedure Numbers:

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F. Please State Briefly the Desired Resolution:

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The request for hearing must be submitted within 48 hours of the event being protested. See NSYSA Youth Soccer Operating Procedure Game Protest – Article 13, Section F; Administration

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Request of Hearing has been sent to:

Northwest Sound Youth Soccer Association  
Attention: Disciplinary Committee  
PO Box 1142  
Silverdale, WA 98383

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

I further certify that a true and correct copy of this Request of a Request for Hearing has been sent to the Disciplinary Committee Chairman via email: [disciplinary@NSYSASoccer.org](mailto:disciplinary@NSYSASoccer.org)

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

Signature of requester: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX D: REQUEST FOR A HEARING IN PROTEST**

**Please attach copies of both game rosters to your Protest Hearing Request when applicable**

**A. Individual / Organization Requesting the Hearing:**

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Opposing Individual / Organization Requesting the Hearing:**

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Match Number:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Please Describe the Claimed Errors:**

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F. Please State Briefly the Desired Resolution:

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The request for hearing in protest must be submitted within 48 hours of the event being protested. See NSYSA Youth Soccer Operating Procedure Game Protest – Article 14, Section B; Game Protest. If a match will be protested, the referee and opposing coach must be notified at the conclusion of the match that a protest will be filed.

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Notice of Protest, together with appropriate protest fee in the amount of \$75.00 (in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable to Northwest Sound Youth Soccer) has been sent:

Northwest Sound Youth Soccer Association  
Attention: VP of Administration  
PO Box 1142  
Silverdale, WA 98383

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

I further certify that a true and correct copy of this Request of a Notice of Protest has been sent to all parties listed in the Operating Procedures Game Protest – Article 14, Section B.7.

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

Signature of requester: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Appendix E:**

# **Guidance for “Heading the Ball”**

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References:

- a: USSF Initiative “Player Development” 2016
- b: USSF Guidance for “Heading the Ball”
- c: Recognize to Recovery - December 2015
- d: Recognize to Recovery Update - 02 December 2015
- e: WASRC Policy on Safety

### **General Guidelines for Heading the ball:**

U.S. Soccer has taken a lead in education, research and proposing rule changes in the area of concussion management and protocols, and has been at the forefront of concussion prevention.

These changes are recommended for U.S. Soccer’s youth members. Washington Youth Soccer has determined that the implementation of these rules is in the best interest of our players and the game of soccer. They are based on the advice of the U.S. Soccer medical committee, and therefore U.S. Soccer strongly urges that they be followed.

- **These new rules will take effect on Jan. 1, 2016.**

If a player suffers a significant blow to the head and is removed from the game to be evaluated for a suspected concussion or head injury; the rules mandate that a Health Care Professional (HCP) must evaluate a player, using prescribed concussion protocol, for all players that display the symptoms of a concussion.

### **Coaches’ Responsibility:**

For U10; coaches shall not train or allow players to head the ball during practice or league play. Attempts by players to head the ball must be corrected. And the player must be encouraged not to attempt to head a ball for any reason.

### **There is no exception to this implementation!**

For ages U11 thru U13; coaches shall limit the activity of heading the ball during practice sessions. During games, the activity of heading the ball should be allowed cautiously and with constraints, that limit the activity of heading the ball.



**Referee Responsibility:**

Statements from reference “e” expand and clarify referee powers and duties concerning safety. These statements do not alter or conflict with any Laws of the Game or other instructions from USSF or FIFA. These statements are endorsed by the Washington State Referee Committee, Washington Youth Soccer Association and Washington Adult Soccer Association. These instructions are policy and will be followed by all USSF Certified Referees in the State of Washington and will be implemented in all USSF Sanctioned youth games.

**Article I Concussions:**

1. If the referee suspects a participant in their youth game is demonstrating symptoms of concussion:
  - a. The referee must immediately stop play if the ball is still in play
  - b. The participant must leave the field, with assistance if necessary, before play can be resumed
  - c. The referee MUST advise both coach and player that by Washington Law, future participation in sports requires that they cannot return to play until the athlete has been evaluated by a licensed health care provider and received a written clearance to play
  - d. Once off, the participant is no longer a player, substitute or substituted player; and the athlete is disqualified from further participation in this game
  - e. At the conclusion of the game, the referee must file a report with the appropriate State Association containing all the details of the incident and data to clearly identify the participant involved. The referee must also confirm that both the coach and player have been informed about the return to play requirements of Washington Law.
  - f. Referees are in no way responsible for events that may have occurred in prior or following games where they are not an assigned official
2. No coach shall permit a player who has been removed from a game for a concussion assessment to RTP until cleared to do so by an HCP.
3. If a coach continues to seek to allow a player, who been removed from a game for a concussion assessment, to re-enter the game, the referee shall allow the player to return to the field but shall:
  - a. Not restart play
  - b. Direct the player to leave the field of play and
  - c. Direct the coach to remove the player and select a substitute.
  - d. If a coach seeks to allow a player to re-enter the game, that has been removed from a game for a concussion assessment and who has not been cleared to medically by a

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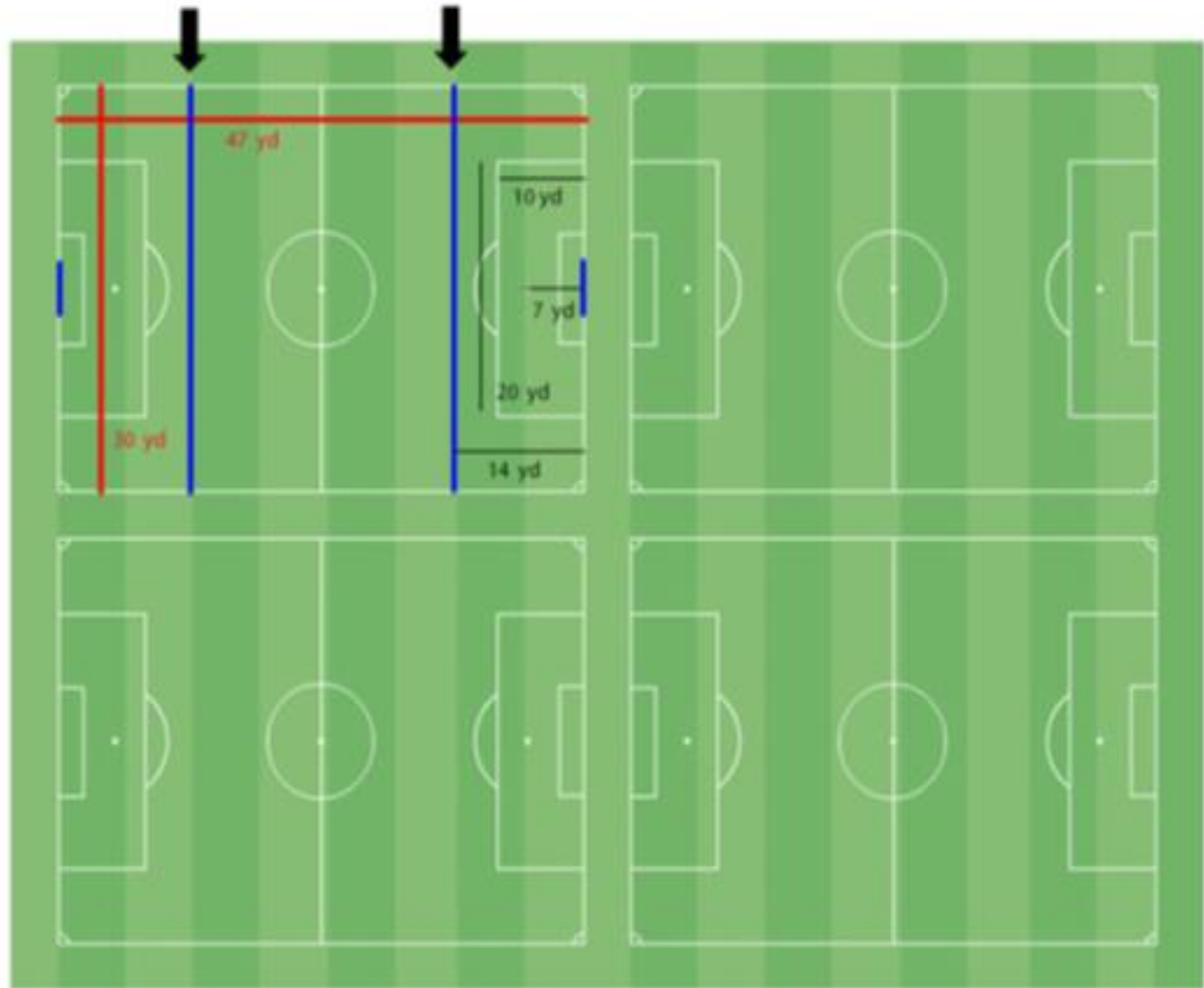
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qualified HCP, the referee shall issue a warning to the coach. If a coach persists in seeking to allow such player to re-enter the game after having been issued a warning, the referee shall be entitled to take such other disciplinary measures as are permitted.

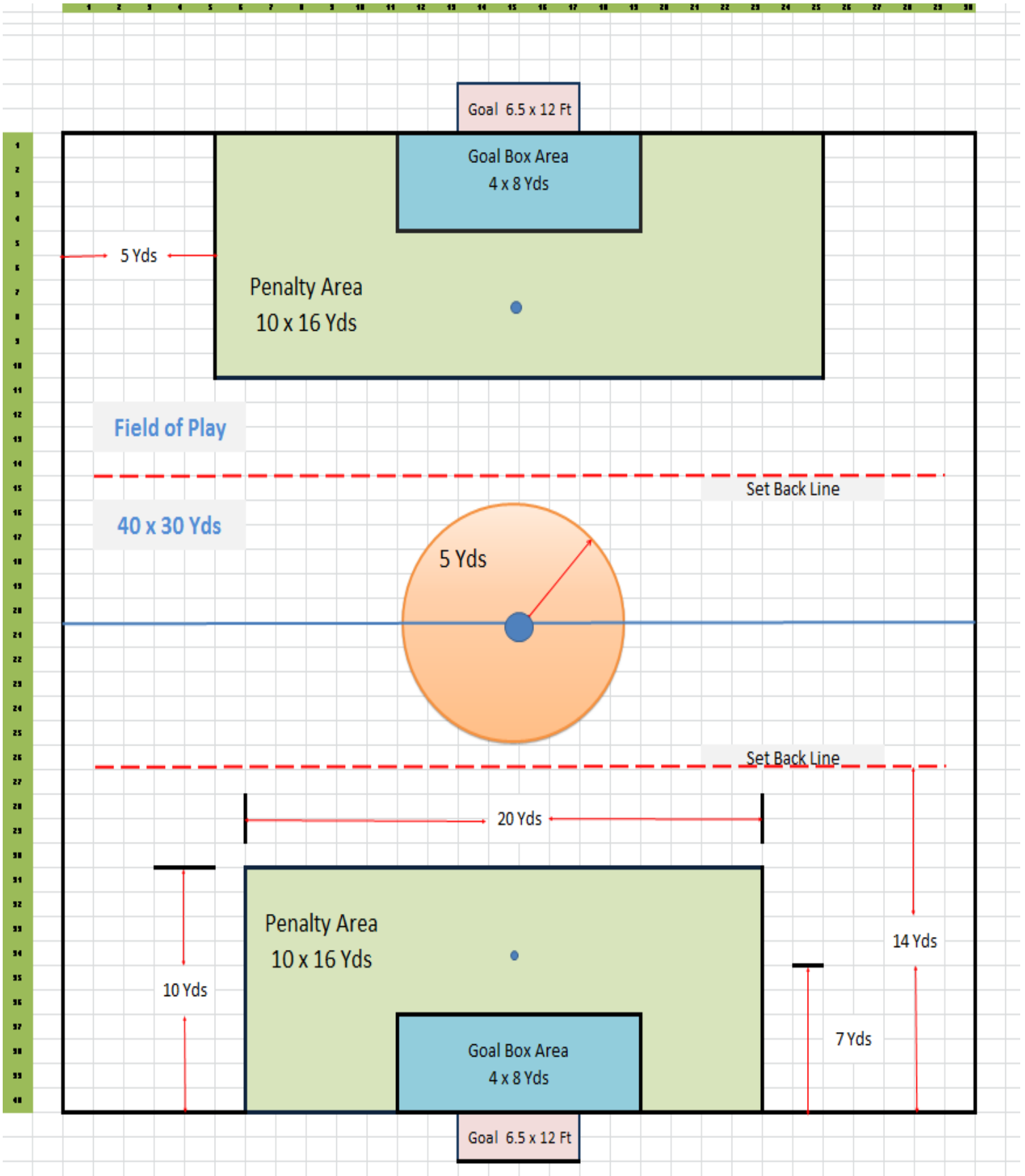
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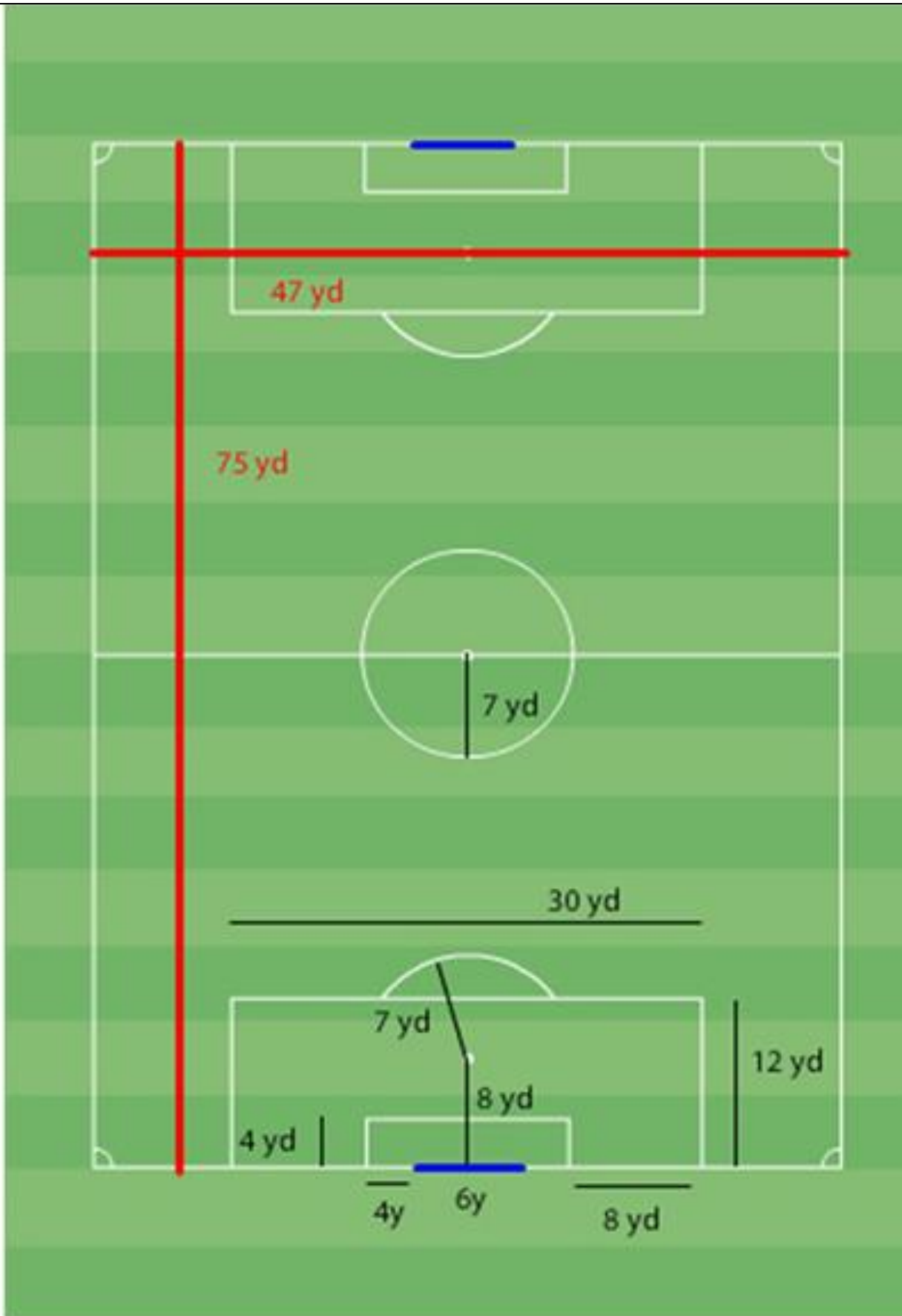
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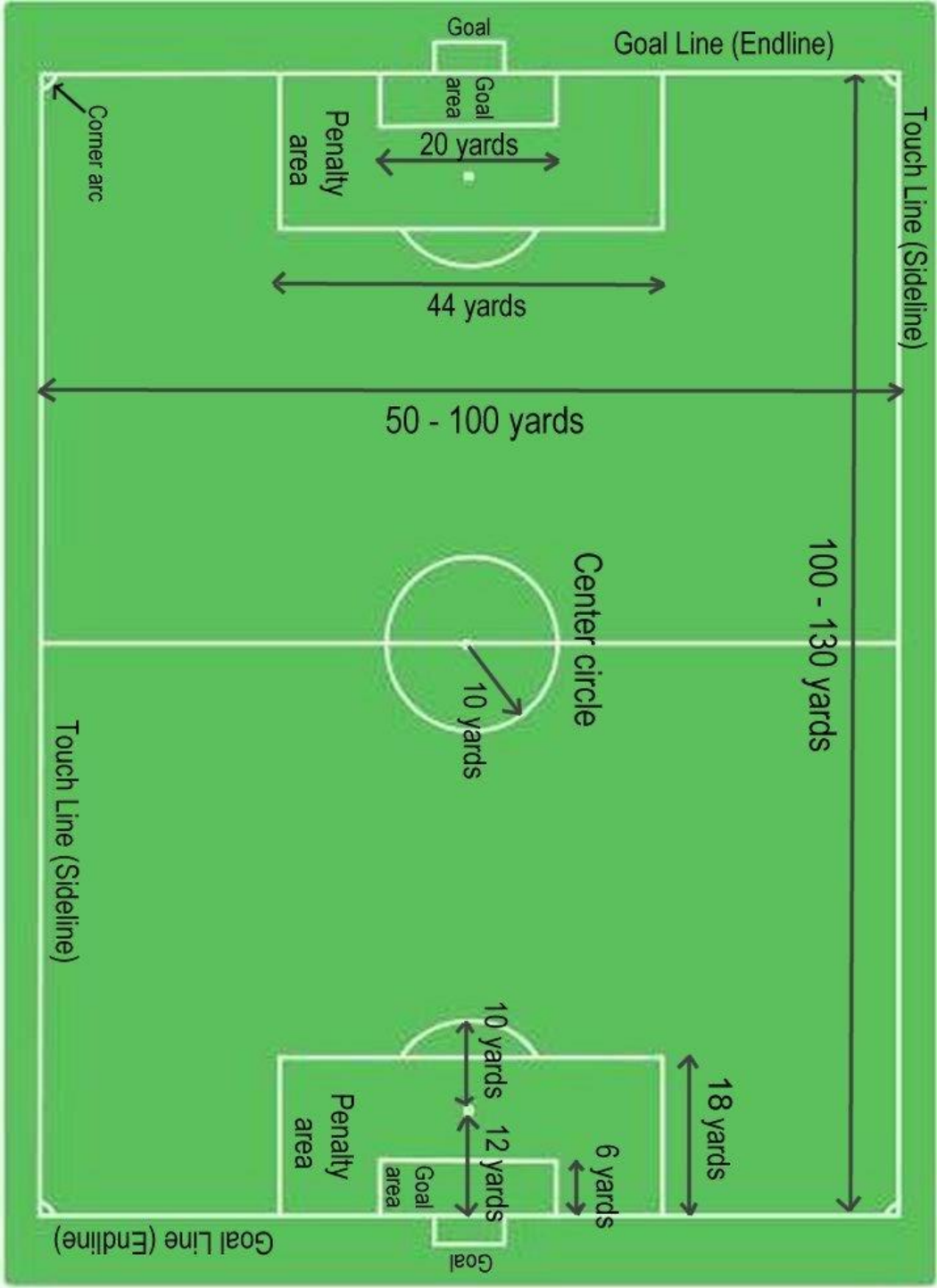
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# Field Sizes - 9 v 9 - U11 and U12



# Field Sizes - 11 v 11 - U13 and up



# Consideration - 9 v 9 overlay on 11v11

Two 9v9 fields configured perpendicular to 11v11 lines

