



# NORTHWEST SOUND YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION NSYSA

Subj: NSYSA Monthly Board Meeting

Date: 08-05-2019

**Location:**

All Star Lanes  
10710 Silverdale Way NW  
Silverdale, WA 98383

**In Attendance**

**NSYSA Board:**

President - Darcy Buell - Present  
VP of Admin - Val Corden - Present  
Competition - Bob Bjornemo - Present  
VP of Awards - Naomi Carrier - Excused

Registrar - Susie McGill - Present  
Treasurer - Liming McMillian - Excused  
Secretary - Kent Hassebrock - Present

**Club Representatives:**

BIYSC - Greg Troyan - Present  
BSC - Jason Rosken - Present  
CKSC - Chris Hunt - Present  
JCSC - Jennifer Banks - Absent  
KAFC - Chris Warthen - Present

NKSC - Ken Markaryan - Present  
NMYSC - Jason Henningson - Present  
SKSC - Ryan DeCrona - Present  
TSC - Michelle Luley - Present

**Committee Representatives**

NSYSA Discipline - Bob Bjornemo - Present  
Recreation Cup - Louie Bond - Present  
Soccer to the Maxx - Louie Bond - Present  
Documents - Dawn Byron - Present  
Development Committee - **Vacant**

**Others in Attendance**

NSYSA Scheduler - Steve Shively - Present  
GUEST:  
Pat Ryan KPSRA  
Brad Wiggins KPSRA  
Ken Kittbaldwin NKSC  
Peder Berg KPSRA

1. Called to order at 6:33pm  
\* Roll Call - As noted above.



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2. Approval of minutes for 05/2019 Monthly Board Meeting  
Motion: Accept minutes as written: Ken Markayan  
Second: Chris Hunt  
Motion passes 5 approve, 1 object, the rest abstain

Approval of minutes for 07/2019 Monthly Board Meeting  
Motion: Accept minutes as written: Michelle Luley  
Second: Jason Roskins  
Motion passes 9 approve, 0 object, 1 abstain

3. Communications
  - \* Checks
  - \* \$50.00 check from JCSC



# NORTHWEST SOUND YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION NSYSA

Subj: NSYSA Annual Minutes

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## 4. Officers Reports

### President

- \* Car problems
- \* Communications about Safe Sports and which club members will be the POC. Heard from 3 clubs so far. Need to hear from the rest of the clubs. President has been asking for this information. BSC, SKSC, NKSC have completed that. President is the NSYSA rep.

### VP of Admin

- \* Committee reps will submit reports so VP has no report this month.

### VP of Comp

- \* Working with Scott McKee on all misconducts for matches this season. Scott replaced Craig Dean. Read the entire long report on pages 11, 12, 13, and 14 of this document.

### VP of Awards and Recognition:

- \* No Report

### Registrar

- \* Safesports and Heads up programs having issues with the amount of people applying. Modules are taking a long time to load. Safe sports is the one that is needed for the RMA.
- \* Only seeing about 200 coaches association wide, about half of what she expects.
- \* Email from immigrations. Talked to Kelly at the state. The email was regarding citizenship. You can go into your profile and delete that question. Originally, it was used for an international transfer.
- \* Will send insurance certificates for fields out this week.

### Treasurer

- \* Sent report.

### Secretary

- \* No report



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4. Officers Reports (continued)

NSYSA Website Administrator

- \* Submitted report via email
- \* 144 coaches have current RMA's.
- \* Will sent out the read ahead document for the scheduling meeting.
- \* Posted on the website a link via NOA that monitors the weather and air quality.
  
- \* End of officers reports

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## 5. Committee reports

- \* Development Committee (as reported by Darcy)
  - \* Vacant
  
- \* NSYSA Discipline Committee (as reported by Bob Bjornemo)
  - \* Scott McKee is a new member to the Committee and will help input the misconducts into the system.
  
- \* Rec Cup Committee (as reported by Louie Bond)
  - \* Want to have clubs encourage all rec teams to play the tournament. It is a celebration of soccer.
  - \* Do clubs like the current system of having preliminary games within the season or would they like to have a weekend tournament style system.
  
- \* Soccer to the Maxx committee (as reported by Louie Bond )
  - \* Deadline is 10/3 with the jamboree on 10/6. This is for U7-U10.
  - \* Louie will send a flyer to the clubs
  
- \* Scholarship Committee (as reported by Naomi Carrier)
  - \* None
  
- \* Documents Committee (as reported by Dawn Byron)
  - \* Darcy handed out some paperwork from Shannon to the clubs
  - \* Most of the changes are indicated on the first page. They involve Article 11 and 12.
  - \* KPSRA (Pat Ryan) states that the changes listed are edited and not the full FIFA changes, and some of the laws are repeated from FIFA and the laws can be viewed in the FIFA document. These laws are being waited on by the state so they are not officially in the NSYSA document until the decision by the state is complete.
  
- \* Nominating Committee
  - \* Vacant

End of committee Reports



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## 6. Club Reports

### \* BIYSC

- \* Island Shield this weekend for 2005 and above.
- \* Island Cup has 85 teams registered.
- \* Cross fire tournament 23 teams registered of those 10 reached the finals and 7 were 1st place finishers.
- \* Fall rec registration is still underway. No one knows what the registration numbers are!

### \* BSC

- \* 25 teams so far.
- \* 1 select girls team placed 2nd on all three tournaments that they played. They are U17
- \* August 24 and 25 at BHS from 11:00-1:30 is the soccer clinic. The Lady Knights will come out to assist.
- \* First home team Lady Knights team will have teams walking out with the BHS players.

### \* CKSC

- \* Boys U11 team needs 5 players to complete that team.
- \* Coaches meeting was completed.
- \* The academy kicked off 8/5
- \* Membership appreciation celebration was this past weekend. People seemed to have a great time.
- \* Bounce Around Kitsap supported the celebration and would like to give that information out to the other clubs.

### \* JSCS

- \* No Report



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### 6. Club Reports (continued)

#### \* KAFC

- \* Thank you for the people that supported the referee clinic. Next clinic is 8/24 9:00-2:00 at OSC
- \* All Board, Coaches, and Team Managers registered in Safe Sports
- \* 11/2 is the Gala at the Kitsap Convention Center
- \* 11/30 is the Gobbles and Goal indoor tournament
- \* Working with TSC for a young kids team so they have a place to play. They are U9 team. They will play under KAFC until next year.

#### \* NKSC

- \* UK Soccer camps just completes with approximately 70 kids.

#### \* NMYSC

- \* Soccer camp is complete. It was a lot of fun
- \* Coaches meeting was 8/4. All coaches are in place and most coaches are complete in Safe Sports.
- \* Sponsors coming in for the footgolf event on October 12th. Mariners stepped up and donated 4 tickets for the upcoming season. The cost is \$40 for a single and \$70 for a couple.
- \* One team going to the August 24th tournament and going to a pre season tournament at Star Fire.



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### \* SKSC

- \* Flyer sent for the Jamboree. The Jamboree will be used for training for the SS Refs.
- \* The date will be 8/24 for teams U7-U10. Registration deadline is 8/16.
- \* Two SS referee classes at Retsil on 8/13 @ 7:00pm and 8/26 @ 5:00pm.
- \* Approximately 580 registrations.
- \* Kevin McPherson the VP of Comp is asking who has access to Affinity. Susie says he needs to email her.

### \* TSC

- \* 1001 players, with 946 rec players.
- \* 3 teams go to Dungenous Cup and did well
- \* Grass roots training is complete and had 20 coaches.
- \* 122 kids attended the UK soccer camp.
- \* Club covers 50% of the rec cup fees to encourage teams to register.

### \* End of Club Reports



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7. Unfinished Business

- \* Nothing

8. New Business

- \* KPSRA
  - \* New Laws this year. Bob reached out to KPSRA to attend to discuss some of the rules.
    - \* Leaving from the nearest point unless direct by referee. Referees will direct the players to leave at the center line.
    - \* Benches being shown a card is now a law
    - \* Coin toss. You win the toss you can have choice of goal to defend or take the ball first
    - \* Dropped ball. All drop balls are uncontested. All players need to be 4 yards away. If it is stopped in the penalty area, the keeper always gets the ball.
    - \* Rewrote the hand ball rule. It has a better description.
    - \* Defending team kicks a free kick, the ball needed to leave the penalty area before it could be attacked, now as soon as the ball is put in play they can attack
    - \* Wall of at least 3 players attacking players must be at least 1yd from the wall.
    - \* Goal keeper on a penalty kick needs part of one foot on the line, not both feet on the line.
    - \* Throw ins, opponents must be 2 yards from the line regardless of where the thrower is throwing.
  - \* Invoicing will come out this week. The invoice is based on an average of the number of games from last year. An update will be sent out each month on the 15th with how many games have been charged.  
Peder Berg is the Treasurer. Peder's email is: [treasurer@kpsra.com](mailto:treasurer@kpsra.com)
  - \* Referee fees have gone up this year. The fees are posted on the website. Increase is 3% from last year.
  - \* Had a new referee clinic on July 27th. There were 28 new referees, with 26 being local The next class is the 18th of August. 9:00-2:00 at the OSC.
- \* Haille McGill presentation
  - \* Did a presentation of a new website "Home Page" with a link to the NSYSA log in. The website would be [nsysaregistrar.wixsite.com/nsysa](http://nsysaregistrar.wixsite.com/nsysa). If we wanted to customize the website, NSYSA could go through a domain host for a per month cost. Discussion about using the free site vs the per month cost site. Darcy asked Haille to continue working on the site.



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8. New Business (continued)

\* 2019 Mission Statement

\* Northwest Sound Youth Soccer Association

“In collaboration with U.S. Soccer and Washington Youth Soccer, the objectives of Northwest Sound Youth Soccer are to provide a positive impact and support for the members of our Associate Clubs. Through the game of soccer and a commitment to excellence provided by our member Clubs, young men and women will gain experiences that will guide the development of their character, athletic, academic and leadership abilities and their sense of community.

NSYSA is a 501 © 3 non-profit organizations.

Motion: Accept this as the association mission statement (Ken Markaryan)

2nd: Jason Roskins

Approve: 11, Oppose: 0, Abstain: 0

\* Play Down FAQ

\* Process currently has the individual sending information and a letter, in writing, to the state. The state then sends the letter to the club registrar that says the player can be played down. A copy of the letter is also sent to the association.

Adjournment: 8:43

Date: 01 July 2019

Subj: June 2019 VP of Comp Report (grab a cup of coffee)

1. Yet another shout out in support of the NSYSA Registrars bucket. Safe Sports will bring significant changes to our processes and expectations. Please be patient. But do be vigilant and keep an eye out in supporting the progress of this new program. The process will be dropped on us at the final moment of forming teams and associating coaches.
  - A. The reason I bring this concern to you is this:
    - i. All registration and training will begin as Clubs are forming teams.
    - ii. Coaches and staff may not be associated with teams until this certification process is complete.
    - iii. Coaches and staff must be affiliated with the team before tea practices can be held.
    - iv. There will be burps and hiccups in the process.
  
2. We have raised the ranks of our referee community in our area. Will new class be forthcoming? Clubs please assess your area referee pool and look for adequate numbers. Please follow the following link:

New (Grade 8) Referee—Saturday training Feb 9 2019 8am-4pm
  
3. Small Sided Referee and the RMA requirement.

There will be much confusion and difficulty getting our Small Sided Referees ready for this season. We need to start the process a little earlier. I am creating a slide show presentation, which I will forward to all Clubs. It may support the training of your young referees.
  
4. We have several expected changes that have been approved by the Ruling Body of FIFA. The outcome of these decisions has not filtered down from FIFA to USSF and ultimately WYS.

We are waiting this information Washington Soccer Referee Committee and hoping for a briefing from KPSRA.  
A brief synopsis of the rules follows:

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## Free kicks: No attacking players in wall

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The IFAB has approved a rule change which prohibits attacking players- i.e. those from the team on attacking from the free kick - from being in the wall. Specifically, when there is a wall of three or more players attackers are not allowed within one meter of it.

Any attacking player found to be less than one meter from the wall when a free kick is taken will be penalized and the other team will be rewarded with an indirect free kick.

The idea behind the change is to avoid time-wasting and disturbances between players that may result in physical altercations.

The IFAB said: "There is no legitimate tactical justification for attackers to be in the 'wall' and their presence is against the 'spirit of the game' and often damages the image of the game."

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## Substitutions: Players must leave pitch at nearest point

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The rule-makers have struck a further blow against cynicism in the game by introducing a change to substitution protocol.

Players who are being taken off and replaced must now leave the pitch by the nearest point on the touchline, which means we will no longer be forced to endure preposterously slow walks to the half-way line.

So players will have to think twice about how they exit the pitch and, not only that, they must make their way straight to the technical area or dressing room otherwise they risk being sanctioned for unsporting behavior.

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## Yellow & red cards for coaches

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In order to clamp down on difficult behavior from coaches who don't see eye to eye with the referee or their opposite number, officials will be able to show them yellow or red cards, in the same way they do with players.



If, in the event of a touchline melee for example, the offending individual cannot be identified for punishment, the senior coach who is in the technical area will be the default recipient.

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#### Penalty kicks: Goalkeepers must have at least one foot on line

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That hasn't changed with the latest update to the rules, which dictate that the shot-stopper must not be moving or touching the goalposts.

The new rule changes also say that the goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot on or in line with the goal-line.

"Allowing the goalkeeper to have only one foot touching the goal line (or, if jumping, in line with the goal line) when the penalty kick is taken is a more practical approach as it is easier to identify if both feet are not on the line," goes the IFAB's explanation.

"As the kicker can 'stutter' in the run, it is reasonable that the goalkeeper can take one step in anticipation of the kick."

As well as those points, the penalty taker will now be permitted to receive a quick treatment if necessary before taking the kick.

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#### Handball: Accidental offences deemed free kicks

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Essentially, the changes will mean that there will be no goal in cases where the ball accidentally strikes a player's hand before crossing over the line.

Similarly, if a player has accidentally handled the ball and created an advantage or subsequently scores, they will be penalized with a free kick.

Despite the IFAB's attempts, we reckon that this one will still cause plenty of debate and consternation.

The dropped ball is no more. Well, at least not as we know it.

If play is stopped inside the penalty area the ball will simply be dropped for the goalkeeper.

If it is stopped outside the penalty area the ball will be dropped for a player from the team that last touched the ball. In all cases, players will have to be at least four meters (four and a half yards) away.

Here's the IFAB's explanation: "The current dropped ball procedure often leads to a 'manufactured' restart which is 'exploited' unfairly (e.g. kicking the ball out for a throw-in deep in the opponents' half) or an aggressive confrontation.

"Returning the ball to the team that last played it restores what was 'lost' when play was stopped, except in the penalty area where it is simpler to return the ball to the goalkeeper.

"To prevent that team gaining an unfair advantage, all players of both teams, except the player receiving the ball, must be at least 4m (4.5 yds) away."

Also, additional information is on the following website:

**<https://www.espn.com/soccer/blog-fifa/story/3799425/handball-revamp-confirmed-as-ifab-Reveals-new-laws-of-the-game-for-2019-20>**

5. The date for the NSYSA 2019 Fall Soccer Season scheduling meeting is established for 17 August @ 8:30 AM. The location has been set to be Haselwood Conference Room, Silverdale Haselwood YMCA @8:30. Clubs will receive the games to be scheduled and located by 21 August. All schedules will be populated and returned to the NSYSA Scheduler, Steve Shively; no later than 24 August. The schedule should then go live 26/27 August and forwarded to KPSRA for assigning.
  - a. As we are typically ending by 1:00ish, no lunch will be served.
  - b. There is an expresso station @ Hazelwood YMCA and therefore coffee will not be provided. Water will be available.
  - c. Light snacks will be provided.
6. Yesterday we had lightning strikes in the Puget Sound area. As a result some trees were fallen and landed on homes. We have predicted thunder storms for the next few days and I caution you to review NSYSA's policy on 'Severe Weather.'

Please visit the NSYSA website for current information.

# Northwest Sound Youth Soccer Association

## Financial Summary as of 8/31/2019

		FY 2019-2020	
	August 2019	Actual YTD	FY Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Game Fee	\$ -	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 21,455.00
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 1,164.25	\$ 11,500.00
Player Fee	\$ 2,358.65	\$ 18,748.45	\$ 55,128.25
Tournament Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
Total	\$ 2,358.65	\$ 21,622.70	\$ 100,083.25
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administrative Expenses	\$ 88.86	\$ 248.21	\$ 4,482.00
Bank Charges & Fees	\$ 5.95	\$ 29.75	\$ 150.00
Dues/Player Fees - WYS	\$ -	\$ 912.00	\$ 48,206.75
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,131.96	\$ 15,350.00
Scheduler/Webmaster	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 21,600.00
Tournament Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,055.00
Total	\$ 1,894.81	\$ 11,321.92	\$ 99,843.75
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 463.84	\$ 10,300.78	\$ 239.50

**Northwest Sound Youth Soccer Association**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of August 31, 2019

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**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Bank Accounts

Kitsap Bank Checking 62,914.53

Total Bank Accounts \$ 62,914.53

Other Current Assets

Undeposited Funds 0.00

Total Other Current Assets \$ 0.00

Total Current Assets \$ 62,914.53

**TOTAL ASSETS \$ 62,914.53**

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

Total Liabilities

Equity

Opening Balance Equity 64,898.61

Retained Earnings -12,284.86

Net Income 10,300.78

Total Equity \$ 62,914.53

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$ 62,914.53**

# Northwest Sound Youth Soccer Association

## Actuals vs Budget

April 2019 - August 2019

	August 2019	Total	
	Actual	Actual YTD	FY Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Game Fees</b>			
Competitive Program	0.00	1,710.00	7,290.00
Recreational Program	0.00	0.00	7,280.00
Small Sided Program	0.00	0.00	6,885.00
<b>Total Game Fees</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,710.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,455.00</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Late Fee/Changing Fee	0.00	50.00	0.00
RMA-Background Check	0.00	245.00	3,000.00
Small Sided Referees	0.00	869.25	8,000.00
TopSoccer	0.00	0.00	500.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,164.25</b>	<b>\$ 11,500.00</b>
<b>Player Fees</b>			
Competitive Program	41.40	5,782.20	15,231.50
Recreational Program	1,587.00	7,866.00	22,703.00
Small Sided Program	730.25	5,100.25	17,193.75
<b>Total Player Fees</b>	<b>\$ 2,358.65</b>	<b>\$ 18,748.45</b>	<b>\$ 55,128.25</b>
<b>Tournament Fee</b>			
Recreational Cup	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
Soccer to the Maxx	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Tournament Fee</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,000.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,358.65</b>	<b>\$ 21,622.70</b>	<b>\$ 100,083.25</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Administrative Exp</b>			
Communication	0.00	60.00	200.00
Meetings	88.86	88.86	300.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00
Postage/Mail Box	0.00	99.35	82.00
Software/Website	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
Taxes & Fees	0.00	0.00	350.00
<b>Total Administrative Exp</b>	<b>\$ 88.86</b>	<b>\$ 248.21</b>	<b>\$ 4,482.00</b>
<b>Bank Charges &amp; Fees</b>	5.95	29.75	150.00
<b>Dues/Player Fees - WYS</b>			
Competitive Program	0.00	252.00	13,745.50
Recreational Program	0.00	180.00	20,215.00

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## Actuals vs Budget

April 2019 - August 2019

	August 2019	Total	
	Actual	Actual YTD	FY Budget
Small Sided Program	0.00	480.00	14,246.25
<b>Total Dues/Player Fees - WYS</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 912.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,206.75</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Awards	0.00	0.00	2,100.00
Meals/Travel	0.00	131.96	600.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	150.00
RMA-Background Check	0.00	0.00	3,200.00
Scholarship	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Small Sided Referees	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
TopSoccer	0.00	0.00	300.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,131.96</b>	<b>\$ 15,350.00</b>
Scheduler/Webmaster	1,800.00	9,000.00	21,600.00
<b>Tournament Exp</b>			
<b>Recreational Cup</b>			
Awards	0.00	0.00	400.00
Fields	0.00	0.00	425.00
Referee Fees	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
State Fees	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
T-Shirts	0.00	0.00	1,700.00
<b>Total Recreational Cup</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,525.00</b>
<b>Soccer to the Maxx</b>			
Referee Fees	0.00	0.00	430.00
T-Shirts	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Tournament Fee	0.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Soccer to the Maxx</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,530.00</b>
<b>Total Tournament Exp</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,055.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,894.81</b>	<b>\$ 11,321.92</b>	<b>\$ 99,843.75</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 463.84</b>	<b>\$ 10,300.78</b>	<b>\$ 239.50</b>

## NSYSA Webstaff & Schedulers July 2019 activity briefing

- 114 emails received; 118 emails sent since August 1
- Facilitated a successful August 17 Fall Scheduling Meeting
- Sent out draft schedules for Club review August 19
- Sent out Ready to Schedule “G2G” (Good To Go) home games to Clubs August 22
- Re-bracketed (former) 10-team BU-08 Navy on 8/23 into two brackets due to extra SKSC team.
- Successfully programed and forwarded all – current - Comp and Full Sided Rec matches to KPSRA by 7:46PM on August 28.
- 1459 games scheduled to date. (Plenty of Clubs only sent minimum first 5 weeks worth of schedules)
- Thanks to all the Club Schedulers!
- Ten NSYSAsoccer.org users represent 64.4% of the current site activity

Activity log contains the following information as of Thursday August 29th, 2019 at 3:16pm PDT.

Key	Name	Pages	%	Chart
1	Steve Shively	449	16.96%	
2	Gary A Russell	328	12.39%	
3	Robert T Bjornemo	243	9.18%	
4	Jason J Roskens	169	6.38%	
5	Susanne McGill	122	4.61%	
6	Madison Roland	115	4.34%	
7	Harmonie Rose Carter	83	3.14%	
8	Kenneth S Hartung	80	3.02%	
9	Montee Geister	58	2.19%	
10	Theresa Robertson	58	2.19%	
		<b>1,705</b>	<b>64.41%</b>	

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- Worked with STTM and RecCup to update tournament details online.
- Prepped, posted, and updated as needed the [NSYSA September Board meeting packet.pdf](#)
- Ready for Fall!

Respectfully submitted – Steve Shively, NSYSA Scheduler & Webstaff



*Northwest Sound*  
Youth Soccer  
Association

APPROVED 07 MAY 2016

REVISED 14 JUNE 2017

REVISED 06 AUGUST 2018

REVISED 01 June 2019

REVISED 05 AUGUST 2019



## NSYSA OPERATING PROCEDURES

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### Changes to Operating Procedures effective 01 June 2019

- **Article 11 Section C (all new)**: **1:** Referee cannot change a restart decision after play has restarted but, in certain circumstances, may issue a YC/RC for a previous incident. **2:** If the referee leaves the field for a VAR review or to call players back to the field at the end of a half, a decision can still be changed. **3:** Team officials guilty of misconduct can be shown a YC/RC; if an offender cannot be identified, the senior coach in the technical area receives the YC/RC. **4:** If a penalty kick is awarded, the team's penalty taker can receive assessment or treatment and then stay on the field and take the kick. **5:** The team that wins the toss may choose to take the kick-off. **6:** Dropped ball – ball dropped for goalkeeper (if play stopped in penalty area) or for one player of team that last touched the ball at the location of the last touch; all other players (of both teams) must be at least 4m (4.5 yds) away. **7:** Dropped ball if the ball touches the referee (or other match official) and goes into the goal, possession changes or an attacking move starts. **8:** Goalkeeper cannot score by throwing the ball into the opponents' goal. **9:** Handball is defined as and considered an offence when a player: **a:** deliberately touches the ball with their hand/arm, including moving the hand/arm towards the ball **b:** gains possession/control of the ball after it has touched their hand/arm and then scores in the opponent's area, creates a goal-scoring opportunity, scores in the opponent's goal directly from their hand/arm even if accidental including by the goalkeeper. **10:** **a:** Once an IDFK has been taken, the referee can stop showing the IDFK signal if it is clear that goal cannot be scored directly (e.g. from most offside IDFKs). **b:** For defending team free kicks in their penalty area, the ball is in play once it is kicked and clearly moves; it does not have to leave the penalty area. **c:** When there is a defensive 'wall' of at least 3 players, all attacking team players must be at least 1m from the 'wall'; IDFK if they encroach. **11:** **a:** Goalposts, crossbar and nets must not be moving when a penalty is taken and the goalkeeper must not be touching them. **b:** Goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot on, or in line with, the goal line when a penalty kick is taken; cannot stand behind the line. **c:** If an offence occurs after the referee signals for a penalty kick to be taken but the kick is not taken, it must then be taken after any YC/RC is issued. **12:** Opponents must be at least 2m from the point on the touchline where a throw-in is to be taken, even if the thrower is back from the line. **13:** At goal kicks, the ball is in play once it is kicked and clearly moves; it does not have to leave the penalty area. (p 14)
- Article 12 Section B 3: A player who is being substituted must leave the field at the nearest point on the boundary line, unless otherwise directed by the referee (p 16)
- Article 12 Section C 1c: Undershirts can be multi-coloured/patterned if exactly the same as the sleeve of the main shirt (p 16)

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**QUICK REFERENCE FOR FIELD SIZE & MATCH LENGTHS**

<b>AGE</b>	<b>FIELD SIZE YARDS</b>	<b>GOAL SIZE</b>	<b>GOAL BOX YARDS</b>	<b>PENALTY AREA YARDS</b>	<b>CENTER CIRCLE RADIUS (YARDS)</b>	<b>CORNER ARC (YARDS)</b>	<b>PENALTY MARK (YARDS)</b>	<b>BALL SIZE</b>	<b>BUILD OUT LINE</b>	<b>GAME LENGTH</b>
U19	112X75	8' X 24'	6 X 20	18 X 44	10	1	12	5	NO	2 X 45 min halves
U18	112X75	8' X 24'	6 X 20	18 X 44	10	1	12	5	NO	2 X 45 min halves
U17	112X75	8' X 24'	6 X 20	18 X 44	10	1	12	5	NO	2 X 45 min halves
U16	112X75	8' X 24'	6 X 20	18 X 44	10	1	12	5	NO	2 X 40 min halves
U15	112X75	8' X 24'	6 X 20	18 X 44	10	1	12	5	NO	2 X 40 min halves
U14	112X75	8' X 24'	6 X 20	18 X 44	10	1	12	5	NO	2 X 35 min halves
U13	112X75	8' X 24'	6 X 20	18 X 44	10	1	12	5	NO	2 X 35 min halves
U12	45-55 x 70-80	6' x 18'	5x16	14 x 36	8	1	10	4	NO	2 X 30 min halves
U11	45-50 x 70-80	6' x 18'	5x16	14 x 36	8	1	10	4	YES	2 x 30 min halves
U9-10 Comp	35-45 x 55-65	6' x 12'	4x8	12 x 24	8	1	10	4	YES	2 x 25 min halves

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### I. GENERAL RULES

#### ARTICLE 1. GOVERNING LEAGUES

1. 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 shall be 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

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

#### Article 3. DISTRIBUTION / CHANGES TO OPERATING PROCEDURES

##### Section A. Approving Changes

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

##### Section B. Changes Effective

1. No changes 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 or VP of Administration 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 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.

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- Each Club shall be responsible for distributing current NSYSA Operating Procedures to each coach and Club Officers prior to the first match of each season or within 30 days of approved changes.

### II. PLAYERS / TEAMS/ LEAGUES

#### ARTICLE 4. REGISTRATION

##### Section A. Definitions

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

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

- All member Clubs shall form teams of equal age grouping 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:

Age	Roster Size # (Min)	Roster Size # (Max)	Roster # Suggested	# Field Players	# Field Players minimum
U16-U19	11	22	18	11	7
U14-U15	11	18	16	11	7
U13	11	18	16	11	7
U11-U12	9	14	12	9	7
U10 Comp	9	14	12	9	7

- 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

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1. 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 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 \$250.00 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 player takes part.
2. Any coach, Club, or Association Officer who knowingly allows a 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. Waiver 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

1. Willful falsification of record, 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.

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- 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. Recreation 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 unless registration in another League/Association is approved by the Parent Club.
    - i. Scheduling of games and fields will be the responsibility of the Parent Club.
    - ii. Parent Club will forward team schedule to the NSYSA Website Administrator for entry into the schedule matrix for mitigation of field use and scheduling of referees.
  - c. Clubs outside the NSYSA geographical boundaries requesting participation in the NSYSA Recreational Leagues 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.
  - d. All Clubs participating in the NSYSA League must also provide any updated WYS roster to NSYSA Registrar prior to October 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 division.

Age Group	Maximum Allowed per Gender and Age Division
U10	* 4 six-a-side teams (more with association approval) * 2 nine-a-side teams * 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

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- 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 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 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> 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 or 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

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

### ARTICLE 6. TEAM REGISTRATION



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### 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 of 14 players
  - b. U13-15 soccer teams may have a maximum of 18 players
  - c. U16 & Above soccer teams may have a maximum 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 of 9 players
  - b. U13 & Above soccer teams shall have a minimum 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 offer 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 or 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

1. Player Fees per individual player
  - a. Recreational Player Under 10 and younger \$8.75
  - b. Recreational Player Under 11 and older \$18.25
  - c. Select and Regional Players (all ages) \$20.50

**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 or 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 may be 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 will perform all league scheduling functions under the direction fo 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.
  - a. Request for any rescheduling of any match must be in writing and submitted by the Club Scheduler to the NSYSA VP of Competition and NSYSA Scheduler, 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. The NSYSA VP of Competition will then notify the NSYSA Scheduler. All schedule changes must be approved in advance of the request for schedule change by the home club's President or Club designated officer support and requesting the reschedule.
  - 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 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 games, 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 fine an additional \$200.00

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- iii. Should both teams fail to appear or have an insufficient number of players to start and / or fail to have an 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.ii. 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.
    - a. Rescheduling of matches should be limited and be used only when no other choices can be found. It is strongly preferred that all rescheduled matches are submitted within a fourteen (14) day window of match day. Rescheduled matches must be brought forward by a Club Board member to the NSYSA VP of Competition. Coach to coach agreement will not be accepted for purposed 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 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 seventy-two (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.

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5. When league matches are suspended due to one or both team's participation in the Canadian Exchange or any NSYSA approved 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 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 six (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 or 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 SYS Recreational Cup Quarter and Semi Final games.

### Section D. Game Fees

1. Game fees shall be applied for the following seasons and tournament play
  - a. Fall League
    - i. Recreational Player Under 10 and younger \$9 per home game
    - ii. Recreational Player Under 11 and older \$16 per home game
    - iii. Select , Regional Players (all ages), Founders, Presidents, State Champions Tournaments \$18.00 per home 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 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. Thirds, best goal differential: All League games.

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- 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 standing being kept.

### Section F. Providing Season Schedule to KPRSA and NSYSA Clubs

1. The NSYSA Scheduled under the direction of the NSYSA VP of Competition will be responsible for providing the League scheduled to the KPRSA 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 or 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).
5. U11 Rec will have a buildout line and it will be half the distance between Penalty Box and Half-Field Line.

### Section H. Reporting of Match Results

1. Match results are to be inputted by a member of each team's staff (coach, assistant coach, manager) no later than 10:00pm 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 standing 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 standing 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 NSYSA Board. The game 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 ii.

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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.ii

### 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. Service animals will be allowed, but must have correct documentation present for review / verification.
5. Saturday games will not begin before 9:00am
6. Sunday games will not begin before 10:00am unless requested by both club teams involved. All games will end no later than 10:00pm. 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:
  - a. 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:
  - a. 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 10:00pm on Sunday evening.

### ARTICLE 9. PLAQUES / MEDAL (U11 & ABOVE ONLY)

1. NSYSA will provide plaques / medals for First and Second Place teams in all divisions U11 and 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

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1. 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 Scheduled via phone / email within twenty-four (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 / email within twenty-four (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 have a 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 Association's 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 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 VP of Competition within twenty-four (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.

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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 for U12 and Above

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, NSYSA as specified.
2. For U11 and 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 dimensions, and 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.

#### Section B. U9-U10 Comp and U11

1. If goalkeeper punts / or drop kicks, ball will be given to goalkeeper and instructed to perform a goal kick.
2. Using the Head to play the Ball
  - a. Use of the head for playing the ball or attempting to head the ball, "headers" will NOT be allowed for U11 in either practice or during games. The referee will stop play and inform the player that using the head to strike the ball is dangerous and therefore not be performed. An indirect kick restart will be awarded to the opposing team.
3. Opposition can enter build out line area as soon as the ball leaves the penalty box/area.
4. 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.
5. Zero Tolerance regarding verbal / physical abuse and /or assault. Refer to WYS Judicial Process.
6. Violation of this rule will result with an indirect free kick from the original location.

**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.**

#### Section C. All Levels

1. Referee cannot change a restart decision after play has restarted but, in certain circumstances, may issue a YC/RC for a previous incident.
2. If the referee leaves the field for a VAR review or to call players back to the field at the end of a half, a decision can still be changed.
3. Team officials guilty of misconduct can be shown a YC/RC; if an offender cannot be identified, the senior coach in the technical area receives the YC/RC.



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4. If a penalty kick is awarded, the team's penalty taker can receive assessment or treatment and then stay on the field and take the kick.
5. The team that wins the toss may choose to take the kick-off.
6. Dropped ball – ball dropped for goalkeeper (if play stopped in penalty area) or for one player of team that last touched the ball at the location of the last touch; all other players (of both teams) must be at least 4m (4.5 yds) away.
  - a. Dropped ball if the ball touches the referee (or other match official) and goes into the goal, possession changes or an attacking move starts.
8. Goalkeeper cannot score by throwing the ball into the opponents' goal.
9. Handball is defined as and considered an offence when a player:
  - a: deliberately touches the ball with their hand/arm, including moving the hand/arm towards the ball
  - b: gains possession/control of the ball after it has touched their hand/arm and then scores in the opponent's area, creates a goal-scoring opportunity, scores in the opponent's goal directly from their hand/arm even if accidental including by the goalkeeper.
10. Indirect Field Kick
  - a. Once an IDFK has been taken, the referee can stop showing the IDFK signal if it is clear that goal cannot be scored directly (e.g. from most offside IDFKs).
  - b. For defending team free kicks in their penalty area, the ball is in play once it is kicked and clearly moves; it does not have to leave the penalty area.
  - c. When there is a defensive 'wall' of at least 3 players, all attacking team players must be at least 1m from the 'wall'; IDFK if they encroach.
11. Penalty Kicks
  - a. Goalposts, crossbar and nets must not be moving when a penalty is taken and the goalkeeper must not be touching them.
  - b. Goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot on, or in line with, the goal line when a penalty kick is taken; cannot stand behind the line.
  - c. If an offence occurs after the referee signals for a penalty kick to be taken but the kick is not taken, it must then be taken after any YC/RC is issued.
12. Opponents must be at least 2m from the point on the touchline where a throw-in is to be taken, even if the thrower is back from the line.
13. At goal kicks, the ball is in play once it is kicked and clearly moves; it does not have to leave the penalty area. The buildout line is still in use and the team not in possession of the ball must be behind the line until the ball is considered in play.

### 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.

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- 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 coaching the team and assumed 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 two (2) yards from touchline to enable an Assistant Referee (AR) to perform their function unhindered and in a safe manner. Such a request is to be honored immediately and without question.
  - b. For U11 and above, the 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.
  - 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 seventy-two (72) hours prior to start of match.

### Section B. Substitutions / Playing Time

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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 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 sweatpants, 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. Undershirts can be multi-colored/patterned if the undershirts are the same pattern/color as the main shirt.
  - 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.

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- 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 appearing 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 touchline, 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 the 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 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.

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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 relative 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 a caution or ejection within forty-eight (48) hours of the match to the Director of the Disciplinary Committee and copy the NSYSA VP of Administration
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 and copy the NSYSA VP of Administration.
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 defines 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 USSF Policy 531-9 and / or Washington Youth Soccer Operating Documents and Judicial Procedures for there to be a finding of a violation Irresponsible Behavior. Where a Team Official is not charged with a violation of a 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 play
  - 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
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 purposed of this rule.*
6. **Reports of Misconduct** – Include reports of Caution (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

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abuse under USSF Policy 531-9 and / 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.: parent, other relatives, other spectators).
11. **Types of Suspensions:**
  - 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 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 defined time duration from all activities within Washington Youth Soccer and affiliates of 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 VP of Administration.

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[NSYSA.admin@nsysasoccer.org](mailto:NSYSA.admin@nsysasoccer.org) and the NSYSA Association VP of Competition.

[NSYSA.competition@nsysasoccer.org](mailto:NSYSA.competition@nsysasoccer.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**

1. 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 letter 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 card 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. 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. Fouls or abusive language – Not directed at each other.
  - 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 J. 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**
    - i. 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 intentionally holds, trips, pushes, charges or tackles an opponent from behind.

**b. VIOLENT CONDUCT**

i. 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**

i. Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match

**e. DENYING GOAL BY OTHER UNLAWFUL MEASN**

i. Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match.

**f. FOULD OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE**

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

1. 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.

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

1. Foul or abusive language directed at another individual, actions directed at another individual. Includes racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs.

iii. 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. Words or actions directed at another individual that includes racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs. Also includes racial harassment, sexual harassment, ethnic slurs.

**g. SECOND CAUTION / WARNING**

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

1. 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 K. 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.

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2. Any Team Official who is expelled from the field of play is subjected 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**
    - i. 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**
    - 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.
  - c. **FOUL OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE**
    - i. Suspended for a minimum of two (2) matches. Examples include but are not necessarily limited to :
      1. Team Official: 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.
    - ii. Suspended for a minimum of three (3) matches. Examples include but are not necessarily limited to:
      1. Foul or abusive language directed at another individual, actions directed at another individual. Includes racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs.
    - iii. Team Official: Suspended for a minimum of four (4) matches. Examples include but are not necessarily limited to:
      1. Word or actions directed at a referee.
      2. Words or actions directed at another individual that includes racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs. Also includes racial harassment, sexual harassment, ethnic slurs.
  - d. **SECOND WARNING**

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- i. Suspended for a minimum of one (1) match. Receives a second warning in the same match, resulting in an expulsion.
- ii. Receives an accumulation of cautions in multiple games equaling three (3) or more.

### Section L. Point Violation

1. NSYSA utilizes a Point System to discourage misconduct by its teams.
2. When a Player / Team Official accumulates points as provided for in Washington Youth Soccer Operation 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 re-instatement of the balance of the original suspension. The Player / Team Official may file a petition for re-instatement 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 a 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. KPRSA 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). and copy the VP of Administration

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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@nsysasoccer.org](mailto:NSYSA.admin@nsysasoccer.org) One copy of the protest shall be sent to the opposing team by the NSYSA VP of Admin within twenty-four (24) hours after receiving the protest. One copy shall be kept by the NSYSA VP of Admin 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 Committees shall be made using WYS Appeals Forms.

### 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. . The protest must be submitted by Club Official and NSYSA will issue a bill versus submitting a 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 or 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 protestor 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.

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- 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

1. The following Standing Committees have been authorized by the NSYSA Board of Directors.
  - a. Disciplinary Committee
  - b. Nominating Committee
  - c. Development Committee
  - d. Soccer to the Maxx Committee
  - e. WYS Recreation Cup Committee
  - f. Documents Committee

### Section B. Disciplinary Committee

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

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- a. The Disciplinary Committee shall handle match related misconduct 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

- 1. 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. Development Committee

### Section E. NSYSA Soccer to the Maxx Committee – STTM

- 1. 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 present 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.
  - d. As approved by NSYSA Board

### Section F. WYS Recreation Committee

- 1. The NSYSA representative to the WYS Recreation committee is the responsibility of the VP of Competition.
  - a. The NSYSA Recreation committee shall consist of a Director and a committee of members' representative of the Clubs within NSYSA.
  - b. The NSYSA Recreation committee shall present a date the tournament will be scheduled to occur prior to the August NSYSA Scheduling meeting.

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- 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.
- d. Approved by NSYSA Board

### Section G. Documents Committee

- 1. **The Documents Committee is the responsibility of the NSYSA VP of Administration.**
  - a. **The Documents Committee shall consist of a Director and a committee of members' representatives of the Clubs within NSYSA.**
  - b. **The Documents Committee shall review Operating Procedures for Rec and Small – Sided meet minimum twice yearly and present suggested and / or required changes as determined by WYS to the NSYSA Board for approval to proposed changes.**
  - c. **The Documents Committee shall review the Association Constitution and Bylaws yearly in preparation of Annual General Meeting.**

## ARTICLE 16. RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

### Section A. Administrative Procedures

- 1. 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 Registrar any time that the Roll changes.
  - d. The NSYSA Registrar shall check the Roll to ensure that all administrators, volunteers, or employees listed on the Roll that has not completed the required Risk Management process.
  - e. 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:
    - i. Inform that person that he / 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.
    - ii. Instruct that person how to begin the Risk Management process and inform that person that he / she may not participate as a NSYSA administrator,



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volunteer, or employee until he / she has completed the Risk Management process. In this case, both the Commissioner and the NSYSA Risk Management Committee Director shall be informed.

- iii. Allow that person to participate if it is positively determined that he / 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. The 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 three (3) but no more than five (5) members appointed by the convening authority in addition to the chair.
    - i. Member Association Representatives may be appointed to the committee, but not if the hearing involves their association.
    - ii. The committee may be convened to hear matters as specified in the NSYSA Operating Procedures.
    - iii. The committee will follow the hearing procedures delineated in the WYS Rule 602 (Protests, Appeals, and Administrative Hearings).

## **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!

## **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:

C. Match Number:

Date: Time:

Location:

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D. Please Describe the Claimed Errors:

**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:

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

F. Please State Briefly the Desired Resolution:

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:

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:

## ***Appendix E: Guidance for “Heading the Ball”***

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 U11; 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 U12 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 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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### **Small Sided Soccer**

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## **Changes to Small Sided Operating Procedures effective 04 February 2019**

- **Law IV Player Equipment Section H: Added in “earrings, necklaces, watches”**
- **Law VIII Restart of Play Section B: U9-U10 Redefined the buildout line: Remove 2<sup>nd</sup> touch and add “Goal Kick- opposition can enter the “build out line” area as soon as the ball leaves the penalty box/area; GK in possession of ball with their hands, opposition retreats to the “build out line” and can enter areas as soon as the goalkeeper puts the ball in play**
- **Law XI Offside Section A: Definition of Offside inserted as per F.I.F.A.**



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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

- All measurements are from center mark

	U05/U06 4 v 4	U07 4 v 4	U08 4 v 4	U09 7 v 7	U10 7 v 7
Field Length x Width	30 x 20 Yd.	30 x 20 Yd.	30 x 20 Yd.	55-65 x 35-45 Yd.	55-65 x 35-45 Yd.
Goalie Box	2 x 10 Yd.	2 x 10 Yd.	2 x 10 Yd.	4 x 8 Yd.	4 x 8 Yd.
Goal Size	*6 x 6 Ft	*6 x 6 Ft	*6 x 6 Ft	6 x 12 Ft	6 x 12 Ft
Penalty Mark	None	None	None	None	None
Penalty Area	None	None	None	12 x 24 Yd.	12 x 24 Yd.
Center Circle Radius	5Yd.	5Yd.	5 Yd.	8 Yd.	8 Yd.

### 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. 6 players and goal keeper players for U09 & U10 teams.
  3. At time of play can offer substitute player (s) without forfeit.
- B. In all U09 and U10 matches **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 U09 and U10.

### 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

*\*4X6' Goal Replacement by Clubs as needed*

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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 whose age groupings for teams shall be comprised of players whose 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 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.

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### 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.
3. 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 should 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.
  - 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.

### E. Shorts

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

### F. Miscellaneous

1. Sweat pants or leggings can be worn.
2. Hats may be worn; however they cannot have a peak, a bill or any dangling or protruding objects.

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- 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.

### G. 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.

### H. Jewelry

1. No jewelry is allowed. Earrings, necklaces, watches, 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. Failure of a scheduled referee to show up will not be the cause for canceling the match:
  - 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's 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 10 Min. Qtr.	2 Min	5 Min	3	40

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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. Kickoff may go in any direction.
- C. Defensive players must be outside the center circle and in their own half, for play to begin.
- D. U09 / U10 may score directly from kick-off

### LAW VIII - 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 kick opposing team.
- B. Build out line.
  1. Age U05 thru U08 shall use the half line as the "build outline"  
U9-U10 shall use build out lines at equidistance between the half-way line and top of the penalty box.
  2. Opposition team can cross build out line after 1<sup>st</sup> touch of offensive team and can enter the build out area as soon as the ball leaves the penalty area.
  3. 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 F.I.F.A.

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### 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. 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.
- C. U09 / U10 may score directly from kick-off.

### LAW XI OFFSIDE

- A. Conform to F.I.F.A: as defined in the official: F.I.F.A. book of soccer rules: "The player is in an offside position because he is nearer to his opponent's goal line than both the ball and the second last opponent when he is involved in the play."
- 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.
    - 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 as defined in the official: F.I.F.A. book of soccer rules:" The player is in an offside position because he is nearer to his opponent's goal line than both the ball and the second last opponent when he is involved in the play."
  - 1. Offside as per build out line

### LAW XII FOULS AND MISCONDUCTS

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### 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.
3. U9 and above will be allowed to use “direct kick” for all applicable restarts.

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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

### 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.**

E. **Slide Tackling or sliding 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.
  - 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.
  - iii. Goalkeepers are not allowed to slide feet first.

F. **Using the Head to play 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 opposing team.
  - 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.

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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. :

1. U9-U10 One throw in as per F.I.F.A.
2. U8 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.
  - ii. 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. Opposition team can cross the build out line as soon as the ball leaves the penalty box/ area.
  - i. For U09 and above the ball may not be played by a second player until the ball has left the penalty box area.
  - 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 with disrespect 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.
  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.

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- 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.
  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

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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.
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.

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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 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

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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 U10, parents and spectators **SHALL** remain on the opposite side of the field away from the teams
- L. 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.
- M. **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.

## *Appendix D:*

### *Guidance for “Heading The Ball”*

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References:

a: USSF Initiative “Player

Development” 2016 b: USSF

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## NSYSA Operating Procedures - Small Sided Guidance for "Heading the Ball"

c: Recognize to Recovery - December 2015

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### **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!**

### **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

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NSYSA Operating Procedures - Small Sided  
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

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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# US Soccer Player Development Initiatives

**WYS All Levels League  
Implementation  
9U, 10U, 11U & 12U**





# US Soccer 9U,10U,11U and 12U PDI

Washington Youth Soccer has adopted the US Soccer 9U – 12U Player Development Initiatives.

## **Please note the 9U - 11U age group changes that include:**

- No Heading. If player heads the ball regardless of the outcome (own goal, goal, preventing a goal) an indirect free kick is given, NO Card.
- The use of the Build out Line
- GK No Punting or Drop kicking

## **Build-out Line Reminders:**

- a. Goal-kick: the opposition can enter the “build out line” area as soon as the ball is kicked and has clearly moved.
- b. The ball is considered in play when it has been kicked and has clearly moved. Players for the team in possession of the goal kick may choose to position themselves inside the penalty area.
- c. GK in possession of ball with their hands. The opposition retreats back to the “build out line”, they can enter the build out area as soon as the goalkeeper puts the ball into play.
- d. If the GK puts the ball into play quickly (throw, roll or set the ball at their feet) the opposition can now defend immediately, even if they are inside the “build out line” area.

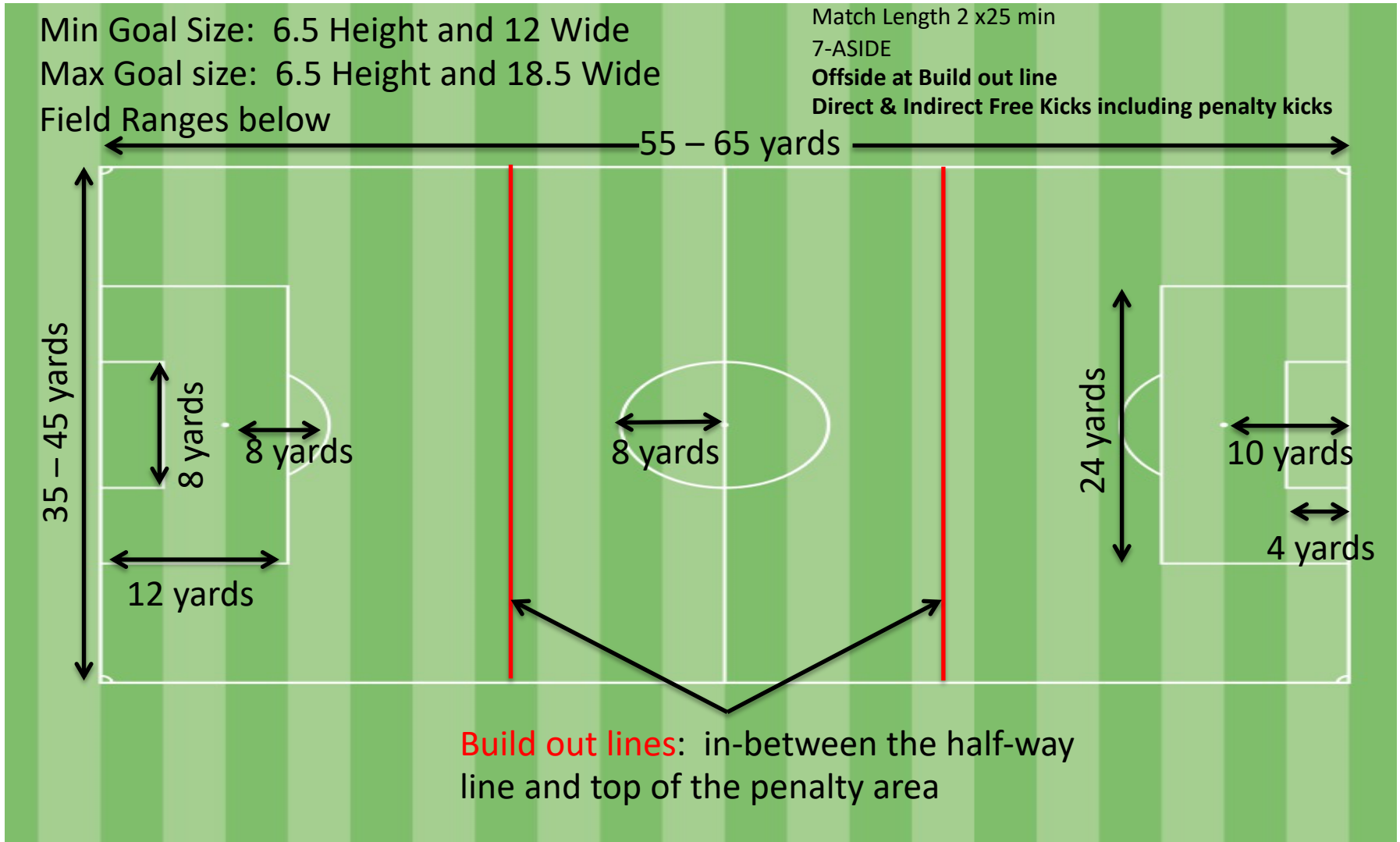
## **Offside:**

Is in effect at the **build out line** (NOT the halfway line) for 9U - 11U

**The 12U age group follows FIFA Laws.**

# 9U-10U Rules of Competition

- **GK No punting or dropkicks**
- **No heading:** deliberate heading indirect free kick
- **Build out lines:** a. Goal-kick, The opposition can enter the build area as soon as the ball is kicked and has clearly moved, b. GK in possession with their hands. The opposition can enter the build out area as soon as the goalkeeper puts the ball into play.  
Example: If the goalkeeper makes a save and is in possession with their hands the opposition drops behind the build out line and if the goalkeeper places the ball on the ground the ball is in play.



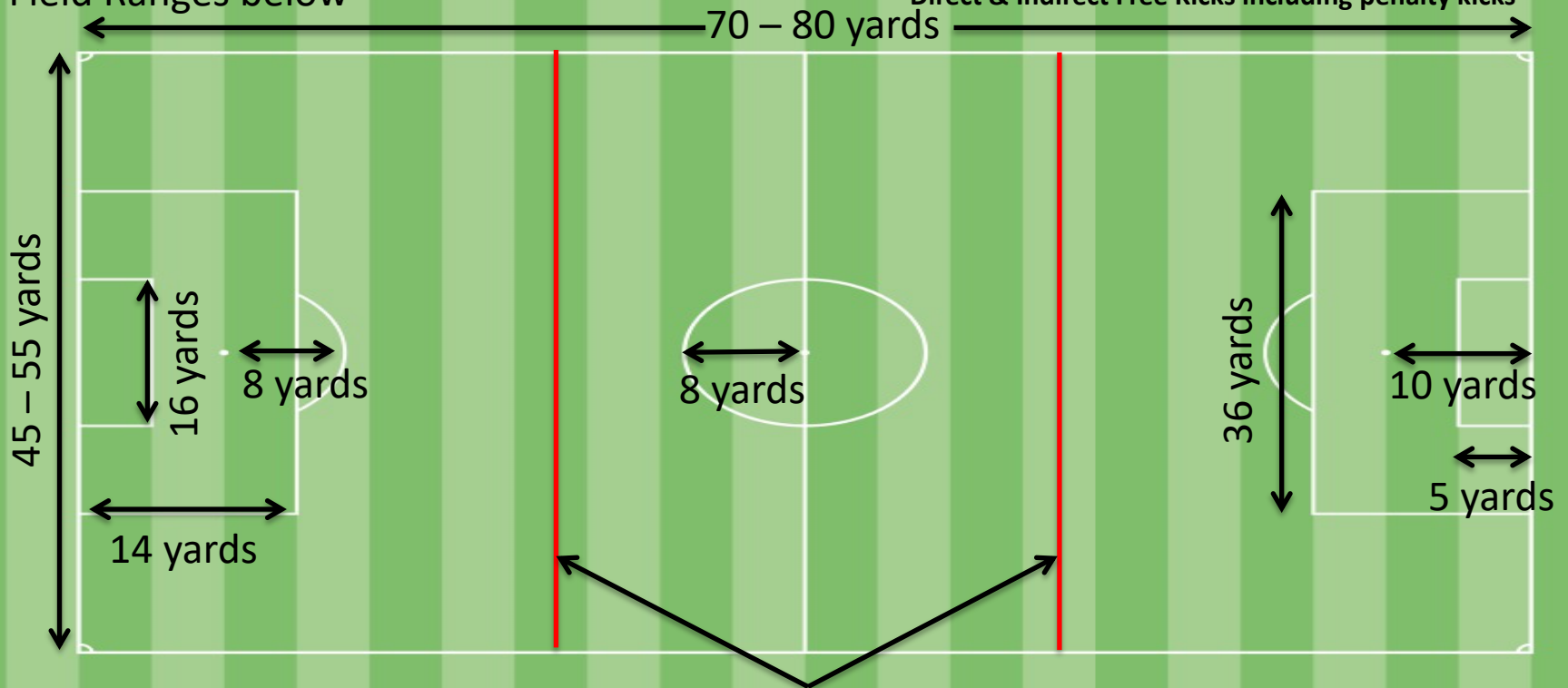
# 11U Rules of Competition League Play ONLY

- **GK No punting or dropkicks**
- **No heading:** deliberate heading indirect free kick
- **Build out lines:** a. Goal-kick, The opposition can enter the build area as soon as the ball is kicked, and has clearly moved b. GK in possession with their hands. The opposition can enter the build out area as soon as the goalkeeper puts the ball into play.  
Example: If the goalkeeper makes a save and is in possession with their hands the opposition drops behind the build out line and if the goalkeeper places the ball on the ground the ball is in play.

Min Goal Size: 6.5 Height and 18.5 Wide

Max Goal size: 7 Height and 21 Wide

Field Ranges below



Match Length 2 x30 min

9-ASIDE

Offside at Build out line

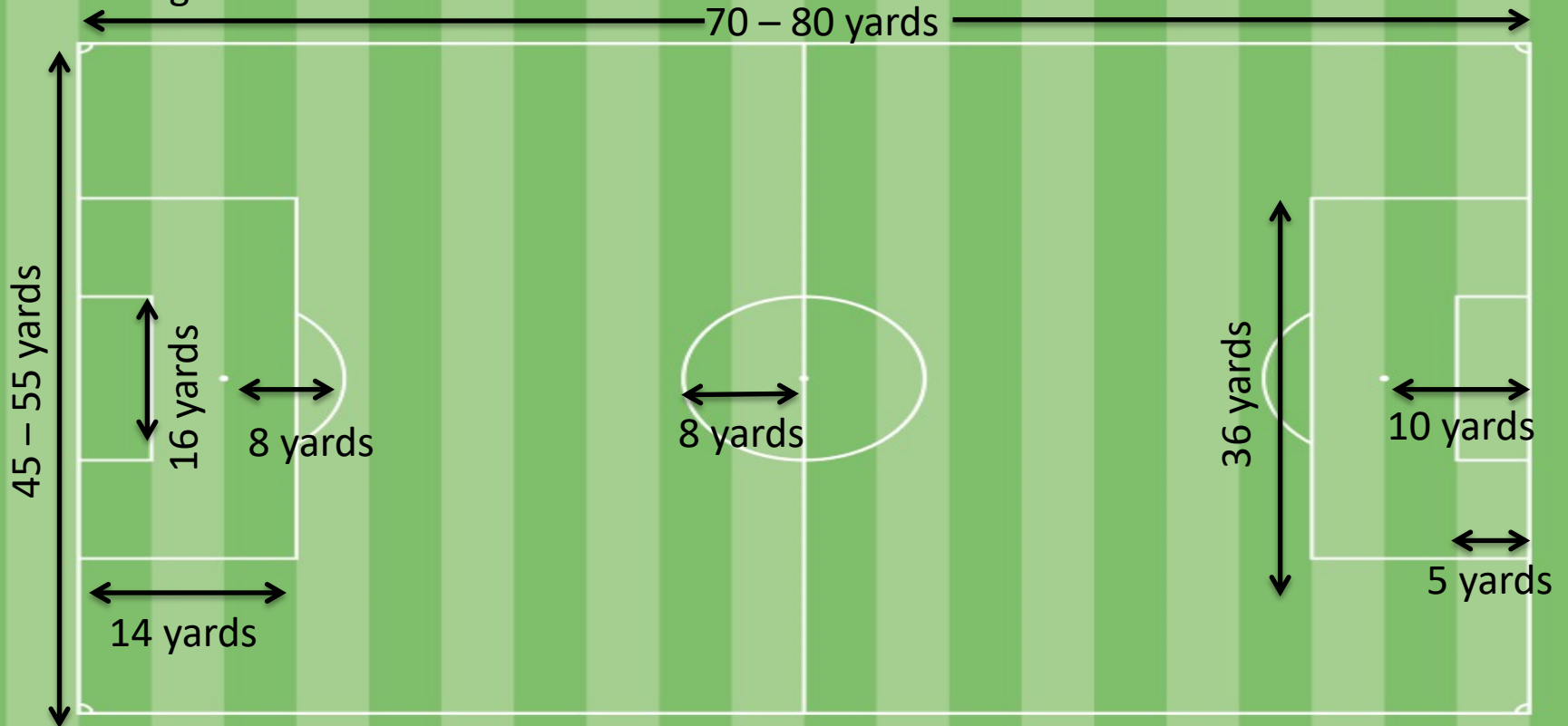
Direct & Indirect Free Kicks including penalty kicks

**Build out lines:** in-between the half-way line and top of the penalty area

# 12U Rules of Competition

Min 6.5 Height and 18.5 Wide  
Max Goal size: 7 Height and 21 Wide  
Field Ranges below

Match Length 2 x30 min  
9-ASIDE  
FIFA Laws



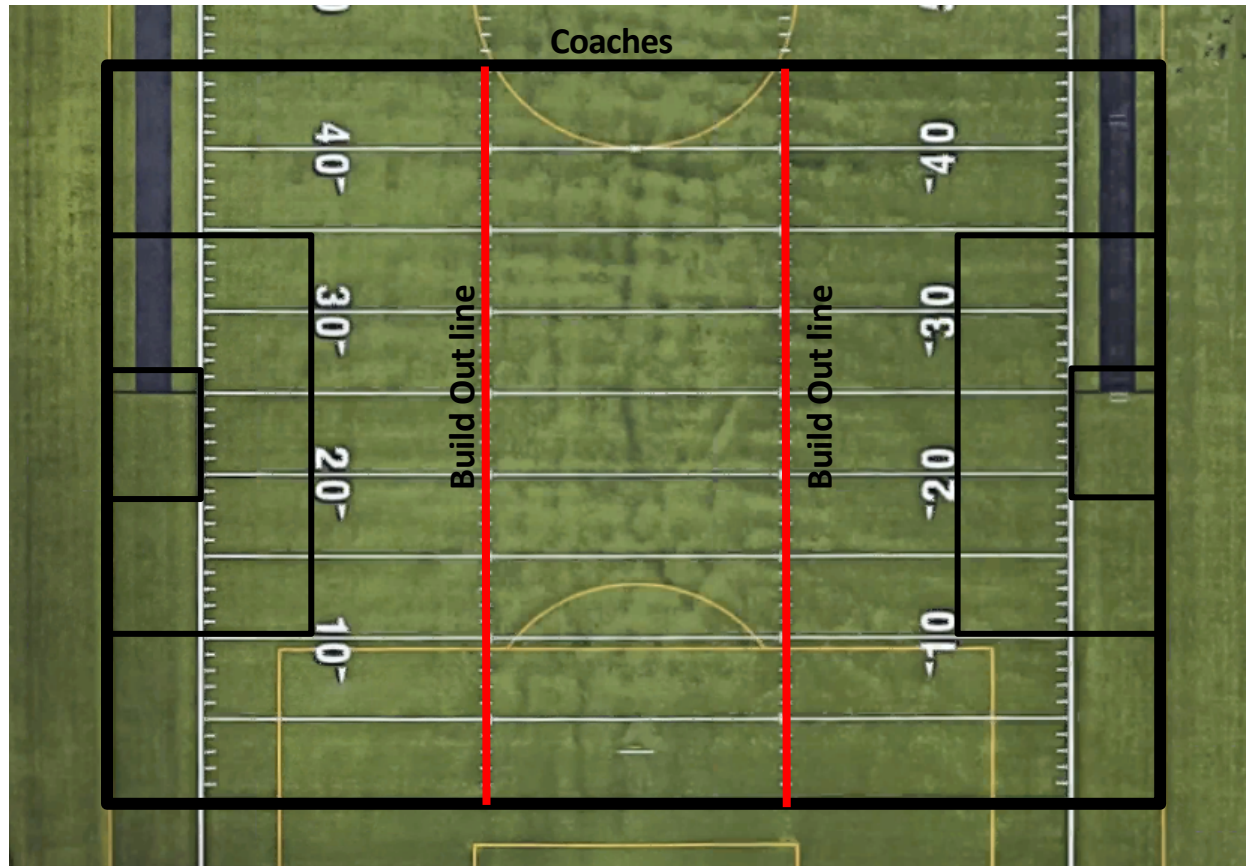


# 9U and 10U 7-ASIDE

## FIELD LAYOUT ON AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD

Field Size \*Approximately 64 x 45 yards

\*Range within PDI field size



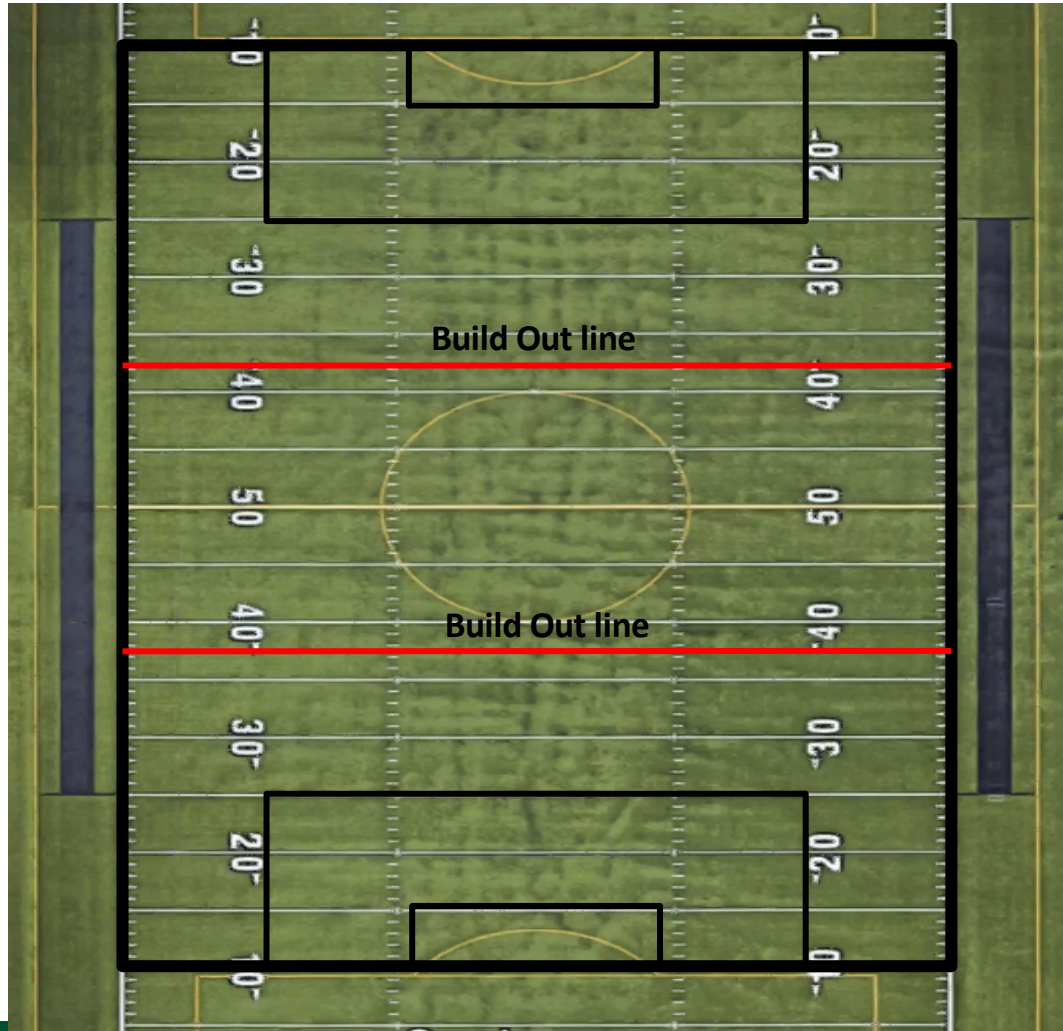




# 11U 9-ASIDE. LEAGUE PLAY ONLY FIELD LAYOUT ON AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD

Field Size Approximately 80 x 53 yards

\*Range within PDI field size



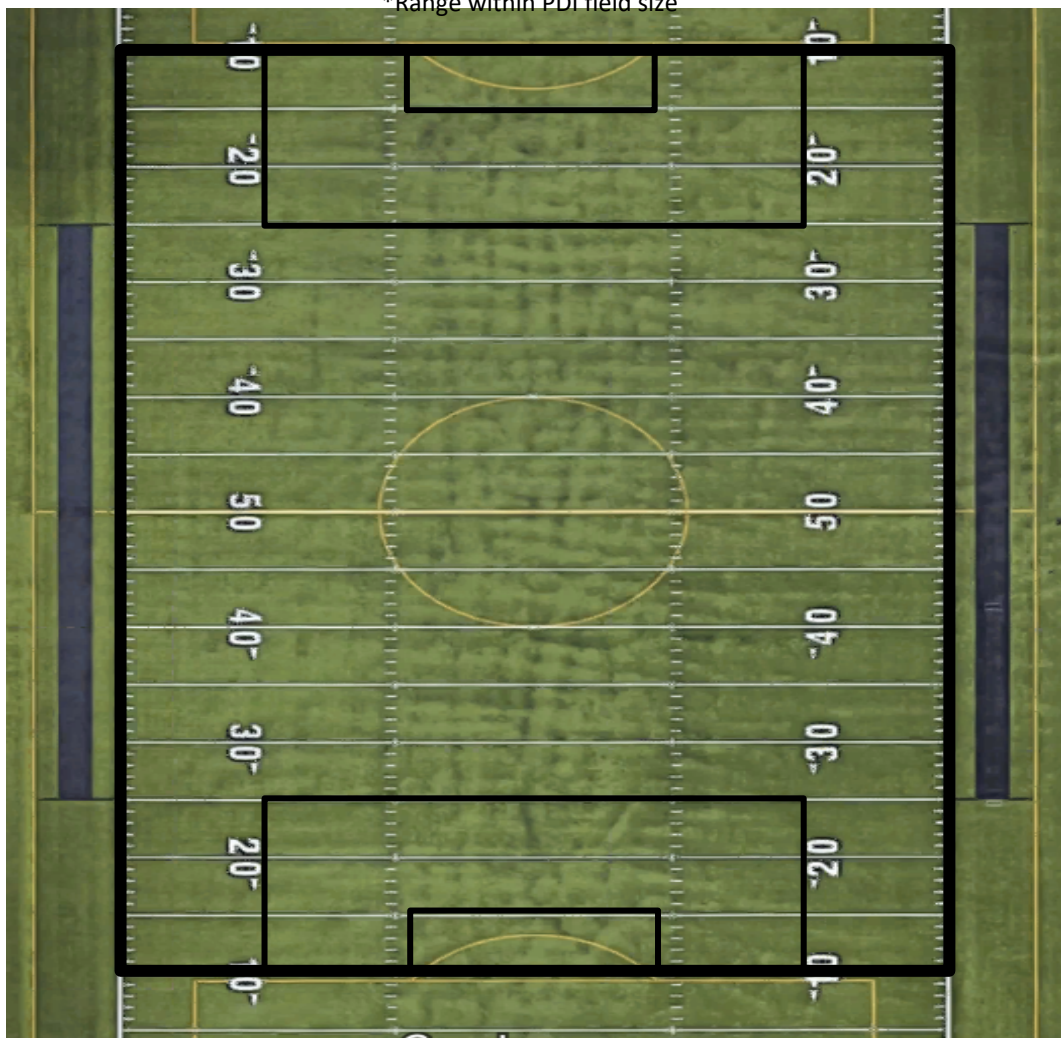


## 12U 9-ASIDE

# FIELD LAYOUT ON AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD

Field Size \*Approximately 80 x 53 yards

\*Range within PDI field size





## Important Information

- Goals with solid posts and cross bar are to be used. No Bownet style goals to be used.
- Goals must have nets attached. The nets must be good working order.
- Build out line must be marked with line or flat markers as it serves as the offside line too
- Penalty kicks for all ages 9U+
- FIFA Laws of game with regard to direct and indirect free kicks, penalty kicks and throw-in.
- 12U- If field length does not meet PDI standards, if both coaches agree to play the game, NO PUNTING from GK allowed.

# Laws of the Game

2019/20

Changes and  
clarifications

The International Football Association Board  
March 2019



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# Introduction

The 133<sup>rd</sup> AGM of The International FA Board (The IFAB) in Aberdeen, Scotland on 2 March 2019 approved a number of amendments to, and clarifications of, the Laws of the Game for 2019/20. Three changes were approved following 2 years of worldwide experiments:

- The introduction of yellow and red cards for misconduct by team officials
- A player being substituted leaving the field at the nearest point on the boundary line
- At a goal kick and a free kick for the defending team in their own penalty area, the ball is in play as soon the kick is taken (it can be played before it leaves the penalty area)

Other changes include: clearer wording for 'handball', attacking team players must be at least 1m away from a defensive 'wall', the goalkeeper only has to have one foot on the goal line at a penalty kick, and a new dropped ball procedure (including a dropped ball being awarded if the ball hits a match official and goes into the goal, team possession changes or a promising attack starts).

This document summarises the main changes and clarifications and also gives the precise wording for each of the Law changes but does not include some editorial changes (e.g. new order of bullet points etc.) which will be highlighted in the Laws of the Game 2019/20 book. This document is also available on The IFAB's website ([www.theifab.com](http://www.theifab.com)) along with a shorter '**Law Changes 2019-20 – At a Glance**' document which summarises only the major changes. Downloadable versions of the Laws of the Game 2019/20 in English, French, German and Spanish will be available in mid/late May on The IFAB's website, along with details of the new IFAB Laws of the Game app.

All changes come into force on **1<sup>st</sup> June 2019**. Competitions starting before that date may apply the changes from the start of their competition, at an agreed point during the competition (e.g. after the mid-season break) or may delay them until no later than the start of the next competition.



# Introduction

## Reminders

The IFAB and FIFA would like to remind everyone of two very important aspects of the game:

- **Captains**
  - The Laws of the Game state that the captain has ‘a degree of responsibility for the behaviour of their team’ – captains are expected to use this responsibility to help calm/positively influence the behaviour of their players, especially in controversial/confrontational situations involving opponents or match officials
- **Respect for Referees**
  - Players must respect all decisions made by the referee and other match officials
  - Respect for the Laws of the Game and the match officials who apply the Laws is paramount to the fairness and image of football

## Key

The main Law changes are underlined; removed text is shown as: ~~stroke through~~  
YC = yellow card (caution); RC = red card (sending-off)

# Outline summary of Law changes

Herewith a simple outline of the main changes/clarifications.

## **Law 3**

- A player who is being substituted must leave the field at the nearest point on the boundary line, unless otherwise directed by the referee

## **Law 4**

- Undershirts can be multi-coloured/patterned if exactly the same as the sleeve of the main shirt

## **Law 5**

- Referee cannot change a restart decision after play has restarted but, in certain circumstances, may issue a YC/RC for a previous incident
- If the referee leaves the field for a VAR review or to call players back to the field at the end of a half, a decision can still be changed
- Team officials guilty of misconduct can be shown a YC/RC; if an offender cannot be identified, the senior coach in the technical area receives the YC/RC
- If a penalty kick is awarded, the team's penalty taker can receive assessment or treatment and then stay on the field and take the kick

## **Law 7**

- Clarification of the difference between 'cooling' and 'drinks' breaks

## **Law 8**

- The team that wins the toss may choose to take the kick-off
- Dropped ball – ball dropped for goalkeeper (if play stopped in penalty area) or for one player of team that last touched the ball at the location of the last touch; all other players (of both teams) must be at least 4m (4.5 yds) away



### **Law 9**

- Dropped ball if the ball touches the referee (or other match official) and goes into the goal, possession changes or an attacking move starts

### **Law 10**

- Goalkeeper cannot score by throwing the ball into the opponents' goal

### **Law 12**

- Handball text re-written for greater clarity/consistency with clear guidelines for when 'non-deliberate' handball should (and should not) be penalised
- Confirmation that an 'illegal' handball offence by a goalkeeper in their own penalty area is not sanctioned with a YC/RC
- If, after a throw-in or deliberate pass from a team-mate, the goalkeeper unsuccessfully kicks or tries to kick the ball to release it into play, the goalkeeper can then handle the ball
- Referee can delay issuing a YC/RC until the next stoppage if the non-offending team takes a quick free kick and creates a goal-scoring opportunity
- The YC for an 'illegal' goal celebration remains even if the goal is disallowed
- List of the warning/YC/RC offences for team officials
- All verbal offences are punished with an IDFK
- Kicking an object is punished in the same way as throwing an object

### **Law 13**

- Once an IDFK has been taken, the referee can stop showing the IDFK signal if it is clear that goal cannot be scored directly (e.g. from most offside IDFKs)
- For defending team free kicks in their penalty area, the ball is in play once it is kicked and clearly moves; it does not have to leave the penalty area
- When there is a defensive 'wall' of at least 3 players, all attacking team players must be at least 1m from the 'wall'; IDFK if they encroach

### **Law 14**

- Goalposts, crossbar and nets must not be moving when a penalty is taken and the goalkeeper must not be touching them
- Goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot on, or in line with, the goal line when a penalty kick is taken; cannot stand behind the line
- If an offence occurs after the referee signals for a penalty kick to be taken but the kick is not taken, it must then be taken after any YC/RC is issued

### **Law 15**

- Opponents must be at least 2m from the point on the touchline where a throw-in is to be taken, even if the thrower is back from the line

### **Law 16**

- At goal kicks, the ball is in play once it is kicked and clearly moves; it does not have to leave the penalty area

# Law changes 2019/20 – text and explanations

## Law 3 – The Players

### 3. Substitution procedure

#### Amended text

To replace a player with a substitute, the following must be observed:

- (...)
- the player being substituted:
  - receives the referee's permission to leave the field of play, unless already off the field, and must leave by the nearest point on the boundary line unless the referee indicates that the player may leave directly and immediately at the halfway line or another point (e.g. for safety/security or injury)
  - the player being replaced is not obliged to leave at the halfway line and must go immediately to the technical area or dressing room and takes no further part in the match, except where return substitutions are permitted
  - if a player who is to be replaced substituted refuses to leave, play continues

#### Explanation

To stop a player who is being substituted 'wasting' time by leaving slowly at the halfway line (which is not a Law requirement) the player must leave at the nearest point (as with an injury) unless the referee indicates otherwise, e.g. if the player can leave quickly at the halfway line, there is a safety/security issue or the player leaves on a stretcher. The player must go immediately to the technical area or dressing room to avoid problems with substitutes, spectators, or the match officials. A player who infringes the spirit of this Law should be sanctioned for unsporting behaviour i.e. delaying the restart of play.

## Law 4 – The Players' Equipment

### 3. Colours

#### Additional text

Undershirts must be:

- a single colour which is the same as the main colour of the shirt sleeve or
- a pattern/colours which exactly replicate(s) the shirt sleeve

#### Explanation

Manufacturers now make patterned undershirts whose sleeves are the same as the main shirt sleeve; these should be allowed as they help match officials' decision-making.

### 4. Other equipment

Electronic performance and tracking systems (EPTS)

#### Deleted text

~~The professional standard will be implemented in the transition period until 1 June 2019. The following mark indicates that (...)~~

#### Explanation

The transition period ends on 1 June 2019.

## Law 5 – The Referee

### 2. Decisions of the referee

#### Amended text

The referee may not change a restart decision on realising it is incorrect or on the advice of another match official if play has restarted or the referee has signalled the end of the first or second half (including extra time) and left the field of play or ~~terminated~~ abandoned the match. However, if at the end of the half, the referee leaves the field of play to go to the referee review area (RRA) or to instruct the players to return to the field of play, this does not prevent a decision being changed for an incident which occurred before the end of the half.

Except as outlined in Law 12.3 and the VAR protocol, a disciplinary sanction may only be issued after play has restarted if another match official had identified and attempted to communicate the offence to the referee before play restarted; the restart associated with the sanction does not apply.

#### Explanation

- The word ‘terminated’ is not easily translated – ‘abandoned’ is better
- If, at the end of a half, the referee goes to the RRA or to tell the players to return to the field a ‘review’ and a decision can be changed, if the offence occurred before the half ended
- Sometimes a match official indicates/communicates a YC/RC offence (e.g. AR flagging for violent conduct off the ball) but the referee does not see the indication/hear the communication until after play has restarted. The referee can still take the appropriate disciplinary action, but the restart associated with the offence does not apply

### 3. Powers and duties

#### Disciplinary action

##### Additional text

The referee:

- takes action against team officials who fail to act in a responsible manner and ~~may expel them~~ warns, or shows a yellow card for a caution or a red card for a sending-off from the field of play and its immediate surrounds, including the technical area; if the offender cannot be identified, the senior coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction. A medical team official who commits a ~~dismissible~~ sending-off offence may remain if (...)

##### Explanation

The experiment with YC/RC for misconduct by team officials has been successful and has revealed many benefits at all levels, including for young referees dealing with 'difficult' adult coaches. If the offender cannot be identified, the senior team official (usually the main coach) in the technical area will receive the YC/RC (as the person responsible for the other team officials).

### 3. Powers and duties

#### Injuries

##### Additional text

- An injured player may not be treated on the field of play (...). Exceptions to the requirement to leave the field of play are only when:
  - (...)
  - a penalty kick has been awarded and the injured player will be the kicker

##### Explanation

It is unfair if the kicker needs assessment/treatment and then has to leave the field and cannot take the penalty kick.

## Law 7 – The Duration of the Match

### 3. Allowance for lost time

#### Amended text

Allowance is made by the referee in each half for all time lost in that half through:

- stoppages for drinks (which should not exceed one minute) or other medical reasons permitted by competition rules
- medical stoppages permitted by competition rules e.g. 'drinks' breaks (which should not exceed one minute) and 'cooling' breaks (ninety seconds to three minutes)

#### Explanation

In the interests of player safety, competition rules may allow, in certain weather conditions (e.g. high humidity and temperatures), 'cooling' breaks (from ninety seconds to three minutes) to allow the body's temperature to fall; they are different from 'drinks' breaks (maximum one minute) which are for rehydration.

## Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play

### 1. Kick-off

#### Procedure

#### Amended text

- the team that wins the toss of a coin decides which goal it will to attack in the first half or to take the kick-off
- depending on the above, their opponents take the kick-off or decide which goal to attack in the first half
- the team that ~~wins the toss~~ decided which goal to attack in the first half takes the kick-off to start the second half

#### Explanation

Recent Law changes have made the kick-off more dynamic (e.g. a goal can be scored directly from the kick-off) so captains winning the toss often ask to take the kick-off.

## 1. Kick-off

### Offences and sanctions

#### Amended text

If the player taking the kick-off touches the ball again before it has touched another player, an indirect free kick, or for ~~deliberate~~ a handball offence a direct free kick, is awarded.

#### Explanation

Change to be consistent with re-wording of handball in Law 12.

## 2. Dropped ball

### Procedure

#### New text

- The ball is dropped for the defending team goalkeeper in their penalty area if, when play was stopped:
  - the ball was in the penalty area or
  - the last touch of the ball was in the penalty area
- In all other cases, the referee drops the ball for one player of the team that last touched the ball at the position where it last touched a player, an outside agent or, as outlined in Law 9.1, a match official.
- All other players (of both teams) must remain at least 4m (4.5 yds) from the ball until it is in play.

The ball is in play when it touches the ground.

~~Any number of players may contest a dropped ball (including the goalkeepers); the referee cannot decide who may contest a dropped ball or its outcome.~~

#### Explanation

The current dropped ball procedure often leads to a 'manufactured' restart which is 'exploited' unfairly (e.g. kicking the ball out for a throw-in deep in the opponents' half)



or an aggressive confrontation. Returning the ball to the team that last played it restores what was 'lost' when play was stopped, except in the penalty area where it is simpler to return the ball to the goalkeeper. To prevent that team gaining an unfair advantage, all players of both teams, except the player receiving the ball, must be at least 4m (4.5 yds) away.

## Law 9 – The Ball in and out of Play

### 1. Ball out of play

#### Amended text

The ball is out of play when:

- (...)
- it touches a match official, remains on the field of play and:
  - a team starts a promising attack or
  - the ball goes directly into the goal or
  - the team in possession of the ball changes

In all these cases, play is restarted with a dropped ball.

#### Explanation

It can be very unfair if a team gains an advantage or scores a goal because the ball has hit a match official, especially the referee.

### 2. Ball in play

#### Amended text

The ball is in play at all other times including when it touches a match official and when it rebounds off a ~~match official~~, goalpost, crossbar or corner flagpost and remains on the field of play.

#### Explanation

Except as outlined in Law 9.1, the ball is in play when it touches a match official.

## Law 10 – Determining the Outcome of a Match

### 1. Goal scored

#### Amended text

A goal is scored (...), provided that no offence has been committed by the team scoring the goal.

If the goalkeeper throws the ball directly into the opponents' goal, a goal kick is awarded.

#### Explanation

Change to be consistent with re-wording of handball in Law 12.

## Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

### 1. Direct free kick

#### Amended text

~~handles the ball deliberately~~ a handball offence (except for the goalkeeper within their penalty area)

#### Explanation

Change to be consistent with re-wording of handball in Law 12.

### 1. Direct free kick

#### Handling the ball

#### Amended text

~~Handling the ball involves a deliberate act of a player making contact with the ball with the hand/arm.~~

~~The following must be considered:~~

• the movement of the hand towards the ball (not the ball towards the hand)

- the distance between the opponent/team mate and the ball (unexpected ball)
- the position of the hand does not necessarily mean that there is an offence

It is an offence if a player:

- deliberately touches the ball with their hand/arm, including moving the hand/arm towards the ball
- gains possession/control of the ball after it has touched their hand/arm and then:
  - scores in the opponents' goal
  - creates a goal-scoring opportunity
- scores in the opponents' goal directly from their hand/arm, even if accidental, including by the goalkeeper

It is usually an offence if a player:

- touches the ball with their hand/arm when:
  - the hand/arm has made their body unnaturally bigger
  - the hand/arm is above/beyond their shoulder level (unless the player deliberately plays the ball which then touches their hand/arm)

The above offences apply even if the ball touches a player's hand/arm directly from the head or body (including the foot) of another player who is close.

Except for the above offences, it is not usually an offence if the ball touches a player's hand/arm:

- directly from the player's own head or body (including the foot)
- directly from the head or body (including the foot) of another player who is close
- if the hand/arm is close to the body and does not make the body unnaturally bigger
- when a player falls and the hand/arm is between the body and the ground to support the body, but not extended laterally or vertically away from the body

## Explanation

Greater clarity is needed for handball, especially on those occasions when ‘non-deliberate’ handball is an offence. The re-wording follows a number of principles:

- football does not accept a goal being scored by a hand/arm (even if accidental)
- football expects a player to be penalised for handball if they gain possession/control of the ball from their hand/arm and gain a major advantage e.g. score or create a goal-scoring opportunity
- it is natural for a player to put their arm between their body and the ground for support when falling.
- having the hand/arm above shoulder height is rarely a ‘natural’ position and a player is ‘taking a risk’ by having the hand/arm in that position, including when sliding
- if the ball comes off the player’s body, or off another player (of either team) who is close by, onto the hand/arm it is often impossible to avoid contact with the ball.

### 1. Direct free kick

#### Handling the ball

#### Amended text

The goalkeeper has the same restrictions on handling the ball as any other player outside the penalty area. ~~Inside their penalty area, the goalkeeper cannot be guilty of a handling offence incurring a direct free kick; or any related sanction but can be guilty of handling offences that incur an indirect free kick.~~ If the goalkeeper handles the ball inside their penalty area when not permitted to do so, an indirect free kick is awarded but there is no disciplinary sanction.

## Explanation

Goalkeepers cannot handle the ball in their penalty area from a deliberate pass or throw-in from a team-mate, or having released the ball from their hands. If they do, it is an IDFK but this and any other ‘illegal’ handling does not incur any disciplinary sanction even if it stops a promising attack or denies a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity.

## 2. Indirect free kick

### Amended text

An indirect free kick is awarded if a goalkeeper, inside their penalty area, commits any of the following offences:

- controls the ball with the hands/arm for more than six seconds before releasing it
- touches the ball with the hands/arm after releasing it and before it has touched another player
- touches the ball with the hand/arm, unless the goalkeeper has clearly kicked or attempted to kick the ball to release it into play, after:
  - it has been deliberately kicked to the goalkeeper by a team-mate
  - receiving it directly from a throw-in taken by a team-mate

### Explanation

- Inclusion of 'arm' is consistent with other parts of the Law relating to handling the ball.
- When the GK clearly kicks or tries to kick the ball into play, this shows no intention to handle the ball so, if the 'clearance' attempt is unsuccessful, the goalkeeper can then handle the ball without committing an offence

## 3. Disciplinary action

### Amended text

- If, before entering the field of play at the start of the match, a player or team official commits a sending-off offence, the referee has the authority to prevent the player or team official taking part in the match (see Law 3.6); the referee will report any other misconduct.
- A player or team official who commits a cautionable or sending-off offence, either on or off the field of play, ~~against an opponent, a team-mate, a match official or any other person or the Laws of the Game,~~ is disciplined according to the offence.
- Only a player, substitute, ~~or~~ substituted player or team official may be shown the red or yellow card.

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## Explanation

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Red and yellow cards may now be shown to team officials (see Law 5).

### 3. Disciplinary action

Delaying the restart of play to show a card

#### Additional text

Once the referee has decided to caution or send off a player, play must not be restarted until the sanction is administered, unless the non-offending team takes a quick free kick, has a clear goal-scoring opportunity and the referee has not started the disciplinary sanction procedure. The sanction is administered at the next stoppage; if the offence was denying the opposing team an obvious goal-scoring opportunity, the player is cautioned.

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## Explanation

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Occasionally, an attack is stopped by a cautionable or sending-off offence and the attacking team takes a quick free kick which restores the 'lost' attack; it is clearly 'unfair' if this 'new' attack is stopped to issue the YC/RC. However, if the referee has distracted the offending team by starting the YC/RC procedure, the quick free kick is not allowed. For a DOGSO offence, the player will be cautioned and not sent-off because the attack was re-started (as when advantage is applied for a DOGSO offence).

### 3. Disciplinary action

Cautionable offences

Celebration of a goal

#### Additional text

A player must be cautioned, even if the goal is disallowed, for:  
(...)

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## Explanation

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Cautions for inappropriate goal celebrations apply even if the goal is disallowed as the impact (safety, image of the game etc.) is the same as if the goal was awarded.

### 3. Disciplinary action

Sending-off offences

#### Amended text

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A player, substitute or substituted player who commits any of the following offences is sent off:

- denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by ~~deliberately handling the ball~~ a handball offence (...)

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## Explanation

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Change to be consistent with re-wording of handball in Law 12.

### 3. Disciplinary action

Denying a goal or obvious goal-scoring opportunity

#### Amended text

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Where a player denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by a ~~deliberate~~ handball offence, the player is sent off wherever the offence occurs.

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## Explanation

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Change to be consistent with re-wording of handball in Law 12.

### 3. Disciplinary action

#### Team officials

##### Amended text

Where an offence is committed and the offender cannot be identified, the senior team coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction.

##### **Warning**

The following offences should usually result in a warning; repeated or blatant offences should result

- in a caution or sending-off:
- entering the field of play in a respectful/non-confrontational manner
- failing to cooperate with a match official e.g. ignoring an instruction/request from assistant referee or the fourth official
- minor/low-level disagreement (by word or action) with a decision
- occasionally leaving the confines of the technical area without committing another offence

##### **Caution**

Caution offences include (but are not limited to):

- clearly/persistently not respecting the confines of their team's technical area
- delaying the restart of play by their team
- deliberately entering the technical area of the opposing team (non-confrontational)
- dissent by word or action including:
  - throwing/kicking drinks bottles or other objects
  - gestures which show a clear lack of respect for the match official(s) e.g. sarcastic clapping
- entering the referee review area (RRA)
- excessively/persistently gesturing for a red or yellow card
- excessively showing the TV signal for a VAR 'review'
- gesturing or acting in a provocative or inflammatory manner



- persistent unacceptable behaviour (including repeated warning offences)
- showing a lack of respect for the game

### **Sending-off**

Sending-off offences include (but are not limited to):

- delaying the restart of play by the opposing team e.g. holding onto the ball, kicking the ball away, obstructing the movement of a player
- deliberately leaving the technical area to:
  - show dissent towards, or remonstrate with, a match official
  - act in a provocative or inflammatory manner
- enter the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner
- deliberately throwing/kicking an object onto the field of play
- entering the field of play to:
  - confront a match official (including at half-time and full-time)
  - interfere with play, an opposing player or match official
- entering the video operation room (VOR)
- physical or aggressive behaviour (including spitting or biting) towards an opposing player, substitute, team official, match official, spectator or any other person (e.g. ball boy/girl, security or competition official etc.)
- receiving a second caution in the same match
- using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- using unauthorised electronic or communication equipment and/or behaving in an inappropriate manner as the result of using electronic or communication equipment
- violent conduct

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## **Explanation**

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The correct use of the YC/RC for misconduct by team officials will be assisted by including the main warning /YC/RC offences in the Laws.

## 4. Restart of play after fouls and misconduct

### Amended text

(...)

- || If the ball is in play and a player commits ~~an~~ a physical offence inside the field of play against:
  - an opponent – indirect or direct free kick or penalty kick
  - a team-mate, substitute, substituted or sent off player, team official, match official
    - | – ~~a~~ direct free kick or penalty kick
  - | • any other person – ~~a~~ dropped ball
- | All verbal offences are penalised with an indirect free kick.

### Explanation

Confirmation of the different restarts for physical offences and that all verbal offences, even if directed at a match official, are penalised with an indirect free kick.

## 4. Restart of play after fouls and misconduct

### Additional text

- | If an offence is committed outside the field of play by a player against a player, substitute, substituted player or team official of the player's team, play is restarted with an indirect free kick on the boundary line closest to where the offence occurred.

### Explanation

Clarification that the offence must be committed by a player against a team-mate or one of his/her team officials, substitutes etc. for an IDFK to be awarded.

## 4. Restart of play after fouls and misconduct

### Amended text

If a player standing who is on or off the field of play throws or kicks an object (other than the match ball) at an opposing player, or throws or kicks an object (including a ball) at an opposing player, substitute, substituted or sent off player, ~~or~~ team official, or a match official or the match ball, play is restarted with a direct free kick (...)

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## Explanation

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Kicking an object at someone or the ball is punished the same as throwing an object.

## Law 13 – Free Kicks

### 1. Types of free kicks

Indirect free kick signal

#### Additional text

The referee indicates an indirect free kick by raising the arm above the head; this signal is maintained until the kick has been taken and the ball touches another player, ~~or~~ or goes out of play or it is clear that a goal cannot be scored directly.

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## Explanation

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Many indirect free kicks are too far from the opponents' goal for a goal to be scored directly (e.g. IDFKs for offside); in these cases, the referee only needs to maintain the signal until the kick is taken because running whilst showing the signal is not easy.

### 2. Procedure

#### Amended text

- free kicks for offences involving a player entering, re-entering or leaving the field of play without permission are taken from the position of the ball when play was stopped. However, if a player ~~leaves the field of play as part of play and~~ commits an offence off the field of play against another player, play is restarted with a free kick taken on the boundary line nearest to where the offence occurred; for direct free kick offences, a penalty kick is awarded if this is within the offender's penalty area

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## Explanation

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Text amended to be consistent with other parts of the Laws.

## 2. Procedure

### Amended text

The ball:

- is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves ~~except for a free kick to the defending team in their penalty area where the ball is in play when it is kicked directly out of the penalty area~~

### Explanation

The experiment where, at a defending team free kick in the penalty area, the ball is in play once it is kicked and does not have to leave the penalty area, has produced a faster and more constructive restart. Opponents must remain outside the penalty area and at least 9.15m away until the ball is in play. The same change has been made to the goal kick (see Law 16).

## 2. Procedure

### Additional text

Until the ball is in play, all opponents must remain:

- at least 9.15m (10 yds) from the ball, unless (...)
- outside the penalty area for free kicks inside the opponents' penalty area

Where three or more defending team players form a 'wall', all attacking team players must remain at least 1m (1 yd) from the 'wall' until the ball is in play.

### Explanation

Attackers standing very close to, or in, the defensive 'wall' at a free kick often cause management problems and waste time. There is no legitimate tactical justification for attackers to be in the 'wall' and their presence is against the 'spirit of the game' and often damages the image of the game.

### 3. Offences and sanctions

#### 2. Offences and sanctions

##### Additional text (after 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph)

(...) for delaying the restart of play.

If, when a free kick is taken, an attacking team player is less than 1m (1 yd) from a 'wall' formed by three or more defending team players, an indirect free kick is awarded.

##### Explanation

Confirmation of the restart if an attacking player encroaches within 1m of the 'wall'.

### 3. Offences and sanctions

#### Amended text

~~If, when a free kick is taken by the defending team from inside its penalty area, any opponents are inside the penalty area (...), touches or challenges for the ball before it has touched another player is in play, the free kick is retaken.~~

~~If, when a free kick is taken by the defending team inside its penalty area, the ball is not kicked directly out of the penalty area the kick is retaken.~~

##### Explanation

Confirmation of the restart for the above situation.

### 3. Offences and sanctions

#### Amended text

If, after the ball is in play, the kicker touches the ball again before it has touched another player, an indirect free kick is awarded; if the kicker ~~deliberately handles the ball~~ commits a handball offence:

(...)

##### Explanation

Confirmation of the restart for the above situation.

## Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

### 1. Procedure

#### Additional text

The ball must be stationary on the penalty mark and the goalposts, crossbar and goal net must not be moving.

(...)

The defending goalkeeper must remain on the goal line, facing the kicker, between the goalposts, without touching the goalposts, crossbar or goal net, until the ball has been kicked.

(...)

The player taking the penalty kick must kick the ball forward; backheeling is permitted provided the ball moves forward.

When the ball is kicked, the defending goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot touching, or in line with, the goal line.

#### Explanation

- The referee must not signal for the penalty kick to be taken if the goalkeeper is touching the goalposts, crossbar or net, or if they are moving e.g. the goalkeeper has kicked/shaken them
- Goalkeepers are not permitted to stand in front of or behind the line. Allowing the goalkeeper to have only one foot touching the goal line (or, if jumping, in line with the goal line) when the penalty kick is taken is a more practical approach as it is easier to identify if both feet are not on the line. As the kicker can 'stutter' in the run, it is reasonable that the goalkeeper can take one step in anticipation of the kick.

### 2. Offences and sanctions

#### Additional text

Once the referee has signalled for a penalty kick to be taken, the kick must be taken; if it is not taken the referee may take disciplinary action before signalling again for the kick to be taken.

## Explanation

If an offence occurs after the referee has signalled for a penalty kick to be taken but the kick is not taken, a free kick cannot be awarded as the ball has not been put into play; the necessary disciplinary action can still be taken.

## 2. Offences and sanctions

### Amended text

- the kicker touches the ball again before it has touched another player:
  - an indirect free kick (or direct free kick for deliberate a handball offence) is awarded

## Explanation

Change to be consistent with re-wording of handball in Law 12.

## Law 15 – The Throw-in

### 1. Procedure

#### Amended text

- || All opponents must stand at least 2m (2 yds) from the point at which on the touchline where the throw-in is to be taken.

## Explanation

This covers situations where a player takes a throw-in some distance from the touchline.

## 2. Offences and sanctions

### Amended text

- || If, after the ball is in play, the thrower touches the ball again before it has touched another player, an indirect free kick is awarded; if the thrower deliberately handles the ball commits a handball offence:(...)

## Explanation

Change to be consistent with re-wording of handball in Law 12.

## Law 16 – The Goal Kick

### 1. Procedure

#### Amended text

- The ball is in play when it ~~leaves the penalty area~~ is kicked and clearly moves

## Explanation

The experiment that at a goal kick the ball is in play once it is kicked, and does not have to leave the penalty area, has created a faster and more dynamic/constructive restart to the game. It has reduced the time 'lost/wasted' including stopping the tactic of 'wasting' time when a defender deliberately plays the ball before it leaves the penalty area knowing that all that will happen is the goal kick will be retaken. Opponents must remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play.

### 2. Offences and sanctions

#### Amended text

- ~~If the ball does not leave the penalty area or is touched by a player before it leaves the penalty area the kick is retaken.~~

## Explanation

See above (Law 16.1)

### 2. Offences and sanctions

#### Amended text

- If, after the ball is in play, the kicker touches the ball again before it has touched another player, an indirect free kick is awarded; if the kicker ~~deliberately handles the ball~~ commits a handball offence:(...)



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## Explanation

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Change to be consistent with re-wording of handball in Law 12.

## 2. Offences and sanctions

### Amended text

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If, when a goal kick is taken, any opponents are inside the penalty area because they did not have time to leave, the referee allows play to continue. If an opponent who is in the penalty area (...), touches or challenges for the ball before it has touched another player is in play, the goal kick is retaken.

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## Explanation

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Confirmation of the action the referee should take when an opponent is inside the penalty area when a goal kick is taken.

## Law 17 – The Corner Kick

### 2. Offences and sanctions

#### Amended text

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If, after the ball is in play, the kicker touches the ball again before it has touched another player, an indirect free kick is awarded; if the kicker deliberately handles the ball commits a handball offence:(...)

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## Explanation

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Change to be consistent with re-wording of handball in Law 12.

## VAR Protocol

### Reviewable match-changing decisions/incidents

The categories of decision/incident which may be reviewed in the event of a potential 'clear and obvious error' or 'serious missed incident' are:

#### a. Goal/no goal

- | An offence by the team that scored the goal in the attacking phase that ended with the scoring of a goal, including:
  - | • attacking team offence in the build-up to or scoring of the goal (handball, foul, offside etc.)
  - | • offside: position and offence
    - ball out of play prior to the goal
    - goal/no goal decisions
  - | • offence by goalkeeper and/or kicker at the taking of a penalty kick or encroachment by an attacker or defender who becomes directly involved in play if the penalty kick rebounds from the goalpost, crossbar or goalkeeper

#### b. Penalty kick/no penalty kick

- | • attacking team offence in the build-up to the penalty incident (handball, foul, offside etc.)
  - ball out of play prior to the incident
  - location of offence (inside or outside the penalty area)
  - penalty kick incorrectly awarded
  - penalty kick offence not penalised
- | • offence by goalkeeper and/or kicker at the taking of a penalty kick
- | • encroachment by an attacker or defender who becomes directly involved in play if the penalty kick rebounds from the goalpost, crossbar or goalkeeper

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### Explanation

Text simplified and bullet points moved as offences at the taking of a penalty kick are 'goal/no goal' incidents.

## Procedures

Original decision

### Amended text

- If an assistant referee delays a flag for an offence, the assistant referee must raise the flag if the attacking team scores a goal, is awarded a penalty kick, free kick, corner kick or throw-in, or retains possession of the ball after the initial attack has ended; in all other situations, the assistant referee should decide whether or not to raise the flag, depending on the requirements of the game

### Explanation

Clarification of when the assistant referee must raise a 'delayed' flag for a very close decision.

## Procedures

Check

### Amended text

- The VAR can 'check' the footage in normal speed (...) or to decide if it was a handball ~~was 'deliberate'~~ offence

Review

### Amended text

- For subjective decisions e.g. intensity of a foul challenge, interference at offside, handball considerations (~~position, intent etc.~~) an 'on-field review' (OFR) is often appropriate.  
(...)
- The referee can request different (...) or to decide if it was a handball ~~was 'deliberate'~~ offence

### Explanation

Change to be consistent with re-wording of handball in Law 12.

## Players, substitutes and team officials

### Amended text

(...)

- A player/substitute/substituted player/team official who excessively shows the TV signal or enters the RRA will be cautioned
- ~~A team official who excessively shows the TV signal or enters the RRA will be publically officially warned (or cautioned where yellow and red cards for team officials are in use)~~
- A player/substitute/substituted player/team official who enters the VOR will be sent off; ~~a team official who enters the VOR will be dismissed from the technical area~~

### Explanation

Reference to RC/YC for team officials, following change to Law 5 and 12.