

RULES AND PROCEDURES
OF THE
WIMBERLEY YOUTH SOCCER CLUB (WYSC)

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1.0 WYSC SPONSORED COMPETITION

1.1 Seasonal Year

The Seasonal Year of this Club shall begin on August 1 and end on July 31st of the next calendar year.

1.2 Seasons of Play

Recognized Seasons of Play shall be Fall, Spring and Summer.

1.2.1 Fall Season

In an attempt to offer every player a level of competition for which he/she is qualified, WYSC shall sponsor teams for players under 10 years of age in Division IV (Instructional), and for players between 10 and 19 years of age in Division III (Recreational) and where possible, Division II. Divisions I and II shall be known as Competitive Divisions and players must choose to move into these divisions.

Fall Season games for WYSC Division III and IV teams shall begin on the weekend after Labor Day.

1.2.2 Spring Season

Until WYSC can field enough teams in any Age Group or Division to schedule Spring play, the Association may make arrangements for inter-association play for teams wishing to participate in the Spring Season. If intra-association games are played within WYSC, a separate registration fee may be charged to cover field usage, referees and other expenses.

1.2.3 Age Divisions

When determining the age group for a season, the year the season ends should be used for determining the birth year. An example would be: 2018 (season end year)- 2013 (player birth year)= U5. The format "U" followed by an age means that age and younger. Divisions group age from calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

Recognized Age Groups shall be:

1. Under 17 years of age to Under 19
2. Under 15 years of age to Under 16
3. Under 13 years of age to Under 14
4. Under 11 years of age to Under 12
5. Under 10 years of age
6. Under 9 years of age
7. Under 8 years of age
8. Under 7 years of age
9. Under 6 years of age
10. Under 5 years of age

11. Under 4 years of age

Matrix and Registrar cheat sheet for determining division play:

Born	2017-18	2018-19
January 1, 1999 – December 31, 1999	19 Under	
January 1, 2000 – December 31, 2000	18 Under	19 Under
January 1, 2001 – December 31, 2001	17 Under	18 Under
January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002	16 Under	17 Under
January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003	15 Under	16 Under
January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004	14 Under	15 Under
January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005	13 Under	14 Under
January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006	12 Under	13 Under
January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007	11 Under	12 Under
January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008	10 Under	11 Under
January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009	9 Under	10 Under
January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010	8 Under	9 Under
January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011	7 Under	8 Under
January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012	6 Under	7 Under
January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013	5 Under	6 Under
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014	4 Under	5 Under
January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015		4 Under

Player Progression by Age Group - Seasonal Year														
Age Group	6U	7U	SU	9U	10U	11U	12U	13U	14U	15U	16U	17U	18U	19U
Season														
2017-18	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
2018-19	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
2019-20	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
2020-21	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
2021-22	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
2022-23	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
2023-24	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
2024-25	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006

"The age group "label" will be determined by subtracting the year in which the players participating in the competition were born from the year in which competition ends.
Clubs may continue to organize their teams for competition with players of any age younger than the age group cut-off." - STYSA REGISTRAR CHEAT SHEET 2017

1.2.4 Separate Competition for Girls Teams

To promote Girls Soccer, WYSC will schedule a separate Girls Division whenever there are enough Girls Teams to do so.

2.0 REGISTRATION OF INDIVIDUALS

2.1 Method of Registration with WYSC

All players, coaches, trainers and any other adult having regular contact with players must be registered with WYSC by submitting the authorized registration forms to the WYSC Registrar. Their player registration will cover them for insurance purposes.

2.1.1 Players

Each player shall furnish proof of age at the time of initial registration. Proof of age may not be required again as long as the player is continuously registered.

Players will usually be placed on the youngest team for which they qualify if possible. Exceptions will be handled by the individual teams.

2.1.2 Coaches

Registered coaches must be 18 years of age or older. Coaches have one year from their first time of registration to obtain an appropriate age module license or request a waiver from CAYSA. Older players are encouraged to help coach younger teams, but they may not be the coach of record.

2.2 Registration

In compliance with CAYSA, the Registration period is August 1 through July 31.

2.2.1 Date of Registration

The usual "date of registration" is September 1. After September 1, the date on which the player or his parent (guardian) signs the Individual Membership Form and pays required fees shall be the date of registration. Players are registered for a Seasonal Year and one Registration cannot cover two (2) seasonal years.

2.3 Registration Fees

The registration fees for each player will be \$65.00. Multi-child discounts can be given for one family with more than one registered child. The discount will be 15.00 per child including the first child. Early registration discounts may be allowed. No registration fee is required for adult volunteers.

2.4 Proof of Registration

Each player (U-10 and older), all coaches and trainers will be furnished with a WYSC Player Pass (ID Card) at the beginning of the Seasonal Year. This card shall be proof of WYSC/CAYSA/USYSA Registration and, as such, is good for the entire seasonal year.

Any player and/or coach (Under 10 and older) can be expected to have and show a WYSC Player Pass for the current seasonal year, properly laminated and signed by the Association Registrar, the player/coach and including the player/coach's picture at any WYSC or higher sanctioned game.

3.0 ROSTERING OF TEAMS

3.1 Primary Teams

A player rostered to a Primary Team is bound to the first team to which he/she is rostered for the entire seasonal year, unless the player requests and obtains a Release.

All Primary Teams must have a registered coach. The WYSC Registrar shall notify Commissioner of Coaches of any team(s) without a coach. Teams without a registered coach will not be allowed to play.

3.2 Spring Leagues and Tournament Teams

Players and coaches may be rostered to Tournament Teams only after being registered as a CAYSA member and must be rostered through the WYSC Registrar. Activities of Tournament Teams must not interfere with players' or coaches' responsibilities to their Primary Team.

3.3 Date of Rostering

The date of a player's rostering shall be no earlier than August 1 and shall be determined by the earlier of:

1. Assignment of a properly registered player or team; OR
2. The player's first participation in any competition sanctioned by CAYSA or its Member Associations.

3.3.1 WYSC Initial Rostering Deadline

Initial Team Rosters are due to the WYSC Registrar before the first game is played. See WYSC Calendar for rostering deadlines. Rosters for U-9 and older teams must be turned in to the WYSC Registrar and will be frozen two (2) weeks before the first scheduled game to allow printing of Rosters and ID Cards.

Once the Rosters and ID Cards have been distributed, players can again be Added or Released.

3.3.2 WYSC Team Rosters

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3.4 ROSTER LIMITATIONS

3.4.1 Minimum

No team shall be allowed to have less than seven (7) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year except for Under 5 and Under 6.

3.4.2 Maximum

No Division I, II or III team shall be allowed more than eighteen (18) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year.

No Division IV team shall be allowed more than the CAYSA recommended maximum number of players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year. WYSC recognizes the following maximum team limits:

1. Under 10 - 12 players
2. Under 9 - 12 players
3. Under 8 - no more than twice the number of players allowed on the field
4. Under 7 - no more than twice the number of players allowed on the field
5. Under 6 - no more than twice the number of players allowed on the field
6. Under 5 - no more than twice the number of players allowed on the field

SEE RULE 6.3

3.5 TEAM FORMATION

3.5.1 Recreational Teams

The purpose of competition within WYSC is to involve as many children as possible and teach them the game of soccer by providing approximately evenly matched competition between teams within WYSC whenever possible.

3.5.2 Pure Age Teams

For Under 10 and younger teams, players will be assigned, as near as possible by the "draft", to pure age teams.

3.5.3 Player Draft

Returning coaches of U-9 and older teams with a protected core of players from the previous season's team will first draft their hold over players. Among all the coaches, new coaches will draft first in an order to be determined by a draw.

Returning U-9 through U-19 coaches will draft in reverse order of their finish in the previous season. All coaches of U-8 and younger teams will draw for a draft order. All

players U-8 and younger will be in the draft each year.

When a new team is formed in any age division, the Coach and/or Assistant Coach, at their request, may have their own children assigned to their team. Under this provision, they will not draft until the number of rounds have been completed equal to their initial number of players (i.e. starting with two players, this team will draft next in the third round.)

3.5.4 Adds

Players must be Added or transferred to a team at least two (2) weeks prior to the last regularly scheduled, regular season game and must have participated in at least two (2) regularly scheduled, regular season games with his/her respective team prior to taking part in any post season competition.

3.5.5 Previously Rostered Players

All requests to add a previously rostered player shall be submitted to the WYSC Registrar along with a copy of the completed Release form. During the Fall season, this request must include the reason for the request of a previously rostered player.

The player is not to play a game with the new team until a properly executed Release/Transfer form has been received and approved by the WYSC Registrar. No Primary Team may receive more than three (3) previously rostered players onto the team during a seasonal year.

3.5.6 Releases

A Release may be requested by a player at any time.

A player may be released from a team involuntarily only if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:

1. The player has violated rules of USSF or the Club or the National State Association Member through whom the player is registered.
2. The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes reasonable travel distance is subject to the definition by the National State Association.
3. The player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season.

The Release portion of the Transfer/Release form must be filled out and sent to the WYSC Registrar. Should the Released player decide to return to his original team (or any other team) during the seasonal year, he will be considered a *previously rostered player*.

3.5.7 Fall CAYSA Championship Season

During the Fall CAYSA Championship Season, previously rostered players may be added to another team only when there is a case of extreme hardship. Hardship refers to hardship on a player, not a team. A team that has lost players, for whatever reasons, does not qualify under this hardship exception. (An example of a hardship would be a player moving to another location.) Previously rostered players requesting that they be added to another team must play with the new team in at least four (4) regularly scheduled games prior to taking part in any post-season competition. It is specifically intended that this rule prohibit the addition of players for the purpose of strengthening a team for post-season tournament play. The intent of this rule is that the same team, which played during the regular season, will participate in any CAYSA sponsored post-season tournaments.

FALL, WYSC FALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

3.8.1 Under 8 and younger

U-8 and younger teams are formed to introduce new players to soccer and to develop their soccer skills. To encourage this attitude, regular season standings will not be kept and coaches will be encouraged to play/develop their weakest players.

3.8.3 Determine Teams to Fall Championships

If all regularly scheduled, regular season games have not been completed by one (1) week before the CAYSA Fall Championship District Tournaments, teams to compete in the Fall Championship Tournaments shall be chosen by their standing in regular season league play by end of the CAYSA mandated deadline.

3.8.4 Selection of Guest Players

When two or more teams in a single age division will represent WYSC in a single tournament,

the Registrar in concert with the appropriate age division Commissioner will approve the assignment of available guest players among the teams.

4.0 RULES OF COMPETITION

4.1 Game Days

Regular season games will be played on Saturdays and weekdays as needed.

4.2 Practice Fields

Teams shall not use playing fields for practice sessions. Teams should locate open areas elsewhere for conducting their practice sessions. This rule is necessary in order to schedule maintenance and watering sessions to preserve the playing surfaces of the playing fields. Violation of this provision may result in penalty points being awarded to a coach.

4.3 Cancellation and/or Postponement of Scheduled Games

If a scheduled game has to be postponed or rescheduled, it must be cleared through the appropriate Age Commissioner and Referee Coordinator.

The season cannot be extended to accommodate rescheduling.

4.4 Inclement Weather Procedure

Teams shall be at the field on time and ready to play for all scheduled games. If a game is suspended, the coaches shall notify their Age Commissioner and the Referee Coordinator within 48 hours of the regularly scheduled game time. Coaches shall not reschedule a game without adherence to this procedure.

Unless a field has been closed, only the referee* can suspend a game because of foul weather which could create dangerous playing conditions.

If a game is suspended prior to the mid-point of the second half, the game must be rescheduled and played in its entirety. If the game has reached or gone beyond the mid-point of the second half, the game will stand with the existing score at the time to terminating.

Remember, the referee has final authority to suspend/stop a game due to weather and/or playing field conditions.

* A youth referee will consult with the Referee Coordinator before making a decision to suspend play.

4.5 Forfeits

The following constitutes a game forfeiture to be recorded by the referee:

1. Failure to field a team with the minimum number of players within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time of a game according to the referee's watch.
2. A coach or other responsible adult not present with the team during competition or failure to show up within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled game starting time.

The referee will report the forfeiture to the Referee Coordinator. The Referee Coordinator shall notify the D&P Chairman of all forfeitures. The D&P Committee will make the final ruling on all forfeits.

All forfeits must be written on the scoring forms.

4.6 Sideline Coaching

Sideline coaching of players on the field during a game shall be permitted to a team from only one side of the playing field along the touchline between the two penalty boxes. Sideline coaching is expected to be "positive," never negative coaching and should diminish as players get older and more skillful.

Excessive coaching may be limited by the referee.

4.7 Referee Abuse

No verbal (abuse) or physical (assault) before, during or after play; or any other form of game interference shall be allowed towards the referee.

5.0 GAME SCORING FORMS

5.1 Under 8 and Younger

In keeping with the WYSC and CAYSA/USYSA guidelines, no standings will be kept for Under 8 and younger teams. (See Rule 3.8.1)

5.2 Under 9 and Older

A game scoring form will be completed by the referee for all WYSC and CAYSA sanctioned play. Game scoring forms are to be retained through the end of the season. This form will, at a minimum, contain the following:

1. Age Group
2. Game Date, Time and Location
3. Team Names
4. Final Scores
5. Cautions (yellow cards) or ejections (red cards) issued by team with player/coach's name.
6. Any protest noted and a brief description of the basis.

5.3 Turning in Scores

The winning team (or the home team in cases of a tie) will submit the official scoring form, which includes the proper score for each team, the coaches' signature and the referee's signature to the WYSC Scorekeeper. Scoring forms are to be submitted to the Scorekeeper immediately following regular scheduled games. Scoring forms for make-up games must be submitted within 24 hours following the end of the game. When a scoring form is not timely received, that game will not be counted in league standings.

6.0 RULES OF PLAY AND LOCAL RULES

6.0.5 All inter-league and intra-league games

All games inter- and intra- league games shall conform to CAYSA rules, where not addressed in these local rules and procedures.

6.1 Law I - The Field of Play

All fields will have a "spectator line" marked approximately 5 feet from the touch-line between the penalty boxes as space allows. **NO ONE, except the Assistant Referee, shall be between the spectator line and the touch-line.**

6.2 Law II - The Ball

The size of the ball shall be as follows

Under 19 - Under 13	Size 5	Inflated to 27-28"	14-16 Ounces
Under 12 - Under 9	Size 4	Inflated to 25-26"	11-13 Ounces
Under 8 - Under 5	Size 3	Inflated to 23-24"	8-12 Ounces

6.3 Law III - Number of Players

1. See Rostering for number of players per team. (Rule 3.4.2)
2. Number of players on the field:
 - a. U-12 through U-19 shall have no less than 7 and no more than 11 players on the field at any given time unless in a local Small-sided League.
 - b. U-10 and U-9 shall have no less than 7 players and no more than 8 players on the field at any given time.
 - c. U-8 and U-7 (Boys and Girls) shall have no less than 3 players and no more than 4 players on the field at any given time. There shall be no goalkeeper.
 - d. U-6 and younger (Boys and Girls) shall have no less than 2 players and no more than 3 players on the field at any given time. There shall be no goalkeeper.
3. Substitutes: In youth play, substitutions shall be unlimited with the following restraints:
 - a. In Divisions III and IV, coaches must make every effort to play each registered player that is present (in each half) approximately one-half of the total game time unless unable to do so due to players illness or injury or for disciplinary reasons. **In the event that a player is present but will not be playing, the coach must inform the referee and the opposing coach as to the reason that player will not participate.**
 - b. The prior permission of the referee is required in order to make any substitution at any time except at the resumption of play after the half time break. Half time substitutions must be reported to the referee.
 1. Throw-in by the team in possession.
 2. By either team following a goal.
 3. By either team when the referee stops play for an injured player.
 4. After a caution for the player receiving the caution.
 - c. Substitution by one team at any of these times does not automatically give permission

to the other team. This permission must be specifically given to each team by the referee. The referee must be made aware of all goalkeeper changes, even those that occur at half time.

6.4 Law IV - Players Equipment

1. All players must wear shin guards, which are commercially produced and specifically designed to provide protection to the shins in all games and practices. Shin guards must be fully covered by socks.
2. Knee pads and elbow pads are permissible.
3. No player will be allowed to play with a hard cast, padded or otherwise.
4. Players may wear warm clothing in cold weather provided they wear their jerseys on the outside.
5. Players may wear sliding, bike, cyclist or tight fitting pants which do not protrude below the top of the knee and are the same color as the shorts. This does not prohibit players from wearing loose fitting, long-legged sweat pants or tights when it is cold or goalkeepers from wearing goalkeeper pants which may be tight and have padding.
6. Bandannas of any style may not be worn during any game. Players may not wear a bandanna either on their heads, legs or arms. Exceptions may be made for medical reasons.
7. Uniforms are mandatory by the second regular season game.
8. In the event the playing teams do not have contrasting colors, the home team shall be required to change, if requested by the referee.
9. Goals must be inspected annually before the FALL season begins. A statement, signed by a member of the Board of Directors, attesting to their good condition must be sent to CAYSA with the submission of the fall registration.

6.5 Law V - Referees

The referee shall be the sole judge of the facts of the game (e.g., fouls, playability of the field, and appropriateness of the players' equipment.) If the official referee does not appear for the game within 15 minutes after the scheduled kickoff time, a person mutually agreed upon by BOTH coaches may referee the game.

6.6 Law VI - Assistant Referees (Linesmen)

Assistant Referees (Linesmen) are required for Under-9 and older games. The Referee Coordinator will assign a head referee and two linesmen for each game scheduled. A "Fourth" referee (certification not required) will be responsible for signaling the Center Referee for the substitution of players and will record the playing time of each player present and eligible to play. If an Assistant Referees does not arrive at the game within 15 min of the scheduled start the head referee will ask for a volunteer from each team, not a player in the scheduled match, to work the game as a Linesman.

6.7 Law VII - Duration of the Game

Duration of the games shall be as follows:

Under 19 - Under 17	Two 45-Minute Halves
Under 16 - Under 15	Two 40-Minute Halves
Under 14 - Under 13	Two 35-Minute Halves
Under 12 - Under 11	Two 30-Minute Halves
Under 10 - Under 9 (6v6)	Two 25-Minute Halves
Under 8 - Under 7 (4v4)	Four 10-Minute Quarters
Girls Under 8 (4v4)	Four 10-Minute Quarters
Under 6 - Under 5 (3v3)	Four 8-Minute Quarters
Girls Under 6 (3v3)	Four 8-Minute Quarters

The half-time interval shall be five (5) minutes and quarter-time interval shall be two (2) minutes.

6.8 Law VIII, Law IX, Law X

According to FIFA.

6.9 Law XI - Offside

Under 19 through Under 10 no changes.

Under 8 and younger - the offside rule shall be interpreted liberally; however, no player may play in an obvious offside position, in front of or near the goal, such as a "designated scorer".

6.10 Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct

The FIFA Law with respect to the charging of the goalkeeper shall not apply in youth play. There shall be no charging of the goalkeeper, fairly or unfairly, in CAYSA sanctioned

competition. Any such act will be considered as "dangerous play" at the least and punished accordingly.

6.11 Law XIII - Free Kick

Under 19 through Under 10 - According to FIFA

Under 8 through Under 5 -

1. All fouls shall be penalized with indirect kicks.
2. From the point of taking of an indirect kick or corner kick, opponents shall not be any closer than six (6) yards.

6.12 Law XIV - Penalty Kick

Under 19 through Under 11 - According to FIFA

Under 10 and Under 9 - According to FIFA except the penalty spot is nine (9) yards from the goal line.

Under 8 and younger - no penalty kicks.

6.13 Law XV - Throw In

Under 19 through Under 9 - According to FIFA

Under 8 and younger - If there is an infraction of the FIFA throw in rule, the player throwing the ball in shall receive one additional throw-in after correcting instruction from the referee. If the player violates the FIFA throw in rule in his/her second throw in, then the opposing team shall be awarded the throw in.

6.14 Law XVI, Law XVII

Other WYSC Policies:

1. Under 8 and younger - there shall be no goalkeeper.
2. Coaches may not be on the field of play during conduct of the game with the exception of U6 and under. U6 and under may have one coach on the field of play.
3. Alcoholic beverages of any type and tobacco products will not be permitted at or adjacent to any field of play.

7.0 TOURNAMENT AND TRAVEL POLICY

7.1 Requirements

The coach of each team attending tournaments must carry with him and present to the tournament officials:

1. An official team roster signed by the WYSC Registrar.
2. A penalty point report signed by the WYSC Registrar or Scorekeeper.
3. Player Pass (ID) Cards for each player and coach. All cards must be properly laminated and signed by the player or coach, signed by the WYSC Registrar, and all cards must have a picture of the player or coach attached before laminating.
4. Registration forms with signed medical release.
5. Any additional information required by CAYSA.

7.2 Expenses for State Tournaments

Any WYSC team participating in a CAYSA sponsored State tournament that is over 80 miles away, may request up to \$25.00 per participating player to help offset expenses. All requests for this fund shall be in writing and submitted to the Board of Directors of WYSC for approval.

7.3 INVITATIONAL OR COMMERCIAL TOURNAMENTS

7.3.1 Information

Information concerning Invitational Tournaments may be obtained at WYSC meetings, from the CAYSA State Office or Web Sites www.caysa.org or www.stxsoccer.org.

7.3.2 Requirements of Tournaments

Most Tournaments require a Roster signed by the WYSC Registrar and laminated ID Cards containing photographs. If you need a Secondary Team Roster, contact the WYSC Registrar at least one week prior to the tournament and have the ID numbers of all players and coaches available.

7.3.3 WYSC Requirements

1. No player or coach goes to an Invitational Tournament if doing so means missing a Regular Season Game. Violation of this rule shall result in awarding the individual(s) involved nine (9) discipline points. No Team Points will be awarded.

2. Teams planning to participate in tournaments outside WYSC boundaries must submit a written notification to the WYSC Commissioner one week prior to departure.

7.3.4 Out of State Tournaments

Requires Travel Permit from CAYSA Office. See CAYSA Tournament and Travel Policy and allow thirty (30) days for CAYSA to process your request.

8.0 DISCIPLINE, PROTEST AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

8.1 Introduction

Misconduct of players, coaches and fans continues to be a problem in soccer. More emphasis is needed to promote conduct and good sportsmanship. The following system is an effort to discourage violent play and misconduct during the playing season or playing year.

8.2 Individual Penalty Point Accumulation

Individuals (players and coaches) will be given three (3) penalty points for each caution (yellow card) and nine (9) points for each ejection (red card) with a maximum of nine (9) points in any single game throughout each playing season. These points shall accumulate and the individual points carry into post-season tournaments. Penalty points for coaches may be assessed without the referee showing a card. **Coaches are required to maintain control of their players and the team's fans and may be cautioned or ejected for the misconduct of a fan.** They will be awarded nine (9) points for physical contact with a referee by a fan, whether or not the coach is ejected. Each coach/assistant is responsible for maintaining penalty point records for himself and for each team and player that he/she coaches. Any challenge to penalty points must be by protest at the game in which the points are accumulated. Within 48 hours of the end of the game, a written protest must be delivered to the D&P Chairperson (WYSC Deputy Commissioner).

8.3 Disciplinary Action for Individuals

1. Nine (9) points - Suspension for the next game.
 - a. A coach or assistant coach shall not attend and may not observe the next game.
 - b. A player may attend the next game, however, the player shall not dress in uniform, nor participate in the game.
2. Eighteen (18) points - Suspension for the next two (2) regular season games.
 - a. Coaches and/or players who have accumulated eighteen (18) penalty points shall appear before a WYSC D&P Committee during the period of their suspension for consideration of further suspension.
 - b. A coach or assistant coach shall not attend and shall not observe the next two (2) games.
 - c. A player may attend the next two (2) games, however, the player shall not dress in uniform, nor participate in the game.
3. Over twenty-one (21) points - Suspension pending a review and reinstatement hearing by the WYSC D&P Committee. The person shall not attend nor observe any CAYSA sponsored event and WYSC shall confiscate all ID cards until such person petitions for a hearing and is successfully reinstated.

8.4 Invitational Tournaments

Penalty points for cautions and ejections obtained during invitational and/or commercially sponsored tournaments shall not be counted in the CAYSA Progressive Discipline System; however, disciplinary action for improper conduct at such events may be taken.

8.5 Action of Fans

The parents, fans or supporters of any team by attending a WYSC sponsored event subject themselves to the jurisdiction of the WYSC D&P Committee, Executive Committee and the WYSC Board of Directors. Such discipline may include, but shall not be limited to the following:

1. Prohibiting the parent, fan or supporter from attending any WYSC/CAYSA sponsored event, including games, practices and tournaments for a period of time or indefinitely. **The failure to comply with the discipline shall be cause for the WYSC D&P to discipline the player related to the parent, fan or supporter, the team which the parent, fan or supporter supports and/or the coach of such team.**

8.6 Record Keeping/Reporting

The WYSC Scorekeeper will record, maintain and report cautions and ejections for coaches, assistant coaches and players. The person's name, address and telephone numbers are to be provided to the CAYSA office each seasonal year. Additionally, WYSC will report to the appropriate referee association any misconduct on the part of the referee.

8.7 WYSC Disciplinary Rules

The Disciplinary and Protest Committee shall have final ruling on all player/coach suspensions and probations.

8.8 Protest Procedure

8.8.1 Grounds for Protest

A game can only be protested on a violation of the Laws of the Games by the referee or violation of the WYSC Rules of Competition. **The game cannot be protested on the basis of a referee's judgment call.**

8.8.1.1 Notification of Protest

The following steps must be executed in the proper order and within the time period specified. No exceptions allowed.

1. The coach protesting a game must inform the Referee Coordinator within 24 hours after the game was played that he plans to protest the game. The Referee Coordinator will inform the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the notification.
2. The protesting coach must file his written protest with the WYSC Deputy Commissioner or the Commissioner along with a \$50.00 fee payable to WYSA in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or money order within 48 hours from the time the game being protested ended. The protest must be signed by the protesting coach. The written protest should clearly state all pertinent information about the incident or incidents involved, such as
 - the following:
 - a. Team name.
 - b. Date of the game, field location and age level.
 - c. Time of the incident in relation to the start of the game.
 - d. Rule or rules which have been violated and a description of how it/they were violated.
 - e. Score of the game prior to the incident, after the incident, and the final score of the game.
 - f. Name of the referee.
3. The WYSC Deputy Commissioner will forward copies of the protest and protest fee to the Commissioner, Secretary and Treasurer within 48 hours after receiving the protest and protest fee.
4. The Chairman of the D&P Committee will discuss the merit of the protest with the WYSC Commissioner within 48 hours after receiving a copy of the protest. If they both agree that the protest is not valid, it will be disapproved; otherwise, the protest will require the convening of the D&P Committee within seven (7) days (M-F) of the receipt of the written protest by the D&P Chairman. Both coaches and the referee of the protested game must be informed of the location, date, time and all charges filed at least 48 hours prior to the convening of the hearing.

8.8.2 D&P Hearing Process

The committee has the right to call any or all interested parties to their hearing for advice or testimony, or they may ask for written statements in advance. In either case, they will rule at the end of their hearing and this ruling shall be final pending any appeal. The Chairman shall publish the ruling and it shall be postmarked to all individuals involved within five (5) working days (M-F) of the hearing. It shall also be published at the next WYSC meeting.

Discipline may include, but shall not be limited to:

1. Assigning of penalty points.
2. Suspensions (limited or indefinite).

The ruling of the D&P on any protest or suspension can be appealed. The appeal will be to the WYSC Executive Committee and must be handled like a separate protest with a **new fee** and written protest filed with the Commissioner of WYSC. No one except the party involved may file an appeal. Appeals to the Executive Committee must be heard within five (5) working days (M-F) of receipt of the appeal. If the protest in any case is sustained, the protest fee will be returned to the initiator by the WYSA Treasurer, otherwise, the fee will remain in the WYSA general funds account.

8.8.3 Appeals

The line of authority for a protest or an appeal shall be:

1. WYSC D&P Committee
2. WYSC Executive Committee
3. CAYSA D&P Committee
4. CA YSA Executive Committee
5. Region III Appeals Committee

6. USYSA National Appeals Committee
7. USSF National Appeals Committee

A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations is not sufficient grounds for appeals or protests.

8.8.4 Grievance Procedures

A "grievance" is any complaint that is not a protest or an appeal and which does not request changing the outcome of a specific game. Grievances concern a violation of WYSC, WYSA, CAYSA or USSF Constitutions, By-Laws or Rules, Regulations and Procedures or involve disputes between members of two teams within WYSC. Complaints that involve members of only one team should be settled within that team. When two or more teams are involved, the Coaches of the teams involved shall confer and attempt settlement. If no agreement is reached, then:

1. The coaches of the teams involved shall confer with the WYSC Commissioner or someone designated by him/her for the purpose of reaching an agreement.
2. In the case that the WYSC Commissioner is unable to settle the complaint, it will be judged a Grievance and reduced to writing, setting forth all available facts and evidence.
3. The grievances shall be dated and signed by the aggrieved coach. One copy shall be given to the Chairman of the WYSC D&P Committee and one copy to the opposing coach.

No grievance will be considered if not presented within 15 days from the date the grievance occurred. The D&P Committee shall meet to dispose of any grievance submitted to it within two weeks of the date the grievance is submitted, and shall dispose of the case within two weeks thereafter, unless otherwise agreed upon. A grievance concerning a referee(s) shall be written, dated and signed by the aggrieved coach. One copy shall be given to the Referee Coordinator and one copy to the referee involved. In a grievance, the ruling of the D&P Committee can be appealed. The hierarchy for appeals is:

1. WYSC Executive Committee
2. CAYSA D&P Committee

No one except the party or parties involved may file an appeal. A grievance appeal shall be handled exactly like the appeal of a protest or suspension and will be accompanied with the \$50.00 fee payable to WYSA.

9.0 REFEREES

9.1 Pay for Referees

WYSC recognizes the certification sanctioned by CAYSA/USSF. WYSC will consider a referee to be "certified" upon proof of either:

1. A current year referee badge.
2. A pink copy of the USSF registration form.

CAYSA/USSF certification is required on an annual basis and as such, WYSC will require proof in order to determine pay rates.

Certified and Uncertified referees shall be paid per game as follows:

<u>CERTIFIED REFEREE</u>	<u>CERTIFIED ASST. REFEREE</u>
U-6 \$8.00	All Games \$8.00
U-8 \$10.00	
U-10 \$12.00	
U-12 \$15.00	
U-14 \$18.00	
<u>UNCERTIFIED REFEREE</u>	<u>UNCERTIFIED ASST. REFEREE</u>
Flat Fee \$8.00	Flat Fee \$5.00

9.2 Procedure for Paying Referees

Prior to games, the Referee Coordinator or his appointed representative shall secure funds, by a single check from the WYSA Treasurer, to cover the referee expenses for game day. With cash from this check, he shall pay the referees. Referees shall be issued a game schedule and signify receipt of their game fee by signing for it with the Referee Coordinator or his appointed representative. This record shall be returned to the Treasurer as evidence of the disbursement.

9.2.1 Requirements for Paying Referees

The Referee Coordinator will verify that a game score card for each game has been turned in by each Center Referee and that the score card shows the information noted in item 5.2 before payment is distributed.

10.0 FINANCIAL POLICY

WYSA shall reimburse all members for necessary, actual, reasonable and proper business and travel expenses incurred during the conduct of WYSC business. Those reimbursed should not be penalized nor should they profit by adhering to these policies. The following shall govern expense reimbursement.

11.0 APPROVAL

All expense reimbursement requests shall be approved first by the WYSC Commissioner.

12.0 TRAVEL

Travel expenses must be itemized and available receipts attached to the expense reimbursement request. Travel expenses shall be limited to transportation, meals, tips, lodging and parking. Personal car expense shall be reimbursed at the rate per mile authorized by the IRS. Mileage shall be no greater than that provided in the Texas State Highways and Public Transportation, Official Highway Travel Map or by actual odometer readings.

13.0 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

All administrative expenses must be itemized and available receipts attached to the expense reimbursement request. Administrative expenses shall be limited to telephone calls, supplies, mailing, copying and printing.

14.0 GENERAL EXPENSES FOR WYSC

The WYSC Board of Directors shall approve those expenditures necessary, actual and reasonable to conduct the business of WYSC. In the absence of prior Board approval, the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner may authorize such expenditures up to \$400.00.

15.0 PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

The WYSC Board of Directors will first approve all expenditures of \$400.00 or more, which have not been budgeted.

1. When product specification can be written in advance, a minimum of three (3) bids shall be required and unless there is substantial reason to do otherwise, the lowest bid shall be chosen.
2. When the use of product specification for bids is not possible or practical, two (2) or more proposals should be presented for Board consideration.

16.0 BOARD APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

The WYSC Board of Directors shall approve those expenditures necessary, actual and reasonable to conduct the business of WYSC, then submit approved expenditures to the WYSA Board.

17.0 SOLICITING BY TEAMS RESTRICTED

No person shall solicit money, support, services or any other thing of value for the benefit of any WYSC team, team player or coach or any other person from any business, team sponsor or individual without approval in written form from the WYSC Board of Directors. Team players engaged in WYSC Board approved fundraising projects, while wearing the uniform jersey of their primary team, will not be required to have in their possession approval in written form from the Board of Directors.

Elected or appointed members of the Board of Directors and other persons specifically named may, without a formal letter of approval, solicit money, support, services or other things of value for the benefit of WYSC when such soliciting has been approved by an entry in the minutes of this organization.

18.0 FUNDRAISING BY TEAMS

Before initiating any fundraising activity for the benefit of any team, team player, coach or any other person an APPLICATION to raise funds, in written form, must be submitted to the Commissioner or a member of the Board of Directors. The application should describe the activity, state when it will be conducted and to what purpose any profits will be applied. Projects with no direct conflict with WYSC activities may be approved verbally by the Commissioner or a member of the Board of Directors.

19.0 VIOLATIONS

Violations of soliciting or fundraising restrictions will be subject to review and action by the WYSC D&P Committee. A first violation of provisions 17.0 or 18.0 shall result in a suspension for two (2) regular scheduled seasonal games. A subsequent violation of these said provisions shall result in a one (1) year suspension. Any suspension will be defined in by CAYSA Rule.

20.0 PLAYER SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, WYSC will provide a number of registration scholarships for players in Divisions III and IV. A coach or other person who knows of a young person who is in need of a scholarship in order to participate in the soccer program shall bring this need to the attention of the Board of Directors. Approval of registration scholarships shall require a unanimous vote of the quorum present after needs have been determined.

21.0 YOUTH COACH OF THE YEAR

Nominations for Girl Youth Coach of the Year and Boy Youth Coach of the year will be received by the Board of Directors after December 1 of each seasonal year. The Board of Directors shall select a winner in each category and remit that person's name to CAYSA to be the WYSC candidate(s) for CAYSA Youth Coach of the Year.

22.0 YOUTH REFEREE OF THE YEAR

The Referee Coordinator shall recommend one or more candidates for a Youth Referee of the Year award. When more than one recommendation is received, the Board of Directors shall determine the candidate to forward to CAYSA as a contender for the CAYSA Youth Referee of the Year award.

AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL RULES OF PLAY AND LOCAL RULES

The Board of Directors may, from time to time, at any regular, called or special meeting of the Board, with proper entry into the minutes of said meeting, amend, add to or subtract from these rules when needed to govern and promote the game of soccer or to maintain compliance with CAYSA or USSF/USYSA rules