

WCSA 2019 SOCCER SEASON SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

Website: www.wcsasoccer.com

The purpose of SAY is kids having fun while learning to play soccer.

- All coaches, players, and fans must abide by the rules and laws of the game of soccer.
- We ask that everyone keep things in perspective: This is for the kids and we must make that our first priority. Good sportsmanship and behavior is expected by all and towards all.
- All coaches, players, parents and referees are expected to abide by the WCSA code of conduct. A copy can be found on the WCSA website or by contacting your district representative.
- Thank you in advance for your support. Visit www.wcsasoccer.com for more information.

1) Communications: All communications from a coach should be to their District Representative. In many cases the District Representative will be able to address any issues. Only District Representatives should contact a WCSA board member. If you have constructive suggestions or ideas for improvement please forward to your District Representative.

2) “Two Times” Policy: No less than two (2) adults (18 years or older) per team **MUST** be present at all team functions including practices, games, and season end parties. Preferably, the two adults should not be related to each other. In addition, every coach, assistant coach and team helpers must complete the SAY Volunteer Form online prior to the start of the 2018 season which begins with practices July 29, 2019. This is for the protection of everyone involved in SAY soccer.

3) Concussion Policy: **ALL** coaches and referees **MUST** complete the State of Ohio **mandatory** online concussion training **PRIOR** to the first practice. Practices can begin July 29, 2019. You are not permitted to practice without this online certification. Copies need to be emailed to your district representative and are good for three years.

4) The Draw: The District Representative has the authority to redraw any or all divisions for their respective program. Approval is not necessary from the WCSA board. The draw is performed in accordance with the WCSA draw procedures. **NOTE:** It must be understood that the draw process is random and does not necessarily make the teams equal in skill and as such, can cause the creation of stronger and/or weaker teams. Please refer to the SAY rule book or see your District Representative for the draw procedures.

5) Scheduling Conflicts/Request: Each District Representative must provide the scheduler with all known schedule conflicts and special request no later than June 16th. Conflicts: school functions, church functions, and Boy or Girl Scout functions. Request(s) – Homecoming, special events (Sophie’s Run)

6) Scheduled Matches:

- a. Regular season play will consist of 8 scheduled matches.
- b. Matches are expected to be played as scheduled.
- c. Coaches may not reschedule matches on their own.
- d. Matches may **ONLY** be rescheduled in situations where church/school/organization obligations (not previously identified) require players to attend **AND** the number of players available to play will be less than the normal full complement (Passers/Wings 7, Strikers 9, Kickers 11). The coach or team representative must notify their District Representative of the need to reschedule the match. The District Representative will

notify the opposing teams District Representative, scheduler, referee scheduler and President so a new schedule can be worked out.

e. A coach may not pre-arrange a forfeit in advance of a match. Should a team have to forfeit because it cannot play at the scheduled date and time, the coach or team representative must contact their District Representative who will then be responsible for notifying the opposing coach's District Representative, scheduler, referee scheduler and league President. **The team that forfeits the match must pay the entire referee fees for the forfeited match.**

7) **Field Closures:** Organizations that are in control of fields may close them for weather or other appropriate considerations. Field coordinators will use "c notify" to auto text and email closure details to all league coaches and District Representatives. Fields considered open/playable by controlling organizations may be declared unplayable by the referee assigned to the match. If both coaches agree the field is unplayable for safety reasons, they must notify their District Representative prior to leaving the field.

8) **Weather Delays/Cancellations:** Any lightening or thunder requires a 30 minute delay of the game and removal of teams from the field area. If there is lightening or thunder in the first half of the game then that game will be cancelled unless it is the last game of the day in order to avoid having the remaining games delayed. If the game is in the third quarter the game will be restarted with the beginning of the 4th quarter and if the game is in the 4th quarter then the game will be played to completion. If there is a second event of thunder or lightening then the game will be cancelled unless it is the last game of the day. A game cancelled in the first half will be rescheduled in its entirety. A game cancelled in the second half will stand as if it had been played in full. Please notify your District Representative of any game cancellations so the WCSA board can ensure that all games are properly rescheduled. **NOTE:** If lightening or thunder strikes 10 minutes or more prior to the start of the game, the game will be delayed 30 minutes, if there is a 2nd occurrence the game will be cancelled and rescheduled unless it is the last game of the day. Half time is considered the second half of the game.

9) **Legal Team:**

a. NO player is allowed to play on your official **SAY** team unless they are on your validated roster. Validated and signed WCSA rosters must be available at all matches. Rosters may be checked prior to matches as per **SAY** rules. Coaches not having the proper roster available will be given a warning. A second offense may result in a one match suspension.

b. Coaches are required to ensure that their team has no more than 9 upper aged players at one time on the field for kickers, 7 upper aged players for strikers and 6 upper aged players for passers/wings.

c. Coaches are required to ensure all players play half of each game. If a player arrives after the start of the game, then he/she is only required to play half of the remaining time left in the match. Referees are **NOT** responsible to ensure all players play at least half of each game.

10) **Clarification on Cast/Splints:** No cast, splints or braces with any metal, wood, or hard material (including plastic) whether covered in padding or not is permitted. This is for the protection of the child, the other players, and everyone involved in **SAY** soccer. Even if the parents and coaches agree to allow a player to play it is still not permitted.

11) **Cleats:** No metal cleats are ever allowed. Toe cleats are allowed.

12) **Special Passers Rules:**

a. All free kicks are indirect.

b. No slide tackling of any kind is allowed. The penalty is an indirect free kick for the opposing team.

c. If a bad throw in is made then the referee shall stop play, explain the proper procedure to the player and allow that player two more chances to make a proper throw in. After a third bad throw in the ball shall be turned over to the opposing team.

13) Referee: The authority of the referee commences as soon as the referee enters the field of play, and continues until the referee leaves the area after the match. All participants are subject to that authority before, during, and after a match.

a. Referee systems and fees are the amount payable to the referee by representatives for both teams.

1) Passers:	1 referee	\$10 per team per match
2) Wings:	2 referees	\$20 per team per match
3) Strikers	2 referees	\$20 per team per match
4) Kickers	3 referees	\$35 per team (Center \$30, AR \$20 each) per match

b. For matches with multiple referees assigned, one referee will be designated as the "Referee in Charge".

c. Coaches and spectators are expected to refrain from criticism of the referees as well as the calls made by the referees during the course of the match. Failure to show proper support and respect for the referees can result in a warning up to and including ejection from a match. In addition, the WCSA board may impose additional sanctions. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their players, assistants and fans.

d. All WCSA matches will have **SAY** registered referees assigned. If the assigned referee (s) fail to appear for the match, the match may be played with volunteer referees whether certified or not, if both coaches agree to it. No protest of any calls or outcome of the match will be allowed based on the qualifications of the volunteer. If a family member of a player is a certified referee and is available s/he may perform the duties of the certified referee. If the assigned referee arrives after the start of the match, the match may be turned over to the referee at a stoppage of play or at the end of the quarter. The match will not be restarted. Please report the absence of a referee to your district representative and/or through the score reporting system.

e. Referees are responsible to notify the Referee Coordinator of any and all infractions to the Laws, Rules and Supplemental Rules within 48 hours of the end of the match.

14) Red Cards: Any coach or player who receives a red card will be suspended for the next match. When the coach or player receives their red card they may no longer be actively involved in the administration of the game. The coach must leave the surrounding field area. The team will also play short if a field player has been ejected via red card. In addition, the WCSA Disciplinary Board will review the circumstances surrounding the offense and may, at their discretion, issue additional penalties including probation, suspension, and/ or expulsion. The one game suspension cannot be appealed.

15) Unsportsmanlike Coaching: Deliberately running up the score is considered unsportsmanlike coaching. Any coach found to have deliberately run up the score will be warned by the WCSA Disciplinary board and if it is warranted, suspended for the next match. If the goal differential exceeds six (6), it will strongly considered running up the score even without further information. Coaches who believe the opposing coach is acting in an unsportsmanlike manner (which includes not actively limiting scoring) should notify the opposing coach **before** the score gets out of hand. A written complaint must include the details of the match and must be sent to the District Representative within 48 hours of the match. Issues can also be reported through the score reporting module. The WCSA Disciplinary Board will have jurisdiction in determining if unsportsmanlike coaching has occurred and the severity of any sanctions. There is no gain in points or league standings for goal differential.

16) Match Protest: To avoid official protest, every effort should be made by both team's coaches and the referee in charge to correct a misapplication of the law immediately following the contested call. It is the coach's responsibility to make the opposing coach and the referee in charge aware of the contested call and potential for a protest. This must be done by using the word "PROTEST" to the closest referee and opposing coach preferably before play resumes but in no case will a protest be allowed once the next quarter starts. Please try and fix any problem on the field immediately to avoid a protest and rescheduling of a game. If you are the opposing coach and know that a contested call is incorrect please do the right thing and assist the referee and other coach with the correct call. The only protest that can be made involves **misapplication of the law.** You cannot protest a **judgment** call by the referee. In addition, only properly filed protest will be considered. Match protest must be submitted in writing to your District Representative within 48 hours of a protested match. The protest must include all the details surrounding the match and the basis for the protest. In addition, the protest must include a **\$100 match protest fee** which will only be refunded if the protest is upheld.

17) Reporting Scores: The winning coach or home team coach (in the event of a tie) must report the score **within 48 hours.** Scores are reported on the WCSA website at www.wcsasoccer.com. Failure to report scores on time could result in a one (1) point deduction from your standings.

18) League Standings: Teams will be awarded three (3) points for each win, one (1) point for each tie. And zero (0) points for each loss. These are referred to as primary points. Standings will be determined by rank ordering highest to lowest primary points based on each team's record. All games count towards standings – even if you play the same team twice.

A. Tie breaking procedures:

1. Head to head winner (if more than 2 teams are tied then go to 2 below unless one team has beaten all others)
2. Best record against common opponents.
3. Overall record
4. Coin flip (use cards if more than 2 teams are tied) will be used to determine ranking in the tournament
5. If needed, a playoff game will be played to determine entry into the tournament.

B. Tie breakers are ranked in order of best to worst; therefore, we should use them in that order. As such when 3 or more teams are tied we will go through the process above until one team emerges as the better of the teams then start the process over again with "A" or "B", as appropriate.

19) 2019 End of the Season Tournament: Team seeding/placement will be based on above League Standing rules.

A. The following placed teams will make the post season tournament:

1. Girls Passers Top 4 teams from 7 leagues/divisions (28 teams)
2. Girls Wings Top 4 teams from 5 leagues/divisions (20 teams)
3. Girls Strikers Top 4 teams from 3 leagues/divisions (12 teams)
4. Girls Kickers Top 4 teams from 3 leagues/divisions (12 teams)
5. Boys Passers Top 4 teams from 6 leagues/divisions (24 teams)
6. Boys Wings Top 4 teams from 5 leagues/divisions (20 teams)
7. Boys Strikers Top 4 teams from 3 leagues/divisions (12 teams)
8. Boys Kickers Top 4 teams from 2 leagues/divisions (8 teams)

B. Tournament brackets will start with the top team playing the bottom team from another league. Second place verses third and so forth as best possible. In certain

divisions there will either be a play in game due to having an extra team for the bracket or a tie due to having one less team. All tournament brackets will be preset.

C. Tournament Dates: October 19/20 and October 26/27 at Cleves Community Park. (Rainout Dates November 2/3)

D. Please note that post season tournaments are not governed by SAY and operate under WCSA post season tournament guidelines.

20) 2019 State Tournament:

A. It is our desire to send the top 2 teams on each level to the state tournament. Any teams outside of the WCSA Champions are not guaranteed and are subject to bracket space availability. All post season teams will be informed of the state numbers PRIOR to the WCSA post season tournament

B. Additional teams may be requested by the state organizers if needed to complete a bracket. Additional requests are on a first come first serve basis. In the past we have been able to fulfill these requests.

C. State tournament dates: Nov 9/10 and November 16/17 (Rainout Dates November 23/24)

D. Please note that the State tournament is not governed by SAY and operates under The Ohio Area State Tournament guidelines

21) Concussion Precaution

- Any player involved in a serious collision or taking a hit to the head will be removed from the game for a **minimum** of 10 minutes as a precaution.
- Player(s) may not return to the game until cleared by the head referee or a member of the WCSA board (if applicable) at the next break in the game (quarter, half, etc.) following the 10 minute wait period.
- There is no guarantee a player will be permitted to return to the game, or after returning to the game they won't be removed again. Safety is our highest priority.
- Referee / Board decision is final, cannot be appealed and disciplinary action will be taken when necessary. Again, safety is our highest priority.
- If a player is struck in the face or head at close range, play will be stopped immediately regardless if there is a drive on goal. Player will be removed from the game as stated above. Play will resume with the appropriate restart of the game.
- NOTE: This does not replace or override State concussion training or protocol. If a player is believed to have a concussion they must be removed from the game and cannot return until they are medically cleared as per State laws and regulations. The intent of this precaution is to see if the player is hurt and provide them time to recover before possibly returning to the game.

22) Player Counts and Field Size

- Passers/Wings will play 7v7 on a small sided field
- Strikers will play 9v9 on a small sided field
- Kickers will play 11v11 on a full sided field

23) SafeSport Compliance and Training

- All coaches must complete the federally mandated SafeSport Training through US Soccer by July 15, 2019 in order to receive their rosters at the coach's meeting scheduled July 17, 2019.
- Training is valid for 2 years from the date listed on the certificate
- Certificates should be emailed to wesacompliance@gmail.com

24) New for 2019 – Lopsided Scoring Game Changes

- If a team is leading by 4 points or more, the opposing team can add a player
- If the score differential becomes 5 or greater, the opposing team can add another player for a maximum total addition of 2.
- If a team is playing with added players and the goal differential drops below 5 a player should be removed and below 4 the second player removed.
- Keep in mind, coaches can choose not to add a player
- Leading coaches can also remove players as long as they maintain the minimum number of players on the field (Passers/Wings 5, Strikers 6, Kickers 7)