

# **SECTION 3 - RULES OF COMPETITION - OUTDOOR**

## **Rule 303 STATE SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS**

### **Rule 303A US YOUTH SOCCER WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **303A.1 Administration - US Youth Soccer Washington State Championships**

- (a) The US Youth Soccer Washington State Championships - hereafter referred to as "State Championships" - will consist of one tournament. It will be open to all boys and girls teams Under 12 through Under 19, comprised of properly registered WSYSA youth players affiliated with Member Associations, provided such teams entering, and its Association, are in good standing with WSYSA and the team is in compliance with and has not violated the rules of the WSYSA, EXCEPT those teams that have entered the Challenge Cup, Commissioners' Cup or the President's Cup tournament. Any team using an ineligible player(s) will forfeit all of its tournament games.
- (b) All Washington State Premier League Division I and Division II teams may only participate in the State Championships. All Division I teams will be seeded.
- (c) This will not be a single elimination tournament. There will be a random draw held that will determine team position (after the Division I teams are seeded.)
- (d) Teams entering the State Championships are ineligible to enter the Challenge Cup, Commissioners' Cup or President's Cup tournaments.
- (e) Players entering the State Championships are ineligible to enter the Challenge Cup, Commissioners' Cup or President's Cup tournaments.

#### **303A.2 State Championships**

- (a) The State Championships will have one tournament director appointed by the WSYSA Vice-President of Competition and approved by the WSYSA Executive Board. The tournament may have administrators appointed by the WSYSA Vice-President of Competition with such authority as granted by the Vice-President of Competition to perform their duties.
- (b) The WSYSA Vice-President of Competition will select venues for the tournament.
- (c) Each participating Member Association shall designate a representative to form the "Tournament Committee". Once the committee meets in early fall to cover rule changes, the Committee will be considered formed. Teams are to direct any questions or concerns to their association's tournament representative.
- (d) Applications for each tournament must be accompanied with the proper entry fee established by the WSYSA Board of Directors and the current team roster before the application is accepted.
- (e)
  - (1) All Member Association Registrars will send a list of teams that they verified have entered the State Championships tournament to the WSYSA Office one day after the entry deadline.
  - (2) Rosters and any revisions will be processed by the local Association Registrar. All rosters will be verified by the Association Registrar before the first scheduled game in the tournament.
- (f) All teams entering the State Championships must have a minimum of nine players registered to the team from the time of initial team registration. Any team using ineligible players will forfeit all of its tournament games.
- (g) All players in the State Championships must possess a valid US Youth Soccer player pass issued by the WSYSA. These passes are to be surrendered to the referee prior to each game. In the event a player

does not receive a pass, they cannot play. The referee will return all cards to the coach at the conclusion of the game. The cards will be used to copy accurate information for the referee's misconduct report.

- (h) **CREDENTIALS** - The following items will be required for state tournament games:
- (1) Credentials for play must be in order before the beginning of the preliminary rounds. Any non-credentialed or improperly credentialed player or coach shall have their passes pulled and they may not play or participate in the remainder of the tournament without a hearing.
  - (2) US Youth Soccer player passes shall be issued to every player in the State Championships. They will be required to have a current picture, signature and team ID number. They shall be physically separated (individual cards), laminated and be present at every game.
  - (3) A current coach's pass must accompany every adult who is working with the players. The coach's pass must have a current picture and signature in order to be valid.
  - (4) Referees will check all coaches and players' passes at the beginning of each game. If an individual does not possess a valid pass, they will not be allowed to participate.
  - (5) Teams going into the Finals of the State Championships will bring with them, to the final game, proof of age and a current small picture. (A copy of club registration, medical form, and proof of age must be available for every player). Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate; a Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the uniformed services of the United States; a birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records; a passport; an alien registration card issued by the United States government; a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age; a current driver's license; an unexpired federal, state, or local government identification card (if documentation of date of birth is required); or a certification of a United States citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted.
- (i) The entry fee, application and preliminary roster must be submitted to the WSYSA office by November 15th. As a receipt the team will receive a copy of the rules, which will be sent to the team representative of record. The WSYSA will accept roster additions, releases and transfers up to a date set annually by the Tournament Director in conformance with the then applicable regulations of the US Youth Soccer national tournament. The effective date when the new and transferred player may play in a game with their new team will be January 1st.
- (j) Teams submitting entries after the deadline will be accepted on a space-available basis. Late entries will be put on a waiting list in the order received and will be charged a \$50.00 late fee if accepted before the draw.
- (k) **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON AFTER THE DRAW. NO PLAYER MOVEMENT WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE PUBLISHED ROSTER FREEZE DATE.**
- (l) Any team dropping from the tournament shall be subject to the following:
- (1) If a team drops out after the draw but before the first game, the team's Member Association will be fined \$200.00.
  - (2) If a team drops out during the preliminary round, the team's Member Association will be fined \$300.00. However, if a team drops out of the tournament immediately prior to their last scheduled preliminary game and hereafter, the team's Member Association will be fined \$400.00 and the coach or coaches will be reported to the WSYSA Ethics Committee. A portion of the fines may be used to defray reasonable and documented expenses of the home team to include referees and field rental, at the approval of the Tournament Director.
- (m) If a team withdraws after the Quarterfinals, the team may be suspended for one (1) full year from entering all WSYSA sanctioned tournaments.
- (n) There will be no refund of the entry fee unless the tournament, for a certain age group, is canceled due to a single entry. That team can be given the option of playing "up".

- (o) A copy of the tournament rules will be sent to the team representative of record entering the tournament upon receipt of the entry form by the WSYSA office. Rules for the tournament appear under Other Governing Documents, Rule 606.
- (p) Upon finishing the quarterfinals of the tournaments, teams advancing shall submit a team photo with all members identified to the Finals Host Committee.
- (q) A list of teams that have entered the tournament will be posted on the WSYSA web site after the application deadline.

### **303A.3 Disciplinary**

- (a) The WSYSA Disciplinary Committee will rule on all player and coach misconduct. Disputes or questions involving tournament rules will be resolved by the Tournament Director, with advice from the Tournament Committee. Any other misconduct allegations will be heard by the Tournament Committee.
- (b) Unserved suspensions awarded by the State, District, or Association Disciplinary Board against a player, coach, or team in the tournament must be sent to the Disciplinary Director by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current seasonal year by that Disciplinary body. A copy of this report will be given to the Tournament Director.
- (c) Yellow card/caution accumulation from league play will not carry into state tournament play. Any player or coach receiving their third or subsequent yellow card/caution in the tournament competition will be required to sit out their next game, unless they appear in person and their appeal is upheld at the next immediate disciplinary meeting. Proof of a sit out must be sent to the Disciplinary Committee. If the player or coach receives one (1) red card/ejection in the tournament competition, they are required to attend the next immediate Disciplinary meeting at the WSYSA office. Notification will be the issuance of the card during the game.
- (d) The referee must send a written report for any carded player(s), coach, or team to the WSYSA office within forty-eight (48) hours following the completion of the game in question.

### **303A.4 Protests under the Laws of the Game**

- (a) Only protests regarding violations or misapplications of the Laws of the Game may be entertained. No matters regarding any judgment calls by the referee will be considered.
- (b) The protesting coach shall advise the opposing coach and the referee of the decision at the game site within fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the game.
- (c) All protests shall be in writing and submitted in accordance with Rule 602 of the WSYSA Administrative Handbook.
- (d) The written protest shall be delivered to the WSYSA Tournament Committee on the first Monday after the game was played by the association tournament representative along with the \$50.00 fee (money order or cashiers check only).
- (e) Referees shall submit their written game reports to the WSYSA office by 4:00 pm on the Monday following the game.

### **303A.5 WSYSA Representation to US Youth Soccer Regional Championships**

- (a) The State Championships will be used to determine Regional entries in age groups U-12 through U-19 where applicable.
- (b) Eligibility for Regionals will be according to placement in the State Championships:
  - (1) A team placing higher in the State Championships will be eligible before a lower placing team in the appropriate age group.

- (2) If more than one team is at a placement under consideration, those teams will play off for the right to represent WSYSA.

**303A.6 Additional Tournament Rules or Changes**

- (a) Any additional tournament rules, special rules, requirements, procedures, administrative and organizational information necessary for staging the State Championships will be published separately as approved by the WSYSA Executive Board.

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## **Rule 303 STATE SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS**

### **Rule 303B WASHINGTON STATE CHALLENGE CUP**

#### **303B.1 Administration - Challenge Cup**

- (a) The Washington State Challenge Cup - hereafter referred to as "Challenge Cup" - will consist of one tournament with divisions as determined by the Tournament Director. It will be open to all boys and girls teams Under 11 through Under 19, comprised of properly registered WSYSA youth players affiliated with Member Associations, provided such teams entering, and its Association, are in good standing with WSYSA and the team is in compliance with and has not violated the rules of the WSYSA, EXCEPT those teams that have entered the State Championship, Commissioners' Cup, President's Cup or have played in the Washington State Premier League - hereafter referred to as "WSPL" - Division I and Division II during the season. Teams in the Under 13 WSPL Premier Division during the season may participate in the Challenge Cup. Individual exceptions may be approved by the Tournament Director and the Vice President of Development. Any team using an ineligible player(s) will forfeit all of its tournament games.
- (b) All WSPL Division III teams who enter the Challenge Cup will be seeded into the top division.
- (c) This will not be a single elimination tournament. There will be a random draw held that will determine team position (after the Division III teams are seeded.)
- (d) Teams entering the Challenge Cup are ineligible to enter the State Championships, Commissioners' Cup or President's Cup tournaments.
- (e) Players may participate in any of the state tournaments (subject to the restriction in (a) above) but in only one tournament at a time. Players may not play on a team at a lower level of play than their league team, without specific written permission from the Tournament Director.

#### **303B.2 Challenge Cup**

- (a) The Challenge Cup will have one tournament director appointed by the WSYSA Vice-President of Development and approved by the WSYSA Executive Board. The Tournament Director will have full authority to interpret these rules as deemed necessary to conduct the tournament, as approved by the Vice-President of Development. The tournament may have administrators appointed by the WSYSA Vice-President of Development with such authority as granted by the Vice-President of Development to perform their duties.
- (b) The WSYSA Vice-President of Development will select venues for the tournament.
- (c) Each participating Member Association shall designate a representative to form the "Tournament Committee". Once the committee meets in early fall to cover rule changes, the Committee will be considered formed. Teams are to direct any questions or concerns to their association's tournament representative.
- (d) Applications for each tournament must be accompanied with the proper entry fee established by the WSYSA Board of Directors and the current team roster before the application is accepted.
- (e)
  - (1) All Member Association Registrars will send a list of teams that they verified have entered the Challenge Cup tournament to the WSYSA Office one day after the entry deadline.
  - (2) Rosters and any revisions will be processed by the local Association Registrar. All rosters will be verified by the Association Registrar before the first scheduled game in the tournament.

- (f) All teams entering the Challenge Cup must have a minimum of nine players registered to the team from the time of initial team registration. Any team using ineligible players will forfeit all of its tournament games.
- (g) **CREDENTIALS** - The following items will be required for state tournament games:
  - (1) Credentials for play must be in order before the beginning of the preliminary rounds. Any non-credentialed or improperly credentialed player or coach shall have their passes pulled and they may not play or participate in the remainder of the tournament without a hearing.
  - (2) US Youth Soccer player passes may be issued to every player in the Challenge Cup. If required, they will be required to have a current picture, signature and team ID number. They shall be physically separated (individual cards), laminated and be present at every game.
  - (3) A current coach's/administrator's pass must accompany every adult who is working with the players. The pass must have a current picture and signature and be laminated individually and be present at every game in order to be valid.
  - (4) Referees will check all passes at the beginning of each game. If an individual does not possess a required valid pass, they will not be allowed to participate.
- (h) The entry fee, application and preliminary roster must be submitted to the WSYSA office by the deadline date set by the Tournament Director. Since all records must be reviewed and signed by the Association Registrar, the only receipt a team will receive is the copy of the rules, which will be sent to the team representative of record. The WSYSA will accept roster additions, releases and transfers up to a date set annually by the Tournament Director. Any transfers submitted after the application deadline date will not be accepted for any player whose team is in the Challenge Cup tournament. The effective date when the new and transferred player may play in a game with their new team will be January 1st.
- (i) Teams submitting entries after the deadline will be accepted on a space-available basis. Late entries will be put on a waiting list in the order received and will be charged a \$50.00 late fee if accepted before the draw.
- (j) **LATE ENTRIES AFTER THE DRAW MAY BE ACCEPTED TO FILL BRACKETS, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.**
- (k) Any team dropping from the tournament shall be subject to the following:
  - (1) If a team drops out after the draw but before the first game, the team's Member Association will be fined \$200.00.
  - (2) If a team drops out during the preliminary round, the team's Member Association will be fined \$300.00. However, if a team drops out of the tournament immediately prior to their last scheduled preliminary game and hereafter, the team's Member Association will be fined \$400.00 and the coach or coaches will be reported to the WSYSA Tournament Committee for disciplinary action. A portion of the fines may be used to defray reasonable and documented expenses of the home team, to include referees and field rental, at the approval of the Tournament Director.
- (l) If a team withdraws after the Quarterfinals, the team may be suspended for one (1) full year from entering all WSYSA sanctioned tournaments. The Tournament Committee will conduct the hearing.
- (m) There will be no refund of the entry fee unless the tournament, for a certain age group, is canceled due to a single entry. That team can be given the option of playing "up" or in the State Championships, at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- (n) A copy of the tournament rules will be sent to the team representative of record entering the tournament upon receipt of the entry form by the WSYSA office. Rules for the tournament appear under Other Governing Documents, Rule 606.
- (o) Upon finishing the quarterfinals of the tournaments, teams advancing shall submit a team photo with all members identified to the Finals Host Committee.
- (p) A list of teams that have entered the tournament will be posted on the WSYSA web site after the application deadline.

### **303B.3 Disciplinary**

- (a) The WSYSA Disciplinary Committee will rule on all player and coach misconduct. Disputes or questions involving tournament rules will be resolved by the Tournament Director, with advice from the Tournament Committee. Any other misconduct allegations will be heard by the Tournament Committee.
- (b) Unserved suspensions awarded by the State, District, or Association Disciplinary Board against a player, coach, or team in the tournament must be sent to the Disciplinary Director by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current seasonal year by that Disciplinary body. A copy of this report will be given to the Tournament Director. All disciplinary action received by a Challenge Cup player, coach or team may be fulfilled during any WSYSA event (e.g. a WSYSA sanctioned tournament or regular season match).
- (c) Yellow card/caution accumulation from league play will not carry into state tournament play. Any player or coach receiving their third or subsequent yellow card/caution in the tournament competition will be required to sit out their next game, unless they appear in person and their appeal is upheld at the next immediate disciplinary meeting. Proof of a sit out must be sent to the Disciplinary Committee. If the player or coach receives one (1) red card/ejection in the tournament competition, they are required to attend the next immediate Disciplinary meeting at the WSYSA office. Notification will be the issuance of the card during the game.
- (d) The referee must send a written report for any carded player(s), coach, or team to the WSYSA office within forty-eight (48) hours following the completion of the game in question.

### **303B.4 Protests under the Laws of the Game**

- (a) Only protests regarding violations or misapplications of the Laws of the Game may be entertained. No matters regarding any judgment calls by the referee will be considered.
- (b) The protesting coach shall advise the opposing coach and the referee of the decision at the game site within fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the game.
- (c) All protests shall be in writing and submitted in accordance with Rule 602 of the WSYSA Administrative Handbook.
- (d) The written protest shall be delivered to the WSYSA Tournament Committee on the first Monday after the game was played by the association tournament representative along with the \$50.00 fee (money order or cashiers check only).
- (e) Referees shall submit their written game reports to the WSYSA office by 4:00 pm on the Monday following the game.

### **303B.5 Additional Tournament Rules or Changes**

- (a) Any additional tournament rules, special rules, requirements, procedures, administrative and organizational information necessary for staging the Challenge Cup will be published separately as approved by the WSYSA Executive Board.

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## **Rule 303 STATE SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS**

### **Rule 303C WASHINGTON STATE COMMISSIONERS' CUP**

#### **303C.1 Administration - Commissioners' Cup**

- (a) The Washington State Commissioners' Cup - hereafter referred to as "Commissioners' Cup" - will consist of one tournament with divisions as determined by the Tournament Director. It will be open to all boys and girls teams Under 11 through Under 19, comprised of properly registered WSYSA youth players affiliated with Member Associations, provided such teams entering, and its Association, are in good standing with WSYSA and the team is in compliance with and has not violated the rules of the WSYSA, EXCEPT those teams that have entered the State Championship, Challenge Cup or have played in the Washington State Premier League - hereafter referred to as "WSPL" - Division I-III and WSYDL teams during the season. Individual exceptions may be approved by the Tournament Director and the Vice President of Development. Any team using an ineligible player(s) will forfeit all of its tournament games.
- (b) This will not be a single elimination tournament. There will be a random draw held that will determine team position.
- (c) Teams entering the Commissioners' Cup are ineligible to enter the State Championships, or Challenge Cup tournaments.
- (d) Players may participate in any of the state tournaments (subject to the restriction in (a) above) but in only one tournament at a time. Players may not play on a team at a lower level of play than their league team, without specific written permission from the Tournament Director.

#### **303C.2 Commissioners' Cup**

- (a) The Commissioners' Cup will have one tournament director appointed by the WSYSA Vice-President of Development and approved by the WSYSA Executive Board. The Tournament Director will have full authority to interpret these rules as deemed necessary to conduct the tournament, as approved by the Vice-President of Development. The tournament may have administrators appointed by the WSYSA Vice-President of Development with such authority as granted by the Vice-President of Development to perform their duties.
- (b) The WSYSA Vice-President of Development will select venues for the tournament.
- (c) Each participating Member Association shall designate a representative to form the "Tournament Committee". Once the committee meets in early fall to cover rule changes, the Committee will be considered formed. Teams are to direct any questions or concerns to their association's tournament representative.
- (d) Applications for each tournament must be accompanied with the proper entry fee established by the WSYSA Board of Directors and the current team roster before the application is accepted.
- (e)
  - (1) All Member Association Registrars will send a list of teams that they verified have entered the Commissioners' Cup tournament to the WSYSA Office one day after the entry deadline.
  - (2) Rosters and any revisions will be processed by the local Association Registrar. All rosters will be verified by the Association Registrar before the first scheduled game in the tournament.
- (f) All teams entering the Commissioners' Cup must have a minimum of nine players registered to the team from the time of initial team registration. Any team using ineligible players will forfeit all of its tournament games.

- (g) **CREDENTIALS** - The following items will be required for state tournament games:
- (1) Credentials for play must be in order before the beginning of the preliminary rounds. Any non-credentialed or improperly credentialed player or coach shall have their passes pulled and they may not play or participate in the remainder of the tournament without a hearing.
  - (2) US Youth Soccer player passes may be issued to every player in the Commissioners' Cup. If required, they will be required to have a current picture, signature and team ID number. They shall be physically separated (individual cards), laminated and be present at every game.
  - (3) A current coach's/administrator's pass must accompany every adult who is working with the players. The pass must have a current picture and signature and be laminated individually and be present at every game in order to be valid.
  - (4) Referees will check all passes at the beginning of each game. If an individual does not possess a required valid pass, they will not be allowed to participate.
- (h) The entry fee, application and preliminary roster must be submitted to the WSYSA office by the deadline date set by the Tournament Director. Since all records must be reviewed and signed by the Association Registrar, the only receipt a team will receive is the copy of the rules, which will be sent to the team representative of record. The WSYSA will accept roster additions, releases and transfers up to a date set annually by the Tournament Director. Any transfers submitted after the application deadline date will not be accepted for any player whose team is in the Commissioners' Cup tournament. The effective date when the new and transferred player may play in a game with their new team will be January 1st.
- (i) Teams submitting entries after the deadline will be accepted on a space-available basis. Late entries will be put on a waiting list in the order received and will be charged a \$50.00 late fee if accepted before the draw.
- (j) **LATE ENTRIES AFTER THE DRAW MAY BE ACCEPTED TO FILL BRACKETS, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.**
- (k) Any team dropping from the tournament shall be subject to the following:
- (1) If a team drops out after the draw but before the first game, the team's Member Association will be fined \$200.00.
  - (2) If a team drops out during the preliminary round, the team's Member Association will be fined \$300.00. However, if a team drops out of the tournament immediately prior to their last scheduled preliminary game and hereafter, the team's Member Association will be fined \$400.00 and the coach or coaches will be reported to the WSYSA Tournament Committee for disciplinary action. A portion of the fines may be used to defray reasonable and documented expenses of the home team, to include referees and field rental, at the approval of the Tournament Director.
- (l) If a team withdraws after the Quarterfinals, the team may be suspended for one (1) full year from entering all WSYSA sanctioned tournaments. The Tournament Committee will conduct the hearing.
- (m) There will be no refund of the entry fee unless the tournament, for a certain age group, is canceled due to a single entry. That team can be given the option of playing "up" or in the State Championships or Challenge Cup, at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- (n) A copy of the tournament rules will be sent to the team representative of record entering the tournament upon receipt of the entry form by the WSYSA office. Rules for the tournament appear under Other Governing Documents, Rule 606.
- (o) Upon finishing the quarterfinals of the tournaments, teams advancing shall submit a team photo with all members identified to the Finals Host Committee.
- (p) A list of teams that have entered the tournament will be posted on the WSYSA web site after the application deadline.

### **303C.3 Disciplinary**

- (a) The WSYSA Disciplinary Committee will rule on all player and coach misconduct. Disputes or questions involving tournament rules will be resolved by the Tournament Director, with advice from the Tournament Committee. Any other misconduct allegations will be heard by the Tournament Committee.
- (b) Unserved suspensions awarded by the State, District, or Association Disciplinary Board against a player, coach, or team in the tournament must be sent to the Disciplinary Director by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current seasonal year by that Disciplinary body. A copy of this report will be given to the Tournament Director. All disciplinary action received by a Commissioners' Cup player, coach or team may be fulfilled during any WSYSA event (e.g. a WSYSA sanctioned tournament or regular season match).
- (c) Yellow card/caution accumulation from league play will not carry into state tournament play. Any player or coach receiving their third or subsequent yellow card/caution in the tournament competition will be required to sit out their next game, unless they appear in person and their appeal is upheld at the next immediate disciplinary meeting. Proof of a sit out must be sent to the Disciplinary Committee. If the player or coach receives one (1) red card/ejection in the tournament competition, they are required to attend the next immediate Disciplinary meeting at the WSYSA office. Notification will be the issuance of the card during the game.
- (d) The referee must send a written report for any carded player(s), coach, or team to the WSYSA office within forty-eight (48) hours following the completion of the game in question.

### **303C.4 Protests under the Laws of the Game**

- (a) Only protests regarding violations or misapplications of the Laws of the Game may be entertained. No matters regarding any judgment calls by the referee will be considered.
- (b) The protesting coach shall advise the opposing coach and the referee of the decision at the game site within fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the game.
- (c) All protests shall be in writing and submitted in accordance with Rule 602 of the WSYSA Administrative Handbook.
- (d) The written protest shall be delivered to the WSYSA Tournament Committee on the first Monday after the game was played by the association tournament representative along with the \$50.00 fee (money order or cashiers check only).
- (e) Referees shall submit their written game reports to the WSYSA office by 4:00 pm on the Monday following the game.

### **303C.5 Additional Tournament Rules or Changes**

- (a) Any additional tournament rules, special rules, requirements, procedures, administrative and organizational information necessary for staging the Commissioners' Cup will be published separately as approved by the WSYSA Executive Board.

## **Rule 606 STATE TOURNAMENT RULES**

### **606.A State Championships, Challenge Cup and Commissioners' Cup**

#### **606.A.1 Cup Format**

- (a) Premier League Division I teams will be seeded in the State Championships. Premier League Division III teams who enter the Challenge Cup will be seeded in the top division. All other teams will be positioned by draw to fill out the remaining positions.

#### **606.A.2 Seeding**

Seeding in the U S Youth Soccer Washington State Championships, Washington State Challenge Cup and Washington State Commissioners' Cup will be determined by the Tournament Directors with the help of the Premier League Director following rules outlined in Rules 303A.1 and 303B.1, and similar to the format used in previous years, as outlined below:

- (a) The Premier League Director shall seed the eight (8) Division I and III teams (U-13 will not be seeded. Premier League Division I and Division II teams can only play in the State Championships):
- (b) Seeding will be done the Friday after the last regularly scheduled Premier League game, based on standings as of that date. Any game results not reported by this date WILL NOT BE USED for purposes of calculating the standings. All makeup games will be scheduled prior to the last regularly scheduled games. Protested games and extended season games will be excluded.

#### **606.A.3 Scheduling**

- (a) The Tournament Director is responsible for scheduling all tournament games.
- (b) (1) All tournament games shall be played on the day scheduled. To declare a field unplayable due to adverse weather conditions will be the prerogative of the referee, the Tournament Director or the WSYSA VP of Competition. ALL AGE GROUPS U-14 AND BELOW, IN THE TOURNAMENTS, NORMALLY WILL PLAY ON SATURDAYS WITH AGE GROUPS U-15 AND ABOVE NORMALLY SCHEDULED TO PLAY ON SUNDAYS. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to require teams to play both Saturday and Sunday if circumstances necessitate. If games are canceled due to an unplayable field or adverse weather that prevents a team from traveling to the venue site, the Tournament Director will determine the rescheduling.
- (2) Failure of a scheduled referee to show up will not be the cause for canceling or protesting the game. A substitute official must be chosen upon agreement by both coaches and that official's decision will be final and must be in writing.
- (c) Responsibilities of Coaches and Managers:
  - (1) The following are the responsibilities of the assigned "home" team:
    - (A) Marking the field of play;
    - (B) Providing a proper game ball;
    - (C) Providing adequate directions to the opposing team to the "home" ground no less than 72 hours prior to the game;
    - (D) Providing nets.
  - (2) Responsibilities of the assigned "visiting" team:
    - (A) If the visiting team has not heard from the home team within 48 hours prior to the game, please call your tournament representative.
- (d) If a team has to travel more than one hundred (100) miles to play a game, the home team must schedule the game at a reasonable time for travel (11:00 am-3:00 pm). Exceptions to this rule may apply if the traveling team agrees.
- (e) Requests for rescheduling a game shall be directed to the team's association tournament representative, who in turn will get a decision on the request from the Tournament Director. Games must be rescheduled prior to the regularly scheduled games.

- (f) If a game is not played on the scheduled field, following approval of the change by the Tournament Director, it is the responsibility of the coach calling for the change to follow up on all coordination, i.e., notification of the rescheduled game to the Tournament Director, both Association Representatives, opposing coach and referee coordinators. If a game is not played due to inadequate coordination, it will be declared a forfeit against the team calling for the change.
- (g) If both teams are properly notified and one fails to show up, following a 15-minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the showing team. If both teams are properly notified and both teams fail to show up, both teams will be ineligible to continue in any further tournament competition. (Extenuating circumstances, i.e., transportation failure, must be favorably considered.)
- (h) The Tournament Committee will not entertain or uphold any protest made on erroneous scheduling of whatever nature or protests following a properly decided forfeiture.
- (i) All Semi-final and Final games will be scheduled by the Tournament Committee and neutral referees will be assigned.

#### **606.A.4 Tournament Playing Rules**

- (a) All games will be played under "WSYSA Rules of Competition" unless stated herein.
- (b) Any team forfeiting a match will be removed from the tournament and their Member Association fined. In round robin or preliminary play, any team forfeiting a match will have all games results deleted from Division standings. In single elimination play, the score shall be reported 3-0 in favor of the opponent. (The shut out point will not be awarded for a forfeit).
- (c) (1) Whenever games are not played on neutral fields, the following preparations are the responsibility of the home, coach, or manager:
  - (A) Provide a proper game ball;
  - (B) Provide proper field markings (line the field);
  - (C) Assure that a referee has been assigned by their Association referee coordinator;
  - (D) Provide adequate directions to the opposing team to the "home" ground no less than 72 hours prior to the game.
 (2) Neutral field coordination is the responsibility of the Association donating the field.
- (d) (1) It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain proper spectator conduct. Each coach, manager, club, Association or District official shall be held primarily accountable for the conduct of spectators for or from their respective teams. At no time shall foul or abusive language be permitted on any field.
 (2) Coaching from the boundary lines by coaches or supporters, i.e., giving instructions to players on the field on points of strategy and tactics is prohibited. Coaches may direct specific players to change field position assignments, e.g., from fullback to mid-fielder, and may give positive encouragement at any time.
- (e) From the Semi-final games on, a fourth official will be used at the games and both teams will be on one side of the field. Substitution of players will be done through the fourth official. If on sidelines, spectators will be on opposite sides from the teams.
- (f) Four (4) bench personnel only will be allowed on the field.
- (g) Each player shall have a number on the player's jersey. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey, clearly visible and a minimum of six (6) inches high. Each player on a team must wear a number different from the number of every other player on the team. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional.
- (h) Each coach must submit a game roster sheet to the referee showing players' name and jersey numbers prior to the start of each game.

- (i) (1) Teams will receive 6 points for a win, 3 points for a draw, no points for a loss. Plus a point for each goal scored up to a maximum of three (3) per game for both teams. Shutout = 1 point for holding an opponent scoreless.
- (2) Ties will stand in preliminary rounds except as provided in (3) below.
- (3) When two teams are tied for first place in a Division, and they are playing each other in their final preliminary round game, they will determine a winner as specified in Rule 301.10 using the age appropriate overtime periods specified in Rule 301.2 to establish the first and second place teams in that Division. Their association tournament committee representative must notify the teams of the requirement that the match cannot end in a draw and the winner be determined as specified above prior to the game upon the direction of the tournament scorekeeper or Tournament Director. Game results will be recorded as a tie.
- (j) (1) Ties in divisional standings between two (2) teams will be resolved as follows:
- (A) Head to Head (Winner of match between 2 teams)
- (B) Average points: Win = 3 points  
Tie = 1 point  
Loss = 0 points
- (C) Average least goals allowed
- (D) Average most goals scored (Max. 3 per game plus 1 for a shut out.)
- (E) Average goal differential per game (Max of 5 games)
- (F) Midweek game for games to decide who is to go on OR flip of coin for seeding purposes in the elimination phase.
- (2) Ties in divisional standings between three or more teams will be resolved as follows:
- (A) Eliminate the results of all teams not tied.
- (B) Apply the point system to the remaining teams which are tied.
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| Example A team | 1-2, 1-0 = | 9 points  |
| B team         | 0-0, 0-1 = | 4 points  |
| C team         | 0-0, 2-1 = | 12 points |
- (C) If teams still remain tied, repeat the above process until no more teams can be eliminated.
- (D) Least goals allowed.
- (E) Tie breaking game prior to mini-semi final.
- (F) After the 1st Place team has been determined repeat the above steps as necessary to determine the 2nd Place team.
- (k) (1) Ties in single elimination games will be resolved as follows:
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| U-19, U-18, U-17, U-16, U-15 | Two 15-minute overtime periods |
| U-14, U-13, U-12, U-11       | Two 10-minute overtime periods |
- (2) If still tied after overtime periods, FIFA "kicks from the mark" will apply to determine a winner.
- (l) Score reporting - The coach or manager of Both Teams (winning and losing) must notify their Association Representative as to the final score of all games through the Semi-finals, not later than 7:30PM of the game day. If neither team reports the score, it will be recorded as "no game played" for Both Teams.
- (m) (1) Home Team - The "home" team will be listed first (1st) in a tie breaking, Elimination, Semi-final or Final round game.
- (2) Uniform Color Conflict - The designated "home" team will be responsible for changing color of the uniforms in the event of a color conflict.
- (3) All teams are required to carry a contrasting colored shirt to all games.
- (n) Violations and Penalties - Any infraction or violation of WSYSA state tournament rules may result in any of the following penalties:
- (1) Ineligibility of a player or team for tournament play;
- (2) Forfeiture of a game or games;
- (3) Return of tournament trophy and/or medals;
- (4) Revocation of the title "Tournament Champion" and all rights associated with such title.

# **SECTION 3 - RULES OF COMPETITION - OUTDOOR**

## **Rule 300 OUTDOOR/FIELD**

### **INTRODUCTION**

All competitions shall be governed by the RULES as stated herein in all cases where they are applicable and where they are not in conflict with the WSYSA Bylaws. All affiliated members of WSYSA shall be governed by these Rules of Competition.

## **Rule 301 RULES OF PLAY**

All games and competitions under the jurisdiction of the WSYSA shall be conducted subject to the "Laws of the Game" as published or authorized for publication by FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association), with those modifications published by WSYSA. In all cases where a game has been postponed or abandoned by a referee due to inclement weather, league and tournament directors shall determine whether the game is to be replayed in its entirety or whether the score at the time of postponement or abandonment shall stand and the game be counted as a completed game.

### **301.1 Field of Play**

- (a) The following specifications are applicable to all competitions administered by the WSYSA. These WSYSA standards are recommended for league play administered by Member Associations; they are not mandatory.

#### **Recommended field dimensions**

Under-11 and below: 50 yards wide x 90 yards long minimum

Under-12 and above: 50 yards wide x 100 yards long minimum

- (b) Acceptable deviations from Law 1 of the "Laws of the Game" (FIFA) for goal posts shall be: plus/minus 6-inches in width; plus/minus 3-inches in height from inside measurements.

### **301.2 Game Duration, Overtime Periods, and Ball Size**

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Game Duration</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>	<u>Circumference</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Under-19	Two 45 min. halves	#5	27" – 28"	14-16 oz
Under-18	Two 45 min. halves	#5	27" – 28"	14-16 oz
Under-17	Two 45 min. halves	#5	27" – 28"	14-16 oz
Under-16	Two 40 min. halves	#5	27" – 28"	14-16 oz
Under-15	Two 40 min. halves	#5	27" – 28"	14-16 oz
Under-14	Two 35 min. halves	#5	27" – 28"	14-16 oz
Under-13	Two 35 min. halves	#5	27" – 28"	14-16 oz
Under-12	Two 30 min. halves	#4	25" – 26"	11-13 oz

#### **Overtime periods**

U-18 two up to a maximum of 15 min. halves	U-19 two up to a maximum of 15 min. halves
U-16 two up to a maximum of 15 min. halves	U-17 two up to a maximum of 15 min. halves
U-14 two up to a maximum of 10 min. halves	U-15 two up to a maximum of 15 min. halves
U-12 two up to a maximum of 10 min. halves	U-13 two up to a maximum of 10 min. halves

### **301.3 Number of Players**

- (a) Each team will have a limit of eighteen (18) registered players, unless a variance for good cause has been granted by the Association Registrar, the District Commissioner, and the WSYSA Registrar. No team shall be allowed to have fewer than eleven (11) registered players. (Exception: General Procedures, Rule 204.9).

- (b) Any coach, manager or official found guilty by a WSYSA, District, or Member Association Board of Directors or a WSYSA Disciplinary or Ethics Committee of knowingly using an ineligible player(s) (over-age, improperly registered, or under disciplinary suspension) will be suspended from participation in all WSYSA activities not to exceed the current and subsequent seasonal year.

#### **301.4 Substitutions**

- (a) Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, during any stoppage in play.
- (b) The number of substitutes shall be unlimited unless a competition superseding the jurisdiction of this Association determines otherwise; special competitions may be more restrictive.
- (c) Players not on the field of play must remain two (2) yards behind the touch line and not within 18 yards from the corner of the field.

#### **301.5 Player's Equipment**

- (a) All player equipment shall conform to the requirements of Law 4 of the Laws of the Game, as amended from time to time, and the WSYSA Rules of Competition.
- (b) It is the duty of the referee, pursuant to Law 5 of the Laws of the Game, as amended from time to time, to enforce the Laws of the Game and the WSYSA Rules of Competition concerning player equipment.
- (c) All players must be attired in matching uniforms to the satisfaction of the referee. A proper uniform consists of shorts, jersey, socks, shin guards, and footwear. In case of a color clash, the designated home team will change jerseys. Goalkeepers must wear colors which distinguish them from other players.
- (d) All or 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:
  - (1) The proper team uniform is worn outermost; and
  - (2) Any hat should be without peak, bill or dangling or protruding object of any kind; however, the goalkeeper may wear a soft billed hat; and
  - (3) 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.
- (e) 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 conforms to Law 4 of the Laws of the Game.

#### **301.6 Officiating**

- (a) A referee shall be appointed to officiate each game with the authority assigned to him as specified in the "Laws of the Game" (FIFA). Officiating of all games will be governed by the Rules of Play and the Rules of Competition.
- (b) All referees assigned to any game of the Commissioners' Cup or the State Championships must be assigned by a licensed referee assignor through a recognized referee association/chapter.
- (c) Failure of a scheduled referee to show up will not be the cause for canceling the match. A substitute official must be chosen upon agreement by both coaches and his decisions will be final.

#### **301.7 Charging the Goalkeeper**

- (a) The following Rule applies to all competitions under the jurisdiction of the WSYSA:
- (b) In all Under-11 age groups and below: No player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper, or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever.

- (c) In all Under-12 age groups and above: No player shall make 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. For infringement of this special Rule, an indirect kick shall be awarded.
- (d) Note: Also included in "having control of the ball" is, if the goalkeeper holds the ball on the ground with one or both hands.

### **301.8 Coaching**

- (a) Coaching from the sidelines - giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position - is permitted, provided:
  - (1) Neither mechanical nor electronic devices are used;
  - (2) The tone of voice is informative and not a harangue;
- (b) Each coach, substitute, or player is to remain within the "coaching area" (2 yards behind the touch line, and not within 18 yards from the corner of the field).
- (c) No coach, substitute, or player is to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes or spectators.
- (d) No coach, substitute, or player is to use profanity.
- (e) No coach, substitute, or player is to incite, in any manner, disruptive behavior of any kind.
- (f) If the above rules are violated, the referee shall ask the offending party for compliance with the rules. The referee may file a written report with the Board of Directors responsible for the match.
- (g) In the event that compliance is not received from the offending party, the referee shall ask the offending party to leave the playing area. If this request is made, the referee must file a written report with the Board of Directors responsible for the match. If the offending party refuses to leave the playing area, or returns after leaving, the referee shall abandon the match and file a written report of the game abandonment with the Board of Directors responsible for the match.
- (h) It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain proper spectator conduct. Each coach, manager and team, club or league official shall be held primarily accountable for the conduct of the spectators for or from their respective teams. At no time shall foul or abusive language be permitted at any field.

### **301.9 Restarting Play After An Injury**

In the case of a temporary suspension due to an injury or any unusual situation, if one team is clearly in possession of the ball, the game shall be restarted by an indirect free kick by the team in possession of the ball at the point where the ball was when play was suspended. Should there not be clear possession at the time play is suspended due to an injury or any unusual situation, there will be a drop ball at the spot where the ball was declared dead.

### **301.10 Procedures to Determine the Winner of a Match**

Where WSYSA, District or Member Association administered competition rules require there be a winning team after a match has ended in a draw, teams shall then play age appropriate overtime periods. If no goal is scored during the overtime periods, the match is then to be decided according to the FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" procedure.