

# **Wylie Youth Soccer Association Rules and Regulations**

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## 1.0 Introduction and Statement of Policy

The Wylie Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) maintains a recreational program for the youth of the Wylie area. Players, coaches, parents, and administrators are expected to emphasize the recreational aspects of the game of soccer during their participation in the Association.

Play in all Member Leagues of the WYSA shall be governed by the official Laws and decisions authorized by North Texas Soccer Association, The United States Soccer Federation, and FIFA. In addition, the following rules and regulations herein were adopted by the WYSA to better define certain laws and regulations.

When WYSA teams are playing with other associations some of the rules may be abridged or altered by written agreement of the WYSA Board of Directors. In general, if WYSA teams are playing in other associations they will follow those associations Rules and Regulations. Likewise, if teams from other cities are playing in the WYSA they will follow these Rules and Regulations.

All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that supports the purpose of the WYSA at all times. In case of conflict or disagreement, all participants are advised to pursue any such problems through the established and proper channels. Any single significant or continued activity, which causes disruption to the overall purpose, shall be dealt with by WYSA to the extent necessary to remove or eliminate such disruption.

**AUTHORITY** – WYSA is a member, in good standing, of the North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA); which in turn, is affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation (USSF); the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the official governing bodies of the USA and the world, recognized by the entire world, and has been given jurisdiction over organized soccer within the prescribed physical boundaries.

All teams (coaches, players and parents), by act of their forming of teams, submitting rosters and payment of fees, agree to accept the authority of and to abide by the by-laws, Rules and Regulations, and all decisions of the Board of Directors (herein after referred to as the “Board”).

The Board is empowered to set all playing league and operating rules and regulations with the structure of the by-laws.

## 2.0 Playing Seasons

Each soccer year will normally consist of two (2) seasons of play. The WYSA Board shall set the season dates based on guidelines established by the Parks & Recreation Department and NTSSA.

### 2.1 Fall Season

The fall season shall not begin before the second weekend in September, nor extend beyond the third weekend in November.

### 2.2 Spring Season

The spring season shall not begin before the second weekend in February, nor extend beyond the second weekend in May.

## 3.0 Meetings

### 3.1 Coaches Meeting

The association will conduct coaches meetings as required to cover items such as revisions to the Rules and Regulations, changes to forms, administrative procedures or responsibilities, deadlines or any other questions or problems that may arise.

### 3.2 Team Meetings

WYSA requires that each coach conduct a meeting with at least one of the parents or guardians of each player. WYSA recommends that these meetings occur prior to the first practice, but no later than the scheduled first game. These meetings will cover at least the following:

WYSA By-laws and the Rules and Regulations.

Team rules with emphasis on practice schedules, team supports, notification procedures, required equipment, and schedules.

NTSSA/WYSA conduct regulations, with specific notification on NTSSA Rules of Conduct. This is a requirement!

A brief overview of the Laws of the Game. This will add to the enjoyment of the game itself.

Answer questions and/or deal with any problems brought out by the parents that require action to be taken. Some of these items may need to be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

## 4.0 Age Requirements

### 4.1 Age Bracket by League

The age of a player for the purpose of league play shall be the players' age on July 31st of the current soccer year. For example, if a player is ten years old on July 31st, that player will play in the under-12 age group for the upcoming soccer year. The current Age Pure Chart can be found at the NTSSA website under youth forms. ([www.ntxsoccer.org](http://www.ntxsoccer.org))

### 4.2 Special Situations

#### 4.2.1 Playing in an Older Age Group

Players are normally expected to participate in their regular age bracket. Parents of players younger than the minimum age for a given league may request that their child play up. In order for their child to play in the next higher age level they must:

- Make a special request during registration and complete the special request form indicating why they wish to be moved up and if applicable the team their sibling plays if you wish them to be on the same team as an older sibling.

Receive approval from the Team Formation Committee.

#### 4.2.2 Playing in a Lower Age Group

A player with significant mental or physical deficiencies may petition NTSSA Executive Committee to play in a league one age group lower than his/her actual age indicates. However, such player(s) must be of physical size so as not to gain an undue advantage over the other players in the younger league. A copy of each petition must be forwarded to the WYSA Board.

## 5.0 Coaches

WYSA will invite individuals to coach who will promote and uphold the purpose and goals of this Association as set forth in the By-laws and these Rules and Regulations.

### 5.1 Coaching License

Coaches will be required to obtain a coaching license as follows within the first year of coaching in the appropriate age group:

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>NTSSA License Required</b>	<b>NTSSA License Recommended</b>
U5 through U8	G	G
U9 through U12	G	F
U14 and above	F	E

The purpose of the coaching clinics(license) is to introduce modern soccer coaching methods, raise the level of play within WYSA, and provide for the development of the players to their full potential.

Coaches may be exempted from the above license requirements, by submitting a resume of coaching/playing experience to the Board and receiving approval. In addition, the Board may grant extensions to coaches due to unavailability of Clinics.

### 5.2 Team Representation

A coach, assistant coach, or team parent must be present with and responsible for the team and spectators during every game. If not, the team must forfeit the game. Coaches should refrain from instructing from the sidelines to promote player thinking and communication during the game. Coaches shall not degrade a player on the field or at any other time and shall prohibit his/her spectators from doing the same.

### 5.3 Paid Coaches

Paid coaches are not permitted for the purposes of coaching a WYSA team. However, an expert in one or more aspects of the game may be requested to assist on occasions.

## 6.0 Team Practice

No player shall be allowed to practice with any coach unless a current signed registration form, with fees paid, is submitted to the Registrar. No player shall be allowed to play until the registration form is submitted to the Registrar and the player is approved by the League Director as being within the required rules regarding placement of players on a team.

Practices are not allowed on fields that have been prepared for WISD dedicated games, practice fields, or areas where games or practices have been canceled due to weather. Violation of this rule will result in the coach being suspended for a minimum of one (1) game.

The coach may only have three scheduled team events during a week. This includes games and practices. Practices will not exceed the times given in the table below:

Age Group	Maximum Length of Practice
U5 & U6	75 minutes
U7 & U8	90 minutes
U9 & U10	105 minutes
U11 & U12	120 minutes
U14 & above	135 minutes

Practice on the game fields at Community or Founders Park will be decided by the Board prior to season starting. If the Board states no practice on game fields a violation of this rule could result in the coach being suspended for a minimum of one game.

## 7.0 Team Formation

### 7.1 Team Structure

A team, (coaches and players), formed by WYSA and playing in WYSA the previous season, may remain as a unit provided they meet the league eligibility and age requirements. The minimum number of players remaining on a team and forming the nucleus for that team, in order to remain as a unit, is half of the previous roster. At the time of registration, recreational players have the option to request removal from a team and reassignment through the Player's Pool. A recreational player sitting out up to one season. (i.e., not playing soccer on any other team in the organization) can return to the player's former team provided space is available. However, no player may be asked or coerced to leave the team by the coach or team members to make room for the returning player. Otherwise that player will be reassigned through the Player's Pool unless decided otherwise by the Team Formation Committee.

New recreational teams and returning recreational teams needing additional players will obtain players in the manner described below. However, before new players are added to a returning recreational team, the head coach must contact each player from the previous season and invite them back, unless the player has moved or requested to be removed from that team.

All approved hardships or requests will be assigned to the approved teams before any other players are added to any roster in that age group.

In the Under-6 through Under-12 age groups, players will be assigned by the WYSA office from the Player's Pool from their local elementary school area in which they live whenever possible. If not enough players are available from the team's school, players from neighboring schools that feed into the same next level school should be used first.

In the Under-14 and up age group, players will be assigned by the WYSA office from the Player's Pool from their appropriate school area in which they live whenever possible. If not enough players are available from the team's school, players from neighboring schools that feed into the same next school level should be used first. In addition, the Board may ask players of record to actively recruit players in the age group of their team within the boundaries of WYSA to be added to the player pool.

(1) The player is not presently registered on an existing recreational team,

(2) The player did not play for a returning recreational team the previous season,

(3) The player has registered and indicated the desire to be reassigned through the Player's Pool, and

(4) The coach does not violate any USYSA, NTSSA, or WYSA recruiting rules.

#### 7.1.1 Outside Teams

A team requesting to participate in WYSA recreational league, which was formed outside of WYSA, must be approved by the WYSA Team Formation Committee. Minimum requirements for a team requesting to play in WYSA recreational league are:

(1) The team must join WYSA, be subject to all rules governing WYSA, and pay all costs set forth by the WYSA league for that season.

(2) Furnish a complete list of players who were on the team, signed by an official of the previous organization, including player's names, addresses, telephone numbers, birth dates, and schools.

(3) The players meet the age requirements for the league in which they wish to play.

(4) The team should have played in a similar recreational league for a minimum of four seasons.

#### 7.1.2 Civic or Youth Groups

No civic or youth groups, other than soccer teams, applying to play as a team in WYSA shall be admitted as a formed team unless it is determined by the Team formation committee that membership to such a group was not in any way based upon athletic ability and that the group was formed in accordance with WYSA rules and policies in regards to year of birth, school area, etc. Upon a favorable recommendation by the Team Formation Committee, the WYSA Board may vote on whether or not to accept the applying group.

#### 7.2 League Competition - Team Reassignment

WYSA can reassign teams to various levels of competition within an age group based upon performance and ability (with the exception that teams can be required to play in a higher age group if a request is made by the team's coach and approved by the League Director, or unless that team already has requested to play at a higher age level in another association).

WYSA can promote teams within the recreational levels upward or downward from one division to another or from one conference to another, within an age level. *NOTE: Nothing in this policy should be construed to allow girls league teams to be made to play in the boys league, at any level, unless it is so requested by the team's coach and duly approved by the Team Formation Committee. However, any team composed of at least one male player must be required to play in the appropriate boy's league.*

The League Director for each league shall determine, prior to the beginning of league play, which division and/or conference each team shall be placed. At the option of the League Director, placement can be determined by a seeding evaluation. Final placement of teams shall be approved by the team Formation Committee.

In the event a team's level of competition appears to exceed that of the teams in its own division (or conference), that team shall be reviewed by its League Director in order to determine whether it shall be forced to play in a higher division within its own age group or in the next higher age group for the next season. If such placement of a team is into a higher age group, the team will be placed in the level of competition deemed appropriate by the league director in that age group, with approval of the Director of League Management. Any such placement of a team shall be made prior to the beginning of the next season's play. A season includes any period identified by the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer.

### 7.3 Player/Team Release and Transfer

Players and teams shall be released and/or transferred only as set forth by stated WYSA Policy and NTSSA rules (See NTSSA rule 4, RULES FOR REGISTRATION OF YOUTH PLAYERS) In summary, WYSA requires that:

- (1) Players and teams require a written release from the WYSA Registrar, President or Vice President in order to play outside of WYSA, whether or not the player(s) or team(s) previously has been released, during any soccer year.
- (2) Players can be released to the Players' Pool at the time of registration by requesting on the application that they be reassigned to the Players' Pool.
- (3) Players and coaches should become familiar with existing WYSA and NTSSA Rules and the latest WYSA policy if they are anticipating the request for a release for a player or team, especially regarding any request to play outside WYSA.

### 7.4 Hardships/Special Requests

The Special Request process is meant to help those players who truly have hardships and for those who have a legitimate need to play with another player. It is important to WYSA that we avoid coach and parent manipulation during the special request process. To avoid abuse of special request the rule of thumb is as follows;

U5 – U6: Special request are generally granted providing there is room.

U7 – U8: Special request are sometimes granted.

U9 – U18: Special request are generally **Disapproved**.

Requests may be approved on a conditional basis. (i.e. if two players want to play together; this may be accomplished by removing the core player from their original team and placing them on another team together.) If both parties do not agree to the conditions of the approval then the request may be automatically disapproved. Requests may be disapproved for several reasons as outline by the Team Formation Committee guidelines. Players will not be allowed to request a specific team for the purposes of getting on a better team or getting off a losing team.

A player will not be moved from one team to another to support coaching staff. If a head coach of a team steps down from coaching, WYSA will replace the coach from the player pool or from within the team. The only exception would be if a new team is formed and a parent wants to become the primary coach, however, these changes are subject to the approval of the WYSA Team Formation Committee.

All special requests may be noted during registration in the comments sections of the registration process, e-mail submitted to [wysa.vp@wyliesoccer.com](mailto:wysa.vp@wyliesoccer.com), or mailed to the WYSA soccer office. All requests must be receive three weeks prior to team formation. The submission of a special request does not automatically grant an approval. All special requests are subject to approval by the WYSA team formation committee. The team formation committee with follow the team formation guidelines reviewed and approved by the WYSA board each season. The decisions of the WYSA team formation committee are final.

## 8.0 League Procedures

### 8.1 Mandatory Playing Time

In order that players have an opportunity to develop their abilities and skills, learn teamwork and sportsmanship, WYSA requires that each team member be played in every game except for illness, injury, or disciplinary reasons.

Teams that play quarters shall play their players a minimum of one (1) quarter per half.

Teams that play halves shall play their players at a minimum of one-half (1/2) of each half.

A player's time may be reduced for medical or disciplinary reasons, in which case the coach must notify the player, the parent(s) of the player and the opposing coach prior to the beginning of the match.

Non-attendance at practice may be a reason for disciplinary actions.

Non-payment of fees may be a reason for disciplinary action.

When a player is late in arriving to the match and the match is in progress, the coach is required to play the child in only the last half of the game.

If a player arrives after the start of the second half, the coach is not required to play that child during any part of the remaining match.

Parents of players not given minimum playing time and not provided with a plausible explanation should discuss this with the coach, immediately following the game and away from others.

### 8.2 League Standings

League standings will be kept during the fall season for the U9 and older age groups and will be posted at [www.wyliesoccer.org](http://www.wyliesoccer.org) every week. No standings or scores are to be kept in the U-5, U-6, U-7, and U-8 leagues.

### 8.3 Points Systems

Win	3 Points
Tie	1 Point
Loss	0 Points

(Note: A forfeited game will be recorded as a 3-0 score.)

### 8.3.1 Tie Breaking System

1. Head to head results - winner will advance
2. Goal Differential - team with the highest goal differential against opponents will advance - goals scored minus goals against. Only the first three goals scored by any team in any game will be counted in calculating winning points for placement.
3. Fewest goals allowed
4. Fewest penalty points accumulated
5. Play-off scheduled between the teams tied for first place only.

No points are awarded for running up the score or for shutouts. WYSA strongly recommends that the difference in scores should not exceed five (5) points. Winning coaches, in the "spirit of the game", should attempt to control excess point spreads.

### 8.3.2 Playing in Other Associations

Teams playing in other associations will adhere to that associations' method for determining standings.

## 8.4 Trophies

In all cases, the number of players on the current roster will determine the number of trophies to be awarded.

### 8.4.1 Minor League (U-5, U-6, U-7, and U-8)

Participation trophies are awarded to all WYSA players at the end of the fall and spring seasons in the Minor Soccer league.

### 8.4.2 Major League (U-9 and older)

U-9 and U-10 (Only if combined with U9) - participation awards are awarded to teams that do not earn a placement trophy.

U-11 and older - teams may earn a placement trophy, but no teams will receive participation trophies.

Placement trophies will be earned for each division as follows:

1-3 Teams	1st
4-5 Teams	1st, 2nd
6-7 Teams	1st, 2nd, 3rd
8-9 Teams	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th
10 or more	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

#### 8.4.3 Playing in Other Associations

Teams playing in another association will follow that associations' guidelines. If a WYSA team qualifies for and receives a trophy from that association said team will not receive an additional trophy from WYSA.

#### 8.5 Tournament of Champions

The NTSSA Tournament of Champions occurs during the Fall Season, the games are typically played the first weekend of December. Teams eligible to attend the Tournament of Champions (TOC) must notify WYSA so the required entry fee to the Tournament can be made one (1) week prior to the NTSSA deadline (see the NTSSA website for deadlines and information [www.ntxsoccer.org](http://www.ntxsoccer.org) ). Each team is responsible to pay the required performance bond. Any team not in good standing is automatically ineligible for the TOC.

Any team who accepts the invitation to attend the TOC and withdraws after the NTSSA date of forfeit, causing WYSA to forfeit any monies, will reimburse WYSA for their loss or be suspended from future participation until reimbursement is made.

The WYSA will decide, prior to the start of each season, what the criteria is for selecting TOC eligible teams. Criteria may be an end of season tournament, end of regular season standings, etc.

Eligible age groups for participation in the TOC are U10; U12; U14; U16; U19. U11; U13; U15 teams may be given the opportunity to challenge the Even groups through a play-off system determined by WYSA. In cases where U9 is combined during the season with U10, the fall winner of that division will represent WYSA whether the winner is U9 or U10. If U9 is not combined with U10, they will not be given an opportunity to challenge the U10 team.

## 9.0 Postponed Games

### 9.1 Reasons for Postponement

All games scheduled by a League Director must be played unless abandoned by the Association, League Director, or the referee under the following guidelines:

The Parks Superintendent will close the field when there could be damage to the field and will update the Parks condition Hotline.

The Field Director can make the decision to abandon games due to hazardous play, although the PARK has not closed the field, these updates will be made to the WYSA Hotline.

A League Director or Executive Board Member may abandon any game prior to its scheduled start time for extreme circumstances. It becomes effective/official when the head coach, assistant coach or team manager of the first two affected teams have been notified. Notice may be written, oral, or by telephone.

#### 9.1.1 Referee Control

The referee has control of the game from the time he enters the field of play and may abandon it at any time for the following reasons:

Foul weather, darkness, unsafe field or unsafe equipment. If abandoned in the first half, the League Director may reschedule the game or cancel it. If play is stopped after the five minute mark of the second half, the League Director shall declare the game complete and record the score as it was at the time play stopped.

Fielding less than the minimum number of players during the game will cause it to be abandoned. If fielding less than the minimum number of players listed in Law III at the start of the game, abandonment will be declared fifteen (15) minutes after the game was scheduled to begin.

Failure of a coach, assistant coach, or player to leave the field after being asked to do so by the referee. The referee will abandon the game and complete the misconduct report, which will result in the League Director declaring a forfeit for that team, and other actions as decided by the A& D committee.

#### 9.1.2 Misconduct

Misconduct by the participants or spectators. The following rules govern rescheduling, forfeits, and /or canceled games:

If misconduct occurs by player(s) on one team and that team was ahead or tied it becomes a forfeit; if that team was behind the score stands.

If misconduct by head coach or coach's successor or spectators identifiable as being in favor or that team occurs and that team is ahead or tied the game may be rescheduled and replayed in entirety or canceled at the league directors discretion. If that team is behind the game will be declared as played and the score stands.

If misconduct occurs by both teams, coaches, or spectators the game may be rescheduled, replayed, canceled, or both teams declared to have forfeited upon the discretion of the league director.

If misconduct is unidentifiable, the game may be replayed or stand as played at the discretion of the League director.

## 9.2 Referee No Show

A game shall be considered postponed if the referee is not at the field within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled game time, unless it is known that he/she is held up by an earlier game still in progress. The "home" team coach shall notify the League Director, who will reschedule the game.

## 10.0 Game Protests

All protests must be filed with the Vice President of WYSA, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours after the incident. The protesting coach must clearly indicate that he/she is protesting, not merely making a complaint or suggestion to bring about a rule change.

There are only two (2) acceptable causes for the protest of a game after the game has been played:

A team knowingly plays an unregistered, ineligible, or suspended player.

There has been an obvious error made in the application of the Laws of the Game, that directly affects the outcome of the game, and the referee admits it.

Protests based on judgment calls made by the referee will not be entertained. The reason, judgment call cannot be reversed.

Protests will not be allowed in the Under 5, 6, 7, and 8 leagues.

A fee of \$50.00 will be charged for hearing a protest and must be paid at the time the protest is filed. If the outcome is in favor of the coach protesting, the fee will be refunded. If not, the fee becomes that of WYSA. Checks should be made payable to Wylie Youth Soccer Association. Under no circumstances will the fees be waived.

**11.0 Laws of the Game**

The Rules of Play for youth competition of NTSSA and its' members shall be FIFA Laws of the Game modified only as to the following:

**11.1 Law I – Field of Play**

<b>Age Groups</b>	<b>Field Width</b>	<b>Field Length</b>	<b>Goal Size (Maximum)</b>
Under 5 or 6	15-20yds	20-30yds	4ft x 6ft
Under 7 or 8	25-35yds	45-55yds	6ft x 12ft
Under 9 or 10	40-50yds	70-80yds	7ft x 7yds
Under 11 - 14	Min 60yds	Min 100yds	8ft x 8yds
Under 16 – 19	Min 70yds	Min 120yds	8ft x 8yds

The Wylie Parks and Recreation Department will furnish Fields. Everything possible will be done to ensure the above recommendations are met.

WYSA will provide, whenever possible, the following equipment with which teams may use to play regularly scheduled games on WYSA fields.

One set of goal nets for each playing field.

Set of corner flags

Markings for the coach's area. Coaches will share the same side of the field occupying the North or West side of the field. Each coach will choose one side of the halfway line to administer their team. Coaches shall remain within 10 yards from the halfway line and shall remain on their side of the field. If there are no markings, the coach will understand that the area is 3 yards behind the touchline and extends 10 yards from their side of the halfway line and will confine themselves, assistant coaches, and substitutes in or behind this area.

**11.1.1 Facilities**

The Parks and Recreation Department have provided spectators' bleachers for each of the playing fields. The bleachers shall be used in the following manner:

The teams shall occupy the north or west side of the field.

The spectators shall occupy the south or east side of the field.

All spectators shall remain on their side of the field and at least 4 yards from the touch line. No one shall be permitted behind the goal line or at the corner flags while the game is underway. Parents should refrain from pacing the sidelines blocking the view of other spectators. (Let the Coach – coach)

## 11.2 Law II - The Ball

### 11.2.1 Ball Size

<b>Age Groups</b>	
<i>Under 5 – 8</i>	<i>#3</i>
<i>Under 10 – 12</i>	<i>#4</i>
<i>Under 13 – 19</i>	<i>#5</i>

WYSA provides one game ball per team per soccer year.

Generally, the home team will supply the game ball. However, at the start of the game, each team should present their game ball to the referee. The referee will judge which one will be used.

## 11.3 Law III - Number of Players and Substitutes

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Max on Roster</b>	<b># on Field</b>	<b>Minimum<sup>1</sup></b>
Under 5	6	3	2
Under 6	8	4	3
Under 7 B	9	5	4
Under 7 G	9	6	4
Under 8	10	7 <sup>3</sup>	5
Under 9	12	8 <sup>3</sup>	6
Under 10	12	8 <sup>3</sup>	6
Under 11	18	11 <sup>3</sup>	8
Under 12	18	11 <sup>3</sup>	8
Under 14	18	11 <sup>3</sup>	8
Under 16	18	11 <sup>3</sup>	8
Under 19	18	11 <sup>3</sup>	8
<sup>1</sup> Refers to the minimum required to have a match <sup>2</sup> One of whom may be a goalkeeper <sup>3</sup> One shall be a goalkeeper			

### 11.3.1 Substitution Rule – Minor Division U5, U6, U7, U8

Allowed at any stoppage of play, with the permission of the referee or game official.

### 11.3.2 Substitution Rule – Major Division U9 and Older

At a throw-in by the team in possession;  
 Either team at a goal kick;  
 Either team after a goal is scored;  
 At half-time;  
 When a caution (yellow card) is given, that player may be substituted;  
 Injured player;

### 11.4 Law IV - Players Equipment

Each player shall have a number on the back of his/her jersey not less than four (4) inches high. Shin guards meeting FIFA requirements are mandatory.

The home team will change jerseys if there is a color conflict as determined by the referee. Any failure to change may result in a forfeit.

### 11.5 Law V - Referees

No changes except that Referees for Minor league games (U5 – U8) don't have to be certified by USSF.

### 11.6 Law VI - Assistant Referees

No Changes

### 11.7 Law VII - Duration of Play

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Length of Periods</b>	<b>Overtime</b>
Under 5	Four 10 minute quarters	None
Under 6	Four 10 minute quarters	None
Under 7 or 8	Four 12 minute quarters	None
Under 9 or 10	Two 25 minute halves	None
Under 11 or 12	Two 30 minute halves	None
Under 14	Two 35 minute halves	None
Under 16	Two 40 minute halves	None
Under 19	Two 45 minute halves	None

### 11.8 Law VIII - Start of Play

Small Sided U5 – U8 – See age appropriate Modified Laws on WYSA Website.  
 U9 and up No Changes

### 11.9 Law IX - Ball In and Out of Play

Small Sided U5 – U8 – See age appropriate Modified Laws on WYSA Website.  
 U9 and up No Changes

#### 11.10 Law X - Method of Scoring

No Changes

#### 11.11 Law XI - Off Sides

No Changes except that there are no offside calls in small sided games (U5, U6, U7, and U8).

#### 11.12 Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct

Charging the goalkeeper in possession of the ball is NOT ALLOWED in any youth play in NTSSA. Possession is defined as: "one or two hands on the ball holding it, bouncing it, tossing it up and the catching it, or patting it along the ground, or holding it against the ground with one hand". Possession is at the discretion of the Referee(s).

Minor League teams (U5 – U8) will not be allowed to have players slide-tackle the ball. The referee will use their judgement to determine if the play was incidental and/or dangerous, for which a free indirect kick will be awarded.

There is no such thing as "Hand Ball", it is solely at the discretion of the referee whether the player handled the ball or the ball struck the player. It is also at the referee's discretion whether the player was attempting to protect the vital areas of his or her body (chest, crotch, face, etc.) by placing hands or arms across them to protect them from being struck by the ball. The match referee shall be the sole judge of whether the hands or arms were used *to deliberately propel the ball*.

Coaches, assistant coaches, and spectators are subject to the same game disciplinary procedures by the referee as are the players, however, the referee will not "card" a coach or spectator. The referee will warn that the coach's or spectator's behavior is unacceptable and if needed dismiss the coach and/or spectator. If they fail to dismiss themselves from the playing field area, the referee will abandon the game and complete a misconduct report. It's strongly suggested that you never exclaim your opinion from the sideline.

Minor Division players will not receive yellow or red cards. The referee will warn them on the field of the misconduct or foul. If the player continues to violate the laws of play, the referee will escort the player to the coach and explain the misconduct or foul to the coach. The coach will substitute the player without argument to the referee and explain to the player the infraction or misconduct.

#### 11.13 Law XIII - Free Kicks

11.13.1 Small Sided U5/U6/U7/U8 – See age appropriate Modified rules of play on the WYSA website. (All kicks are indirect)

11.13.2 U9-and up no Changes.

#### 11.14 Law XIV - Penalty Kicks

There are no Penalty Kicks in small sided games (U5, U6, U7, & U8).

#### 11.15 Law XV – Throw-In

##### 11.15.1 Small Sided U-5/U-6/U-7/U-8

See age appropriate Modified rules of play on the WYSA website.  
No changes in U9 and up.

#### 11.16 Law XVI - Goal Kicks

##### 11.16.1 Small Sided U-5/U-6/U-7/U-8

See age appropriate Modified rules of play on the WYSA website.  
No Changes in U9 and Up.

#### 11.17 Law XVII - Corner Kicks

See age appropriate Modified rules of play on the WYSA website.  
No Changes in U9 and Up.

## 12.0 Discipline

All WYSA coaches are directed to distribute the NTSSA Discipline rule to every player, every coach and team manager. It is intended that each player will make known those contents to his or her parents and spectators.