

WACHUSETT AREA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
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2010 WORKING RULES

1. Name and Affiliations

This association shall be known as the Wachusett Area Youth Soccer Association (“WAYSYS”). The League will be an affirmed member of the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (“MYSA”) and an affiliated member of the United States Youth Soccer Association (“USYSA”).

2. Mission Statement

WAYSYS is a recreational soccer league whose purpose is to encourage, promote, and support amateur soccer at the youth level for children of all abilities. The League requires that Member Clubs form balanced teams, including players of all ages and skill levels, rather than forming select teams of one age and skill level. Member Clubs will conduct open registrations in such a way that all interested children will be encouraged to participate. Within an age division, all teams in a member town must play in WAYSYS.

Our main focus is to provide an atmosphere of fun while our children learn the basic concepts and skills of the most popular game in the world. It is the philosophy of WAYSYS to develop players not teams, and that all players be allowed to play in at least 50% of each game that they attend. This does not preclude a coach’s prerogative to restrict playing time for disciplinary purposes or for poor attendance at practices/games.

The issue of the importance of winning and losing is never a clear one. While WAYSYS appreciates the value of teaching our children to strive for success we also want to avoid the stress created by placing an excessive amount of emphasis on winning. Our children will be successful in their soccer experience as long as we maintain a fun and enjoyable environment. Coaches and parents often feel the pressures from within and without to be successful, which unfortunately is often perceived to be a reflection of the win/loss record of their team. But as most experienced coaches will tell you, if their players look forward to coming to practices and playing in games then they are indeed successful. When a coach remains positive, enthusiastic and affords all players as much playing time as possible, even at the risk of losing a game, then the result will be a team of winners!

3. League Organization

The Board of Directors of the League will consist of one representative from each Member Club and members of the Executive Committee. All communications to the WAYSYS Board shall be through the Club Representatives.

The League shall have an executive committee consisting of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Registrar, and Secretary who shall be elected by the Board of Directors in January each year. If a Club Representative is elected to the executive committee, the club may send a new representative to WAYSYS. In the absence of a Club Representative, an Executive Committee member from the club may represent his/her club.

The Board shall act by majority vote. At least six (6) Club Representatives need to be present to constitute a quorum. Each Member Club shall have only one vote, in the event that the Board takes any formal action. The President shall vote (in addition to the vote of his/her club) to break any tie.

The League shall reimburse the Secretary and the Treasurer for any expenses that they incur in the performance of their duties.

In addition to these Working Rules WAYSYS will be governed according to the By Laws that were first enacted in 1999 and as appropriately amended thereafter.

4. Fees

From time to time, the Board of Directors shall establish and assess fees for participation in the League's programs. These fees shall be paid to the League Treasurer on or before August 1st and not later than the August meeting of each year or the individual clubs will be subject to a late fee of \$100. In 2007, these fees shall be:

Performance bond (one-time charge per town) \$ 30.00

Annual Fees Per Team

Registration fee \$ 35.00
Referee assignor 20.00

Referee's fees collected per team - Massachusetts Referees Committee (MRC).

Under-10	\$ 16.00 x 6 games =	\$ 96.00
Under-12	22.00 x 6 games =	132.00
Under- 14	32.00 x 6 games =	192.00
Under-16 Boys & 18 Girls	40.00 x 6 games =	240.00
Under-18 Boys	25.00 x 6 games =	150.00 (plus \$30. field usage fee)
Over-30 coed	25.00 x 6 games =	150.00 (plus \$30. field usage fee)

For clubs that do not use MRC registered referees for U-10 games, the referee shall be paid \$10.00 per game. For clubs that use Grade 9 referees for U-10 games, the referee shall be paid \$16.00 per game.

There is no referee assignor's fee for Under-10 teams. Member towns are responsible for assigning referees at that age level (See Rule 9).

For WAYSA teams placed into another league, typically due to insufficient number of teams, WAYSA will collect the WAYSA teams fees and make payment to that League at that League's fee schedule, which may be higher, lower, or equal to a WAYSA age group team fee.

Over 30 teams are required to pay an insurance fee per player, in addition to the team fee. WAYSA will collect these fees (per team based on final team roster) and make payment to the insurance carrier.

Refer to the WAYSA website for the posted fees Referees are paid, payment forms, and any last minute changes.

2010 Fees Paid to Referees

U10	\$10 for unlicensed WAYSA trained refs/ \$16 for licensed referees
U12	\$22 8 v 8
U14	\$32 11 v 11
U16	\$40 11 v 11
U18G	\$40 11 v 11
U18B	\$25 7 v 7
O30C	\$25 7 v 7

U10/U12 Tournament – fee is same as regular season, based on referee being licensed or only WAYSA trained
U14-U18 Playoffs – referee is paid 100% of regular season game fee; assistant/line refs are paid 50% of regular season fee.

In special circumstances, a U10 WAYSA trained referee may be asked to referee a game, e.g. U12, when there is a ref no-show. WAYSA will pay the U10 referee the U12 rate. During the playoffs, a U10 referee may be asked to be an assistant/side-lines referee. WAYSA will pay the U10 referee the AR fee per the age group being refereed. Every effort is made to have an appropriate trained referee per the age group of team play and not encourage under-skilled referees or bystanders perform this duty due to a satisfactory game being refereed and player injury risk.

5. Players

For each player year, players are grouped according to age. A playing year is a fall season and the following spring season. Depending upon the number of teams formed in the member towns, WAYSA expects to offer programs, for the following age divisions:

Age Division

Under-10

Under-12

Under-14

Under-16 Boys (based on team count, teams may be entered into another league)

Under-18 Boys (based on team count, teams may be entered into another league)

Under-18 Girls (based on team count, teams may be entered into another league)

Over 30 Coed

Member towns are encouraged to offer programs in the Under-8 age division.

A birth certificate, baptism certificate, passport or alien registration issued by the United States Government shall be proof of age. WAYSA uses July 31st as the cutoff birthdate to establish a players age group they must play in.

Any player member that belongs to a WAYSA member club may not play for another WAYSA member club unless agreed upon by both member clubs. If a player desires to play for a different WAYSA club than a request for a waiver form must be filled out and signed by the representatives of both clubs and then presented to the Board, no later than the July meeting, for final approval. If either of the member clubs object to this request for a residency requirement waiver then the Board will have the authority to make the final decision.

When a resident club does not have an appropriate team (or space on an existing team) for a player member then that player may be rostered on a team in another WAYSA club. If a player meets the membership requirements for more than one WAYSA club then that player may choose the club for which s/he wishes to play for that season.

A player may only be rostered on a single WAYSA team during any one Season.

Any team using an ineligible player shall forfeit all games in which that player appeared. Upon the request of the WAYSA President, a coach must provide proof of age within 5 working days. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of all games in which the player in question played.

Players at U-12 and younger age groups may play down "with their school class" if their birthdates are within 1 year of the age group cutoff date. These players must be identified on their team's roster. No older player may play in a younger age division without an exemption (waiver) approved by the Board for good cause shown. At the discretion of a member town, an exceptionally skilled player may play in an older age division. However, that player may not return to his/her own age division during that playing season.

Any high school girl/boy that is 18 may play in the appropriate Under 18 division.

Varsity players will be permitted to compete on WAYSA teams provided that there are no more than 50% varsity players on the roster and that no more than 5 of these varsity players are on the field at any one time. These varsity players must be clearly indicated on the rosters turned in to the registrar and on the game forms that are provided to the opposing coaches.

The Board shall be charged with the responsibility of enforcing the eligibility requirements for all players and for the proper formation of teams. If violations do occur then the Board may take any actions that they deem appropriate to penalize the team(s). Such actions may include, but will not be restricted to, forfeiting games, prohibiting participation in post-season play and suspension for the following year.

In addition to registering with the League, towns must register all players with MYSA, and must satisfy all MYSA requirements including consent for medical treatment and release of liability.

6. Field/Equipment

Clubs will provide the pitch (which shall be properly maintained in a safe playing condition) and playing equipment which meet WAYSA and MYSA rules, found elsewhere in the Working Rules, i.e., balls, goals, corner flags, field markings, etc.

Players shall wear numbered jerseys of the same color. Goalkeepers shall wear contrasting colors. In the event that the colors of two teams are not sufficiently contrasting in the opinion of the referee, it shall be the responsibility of the home team to change colors or wear pinneys.

All players shall wear shin guards and footwear with FIFA-approved cleats. Players shall not wear wristwatches, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, barrettes, or other hard objects that may endanger themselves or other players on the field. Players shall not wear hats. Players shall not have underwear that hangs out below the uniform.

The home team is responsible for nets, corner flags, and lining the field.

7. Team Formation

The initial formation of the various age and gender divisions will occur during the June meeting. Member clubs should provide the scheduler at this meeting with their preliminary figures for the number of teams that they will enter in each division. Member clubs must provide the WAYSA Scheduler with a list of teams, names, colors, coaches, telephone numbers and field maps by July 1st and not later than the July meeting or the individual clubs will be subject to a late fee of \$100. Member clubs must submit team rosters to the WAYSA Registrar by August 1st and not later than the August meeting or the individual clubs will be subject to a late fee of \$100. No roster changes may be made following the completion of the second weekend of play. The deadline for submitting final rosters to the league registrar will be the September board meeting following the second weekend of play.

Each team shall have at least one adult coach. All coaches shall be registered with the League and with MYSA.

8. Size of Teams

In the Under-10 divisions (7v7), teams shall have no more than 12 players on the roster, and shall play with one goalkeeper and six players on the field. If a team does not have at least one goalkeeper and four field players, it shall forfeit the game.

In the Under-12 divisions (8v8), teams shall have no more than 15 players on the roster, and shall play with one goalkeeper and seven players on the field. If a team does not have at least one goalkeeper and five field players, it shall forfeit the game.

In the Under-14, Under-16 and Under-18 Girls divisions, teams shall have no more than 18 players on the roster, and shall play with one goalkeeper and ten players on the field. If a team does not have at least one goalkeeper and seven field players it shall forfeit the game.

In the Under-18 Boys division, teams shall have no more than 12 players on the roster, and shall play with one goalkeeper and five players on the field. If a team does not have at least one goalkeeper and three field players, it shall forfeit the game.

The Board may make exceptions to the size of the team for good cause shown and subject to such restrictions or conditions, as the Board in its sole discretion deems appropriate.

It is recognized that it is often desirable and necessary for the roster size of the U-16 boys and the U-18 girls division to be greater than the standard level of 18. However, when clubs are granted waivers that greatly exceed this number it does create a number of problems on both the league and club level. Therefore, a maximum number of players that any team can have on its roster, even with a waiver granted by the board, will be set at 20.

9. Referees

For all games during the regular season in the Under-10 division, it shall be the responsibility of the member towns to assign referees, who need not be registered with the Massachusetts Referees Committee (MRC).

WAYSAs will conduct training sessions for non-registered referees who will be old enough to play in the U14 divisions or higher. These training sessions will be held in the summer and all non-registered referees must attend one of these meetings yearly.

For all games in Under-12 and older divisions, the League shall assign referees registered with the Massachusetts Referees Committee. If a registered referee is not available, the coaches may agree to play the game using a registered coach as a referee. If neither a registered referee nor a registered coach is available, the game shall **not** be played.

Before a game, each coach will provide the referee with a MYSAs game form. The game form will include the name and jersey number of each player, the town, team name and division, the town and team name of the opposing team, the date and the scheduled kick-off time. The game form shall be signed by the registered coach and the registered assistant coach, and by the referee. Upon completion of the game the referee will give the respective game forms to the opposing coaches. In the event that yellow or red cards were issued the referee shall retain the game form of the team for which the cards were given and record on it the conditions relating to the issuance of the card(s). S/he shall then forward this form immediately to the League President.

All referees shall receive their fees when they submit the payment forms by the dates specified on these forms to the League Treasurer. A referee who is more than 15 minutes late for a game shall be docked \$5.00, unless the teams were notified in advance that the referee would be late. In the event that the assigned referee failed to appear for the game, the substitute registered referee or registered coach who actually refereed the game and submits the payment form to the League Treasurer shall be paid.

Upon request by the referee, each team will provide one linesman to assist the referee. During the final matches in post-season play, the League will try to provide referee assistants who are MRC registered referees.

10. Balls

Each team will provide one game ball. The referee will choose the ball to be used.

Under-10 and Under-12 teams will use a size “4” ball. Under-14 and older divisions will use a size “5” ball.

11. Length of Games

<u>Division</u>	<u>Game Length</u>
Under-10	13 minute quarters
Under-12	30 minute halves
Under-14	35 minute halves
Under-16 Boys & Under-18 Girls	40 minute halves
Under-18 Boys (6v6)	25 minute halves
Over-30	25 minute halves

The half-time interval shall be five minutes. The teams shall change ends of the field at half time. In the Under-10 division, the change shall occur at the end of the second quarter. The interval between the first and second quarters, and the third and fourth quarter shall be two minutes. During the regular season, there shall be no overtime periods.

12. Laws of the Game

The FIFA “Laws of the Game” shall apply to all games in WAYSAs, as amended by these “Working Rules.”

13. Special Working Rules for:

Under-10 Division (7v7)

There will be no slide tackling. An indirect kick will be awarded for this violation.

There will be no offsides. The League strongly discourages leaving players in the offensive zone while your team is in defense.

Throw-Ins. In the event of an improper throw-in, the referee shall explain the player's error and allow the player a second chance. If this throw-in is also improper, the ball shall be awarded to the other team. During the post-season tournament only one throw-in will be allowed.

Distance from Ball. Opponents shall be not less than 6 yards from the ball for the kick-off and for all free kicks, including goal kicks.

Size of Goals. The goals shall be not less than 6 feet or more than 7 feet high and not less than 12 feet or more than 14 feet wide.

Size of Field. The field shall not be less than 50 yards or more than 70 yards long, and not less than 40 yards or more than 50 yards wide. The field shall be longer than it is wide.

Penalty Area. The size of the penalty area shall be 12 yards out by 25 yards across and centered on the goal.

Goal Box. The size of the goal box shall be 6 yards out by 16 yards across and centered on the goal.

Goal Kicks. Goal kicks may be taken anywhere within the goal box area. All balls put into play by a goal kick must be touched by a player or land in the defensive half of the field, to remain in play. If not, an indirect free kick is awarded at the half way line to the opposing team.

Free Kicks. All free kicks will be **indirect** for any foul committed, there shall be no direct kicks. Any free kick awarded within the penalty area shall be taken from the penalty area line (the line that is parallel to the end line). The ball shall be placed on this line nearest to the point where the foul was committed.

Penalty Kicks. **There shall be no penalty kicks.**

Special Goalkeeper Rule. After the goalkeeper picks up the ball it may be thrown, dropped-kicked or punted but it must be touched by a player or land in the defensive half of the field, to remain in play. If not, an indirect free kick is awarded at the half way line to the opposing team.

Under 12 Division (8v8)

Offsides will be Enforced.

No Second Chance on Throw-ins.

Distance from Ball. Opponents shall be not less than 6 yards from the ball for the kick-off and for all free kicks, including goal kicks.

Size of Goals. The goals shall be not less than 6 feet or more than 7 feet high and be 18 feet wide.

Size of Field. The field shall not be less than 70 yards or more than 80 yards long, and not less than 45 yards or more than 55 yards wide. The field shall be longer than it is wide.

Penalty Area. The penalty area will be 14 yards by 34 yards and centered on the goal.

Goal Box. The size of the goal box shall be 6 yards out and 18 yards across. It shall be centered on the goal.

Goal Kicks. Goal kicks may be taken anywhere within the goal box area. All balls put into play by a goal kick must be touched by a player or land in the defensive half of the field, to remain in play. If not, an indirect free kick is awarded at the half way line to the opposing team.

Penalty Kicks. There will be penalty kicks. Penalty kicks will be taken 10 yards from the goal line. Everyone but the kicker and the goalkeeper will stand behind the half way line until the kick is taken.

Special Goalkeeper Rule. After the goalkeeper picks up the ball it may be thrown, dropped-kicked or punted but it must be touched by a player or land in the defensive half of the field, to remain in play. If not, an indirect free kick is awarded at the half way line to the opposing team.

Under 18 Boys (7v7) & Over 30 Division (7v7)

The working Rules for the Under 18 Boys (7v7) and the O-30 (7v7) divisions will be similar to the Working Rules for the U-10 Division with the following exceptions:

- The length of the game shall consist of two – 25 minute halves with a five (5) minute break at half time.
- A size “5” ball will be used.
- There will be no second chances on improper throw-ins.
- Licensed referees will be assigned to all the games.
- All teams must have a team manager/coach who will serve to coordinate the team activities and to be responsible for its conduct before, during and after games.
- Players given yellow cards will have to leave the field of play for a minimum of 2 minutes. Team managers/coaches will be responsible for monitoring this time penalty.
- (Over 30 only) There must be at least two (2) women on the field at all times or the team must “play short” the appropriate number of players.

14. Substitutions

Substitutions shall be unlimited. All substitutes shall enter and leave the field at mid-field. With consent of the referee, substitutions may be made at the following times:

- the team in possession of the ball for a throw in may substitute. If the team in possession of the ball chooses to substitute, the opposing team may substitute at that time. Players must be present at the midfield prior to substitution.
- prior to all goal kicks
- after a goal
- at half time
- between periods (Under-10 Division)
- for an injured player if the referee has stopped play (the other team may also substitute)

No substitution is allowed for a player ejected from the game.

15. Coaching During Games

A coach shall be responsible for his/her conduct and the conduct of his/her team on and around the playing field, before, during, and after the game. Before start of a game, the home team shall designate a side of the field for the teams. The bench for both teams shall be on that side of the field, in the area of mid-field. Coaches and players not on the field shall remain in the bench area, at least one yard behind the touchline. Coaches shall not move more than 10 yards along the touchline, and shall not go onto the field during a game without the referee's permission.

All spectators shall be on the opposite side of the field, at least one yard behind the touch lines. No coaches, players, or spectators shall stand near either goal. The referee shall stop play until all persons have moved away from the goal.

Excessive coaching and the constant yelling of instructions from the sidelines is strongly discouraged since it often distracts and confuses the players. In keeping with the recreational philosophy of the league, coaches should strive to create an atmosphere that allows the kids to just play the game and have fun. Violations may result in a warning from the referee.

The head coaches are responsible for the conduct of the assistant coaches, players, parents, and supporters of their team. In the event of continuing misconduct by a team's coaches, players, parents, or supporters, after issuing a caution, the referee may terminate the game. If the abuse comes from parents/spectators then the referee will inform the coaches and it is their responsibility to speak immediately to the offenders. If this action does not adequately curb this behavior then the referee may terminate the game. Coaches and parents are also subject to Article III, Section 4 of the WAYSA by-laws regarding suspension from all activities associated with WAYSA.

16. Schedule

The season shall begin on the first weekend after Labor Day. Regular season games may be scheduled on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday games will be scheduled no earlier than 9 AM and Sunday games will not be scheduled any earlier than 1 PM. Post-season schedules may have to vary slightly. All teams will be scheduled for 10 regular season games. No games will be scheduled over the Columbus Day weekend.

Teams will play according to the official schedule, unless field conditions prevent play. If the club president or his/her designee determines that the field is unplayable for any reason, the home team has the responsibility to notify the visiting team and the referee assignor not less than two hours before the scheduled start of the game. If the home team fails to notify the visiting team, and the visiting team appears for the game, the home team shall forfeit the game. If the referee appears then he/she shall be paid for that game and an additional fee will be charged to that town to cover the cost of the makeup game.

Games rescheduled because of school or church activities must be cleared through Club Representatives, and a makeup date established at the time of cancellation. No Saturday games shall be rescheduled after Wednesday, and no Sunday games shall be rescheduled after Thursday. The home team Club Representative is responsible for notifying the referee assignor of a rescheduled game. If the referee assignor is not notified within 24 hours of the start of the originally scheduled game and the referee appears for the game then the referee shall be paid for that game. The club which failed to properly notify the referee assignor will be assessed an additional fee to cover the expense of the make-up game.

If a team does not have the minimum number of players necessary to play within 15 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, that team shall forfeit the game.

If the referee determines that the field is unplayable before play commences, the game shall be rescheduled as a make-up game.

If the referee terminates the game for field conditions before the end of the first half, the entire game shall be rescheduled. If the referee terminates the game for field conditions after the first half, only the second half shall be rescheduled. If both coaches agree, a terminated game may be treated as a complete game and not rescheduled.

Once a season starts, if a team folds, or if two teams combine, the remaining games shall be forfeited. A combined team may play the scheduled games, but shall receive no points. A combined team may participate in post-season play as the bottom seed.

17. Points

During the fall season, no standings will be kept in Under-10, Under-12, and O-30 Divisions. For the U-14 and higher divisions three (3) points will be awarded for a win and one (1) point for a tie.

The Board shall designate a Club Member or Board Member who will track the win/loss records and points for the end of the season playoffs for the U14 and above divisions to determine seeds/groups. The Board meets at the end of the season to assign the playoff games, fields, dates and times.

18. Post-Season Tournament

Under-10 and Under-12 Divisions: At the end of the regular season there shall be a post-season tournament. This tournament will cover the two-day period on the first weekend following the end of regular season play. This will be a non-elimination tournament in which no scores or standings will be kept. There is an open invitation to all teams that participated in that fall's season. All teams will play three games that will consist of two 20-minute halves. There will not be a half time break, teams will just switch ends of the field and continue play. Each half will be continuous time in which there will be no stoppage of the clock for any reason. There shall be no overtime play in the event of a tie score.

Under-14 and Higher Divisions: A post-season play-off tournament will be held based upon the regular season's scores and standings. When teams finish the season with an equal number of points placement will be first decided by the number of wins. If the number of wins is/are equal then head to head record will be used. If there are no head to head meetings or if the records are split then the ranking will be determined by a coin flip. Minor variances may be made at the discretion of the board. All regular season games must be played by the last Sunday of the regular season. The play-offs will begin on the first weekend following the end of regular season play. In age divisions that have many teams, the teams may be divided into two divisions based on their regular season standings.

Special scheduling considerations pertaining to days and times will **not** be considered unless they are requested **BEFORE** the schedule is set.

In post-season play if the score is tied at the end of regulation play there shall be 2 - 5 minute "Golden Goal" overtime periods. During this time if either team scores then it becomes the immediate winner. If the score remains tied at the end of the second overtime period the game shall be decided by penalty kicks. Each coach shall provide the referee with a list of the sequence in which the players on the field at the end of regulation play will take the penalty kicks. There shall be no substitutions after the referee receives this list. Only players remaining on the field at the conclusion of the second overtime period are eligible to take penalty kicks.

Players 1-5 shall take penalty kicks for each team. If the score remains tied, then players 6-11 shall take alternate kicks. The team scoring on a penalty kick with the other team missing in the same round will win. If necessary this process will continue starting again with players 1 until a winning round is reached.

In the U-18 Boys division, all 6 players shall take penalty kicks for each team. If the score remains tied than alternating kicks will be taken starting again with player number one for each team.

The length of a playoff game will not be shortened due to conditions of play, unless deemed necessary by the League President. A playoff game will not be started if in the opinion of both coaches that it can not reasonably be completed in its entirety.

If the referee terminates the game anytime during the overtime play (including a shoot out), the entire overtime shall be rescheduled.

There is no post season tournament for O-30 division.

19. Protests

Coaches are encouraged to discuss informally any game problems. A formal protest should be filed only in extraordinary situations, such as an ejection for reasons that the coach believes to be inappropriate after informal discussions.

A formal protest must be in writing and must be mailed or hand-delivered to the League President, to the League Secretary, to the Appeals Board Chairman, and to the coach of the opposing team within 72 hours after the game.

Protests shall be resolved by the WAYSAs Appeals Board, which shall consist of the Appeals Board Chairman and two other members of the Board of Directors designated by the President to review the protest. The decision of the Appeals Board shall be reported to the coaches involved. A coach may request the Board of Directors to review the decision of the Appeals Board. The request must be in writing and mailed or hand delivered to the League President, to the League Secretary, to the Appeals Board Chairman, and to the coach of the opposing team within 72 hours after notice of the decision of the Appeals Board. If a coach requests review, the Board of Directors shall provide both coaches with an opportunity to submit a written statement to the Board of Directors. At the discretion of the President, the coaches may be allowed to make oral presentations to the Board. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

The protesting coach shall deliver to the League Secretary a check payable to WAYSAs in the amount of \$25.00, which shall be forfeited if the protest is disallowed.

20. Ejection's/Suspensions

If a player or team official has been sent off, that player or team official shall be suspended as provided by the following schedule. The suspension shall take effect immediately. It shall be the responsibility of the suspended player and his/her coach, or the suspended team official and his/her Club Representative, to observe a suspension without waiting for formal notice from the League. A suspended player or team official who knowingly fails to observe a suspension shall be suspended for an additional game.

For second offenses during the same season, the WAYSA Board, after providing the suspended player or team official with an opportunity to submit a written statement, shall determine whether to impose a longer suspension.

During the period of suspension, a player or team official under suspension shall not participate in any game under the jurisdiction of WAYSA, or in any other game sanctioned by MYSAs, USYSA, or any affiliated associations.

While under suspension, a player shall not be released by his/her club. While under suspension, a team official shall not change club affiliations.

All periods of suspension shall run continuously. Suspensions in effect at the end of one playing season or registration year shall remain in effect into the following season or registration year until the full period of suspension has been satisfied. The period of suspension shall not be satisfied by intra-town or other games with "friendliness." The period of suspension may be satisfied by post season games and tournament games, PROVIDED that those games are officially sanctioned by WAYSAs, MYSAs, or USYSA and had been scheduled prior to the suspension.

Conduct Involving Players, Team Officials or Spectators

Any player or team official who is sent off for:

1. Fighting (mutual exchange of blows delivered by hand, foot, or other portion of the body)
2. Deliberately striking or kicking or attempting to strike or attempting to kick
3. Deliberately throwing objects at a player, team official, or spectator shall be suspended as follows:

First Offense	1 game
Second Offense	4 games minimum

Any player or team official who is sent off for:

4. Deliberately spitting at a player, team official or spectator
5. Threatening bodily harm or property damage to a player, team official or spectator
6. Gesturing or signaling obscenely at a player, team official or spectator
7. Serious foul play (play characterized by fouls as defined by Law XII of an aggravated nature committed with such fervor as to threaten an opponent with serious physical harm)
8. Abusive language
9. Unsportsmanlike conduct
10. Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game
11. Unauthorized entry onto the field of play shall be suspended as follows:

First Offense	1 game
Second Offense	2 games minimum

Conduct Involving Referees or Linesmen

A player or team official who is sent off for:

1. Deliberately striking or kicking or attempting to strike or kick a referee or linesman
2. Deliberately spitting at a referee or linesman
3. Throwing objects at a referee or linesman shall be suspended as follows:

	<u>Under-14</u>	<u>Over-14/Team Official</u>
First Offense	1 calendar year	2 calendar years
Second Offense	2 calendar years minimum	permanent

A player or team official who is sent off for:

4. Making verbal threats of bodily harm or property damage to a referee or linesman
5. Gesturing or signaling obscenely at a referee of linesman
6. Using abusive language to a referee or linesman shall be suspended as follows:

	<u>Under-14</u>	<u>Over-14/Team Official</u>
First Offense	4 games	4 games
Second Offense	8 games minimum	1 calendar year

A player or team official who is sent off for:

7. Dissenting from the call of the referee shall be suspended as follows:

First Offense	1 game
Second Offense	2 games
Third Offense	4 games

All suspensions are subject to review by the league president who may use his/her discretion to modify these penalties.

21. Amendments

These Working Rules may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a two thirds vote at a duly organized meeting provided notice of the proposed change is included in the timely notice of such meeting. Changes that affect conditions of play may only occur prior to the start of a season.