

1. WSSL CENTRAL AND SOUTH REGISTRATION (U12-U18)

- 1.1. A youth player must register each seasonal year in the State Association in which they reside with their parent (s) or guardian (s), or, for a student in residence at a boarding school, college, or university, the player may register in the state in which the boarding school, college, or university is located. The State Association in which the player is registered to vote or holds a current license may determine any other questions of residency.
 - a. Any youth player wishing to play on a team of a member of a State Association other than the State Association where the player is registered, must receive written permission from:
 - 1) the State Association where the player is registered; and
 - 2) the State Association of the team on which the player wishes to play.
 - b. Permission must be obtained each seasonal year.
- 1.2. Each player participating in WSSL competition shall have a current USYS member pass with current photograph attached thereto, approved by the Club Registrar. A USYS member pass is valid only for USYS recognized purposes.
- 1.3. A player may play down, one year, to the U14 age level in the WSSL league only if they are not able to play on a High School team in their area. This exception is to WSSL matches only and will not apply to any USSF, USYS or CYS competition. The appropriate form must be submitted to the WSSL registrar and to CYS annually.
- 1.4. Each Coach, assistant Coach and Club Coach participating in WSSL competition shall meet the requirements of the KidSafe Program as described within the CYS KidSafe Policy. No more than four (4) credentialed coaches per team shall be allowed on the team sideline during the course of the game.
- 1.5.
 - a. Team registration, fees and roster updates for continuing teams must be submitted to CYS by 6:00pm on the appropriate date designated by CYS.
 - b. Each club shall submit to WSSL, via email, a Team Roster of no fewer than eleven (11) players by the deadline dates established by the WSSL administrator.
 - c. Once a club has registered its teams with WSSL, a \$100.00 fee will be imposed for each team of the club that withdrawals from league play after the home fields schedules have been released each season. The fee shall be payable immediately following the team(s) withdrawal. None of the clubs teams shall be registered for the following season until the above fees have been paid in full.
 - d. All WSSL Advanced teams must register all players via the CYS on-line system. Each club must designate an Authorized User and Club Registrar. Requested changes received after 2:00pm will not be guaranteed to be reviewed until the next CYS business day.
 - e. All pass cards and rosters must be signed by the Authorized Club Registrar on record with CYS. All pass cards must be laminated. All teams must present the team's Roster and player pass cards to the game official(s) prior to the beginning of each game. If a team fails to bring their player pass cards and roster to a scheduled match, the opposing team is not required to play and a forfeit will be awarded.
- 1.6. WSSL teams, which have the same name, must be distinguishable by a unique color, number or letter suffix, or teams may change names. For all WSSL matches, the home team shall wear a colored/dark jersey and the away team shall wear a white jersey.
- 1.7. Rules governing rosters and players for competitions leading to the U S Youth Soccer National Championships (State Cup) supersede Colorado rules outlined in this section.
- 1.8. Releases
 - 1) A team may not release, voluntarily or involuntarily, any player from its roster unless a written request, stating the reason why the release has been requested, has been sent to, and approved by, the state association on the appropriate form provided by CYS.
 - a) A team may release involuntarily a player from its roster only if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:
 - 1) The player has violated bylaws, policies, or requirements of the Federation, USYSA, CYS, or the member of the State Association through whom the player is registered.
 - 2) The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what

constitutes a reasonable distance is subject to definition by CYS.

3) The player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season.

4) Recreational players do not require a release.

1.9. Transfers

1) A transfer of a player shall be defined as adding a currently USYSA registered player to a roster, or as returning a currently dropped player to a roster. A team participating in State Cup shall be limited to a total of 5 transferred players per seasonal year.

The following exceptions exist:

a. A player on a recreational team.

b. A player who is not currently registered

2) The club to which a player is currently registered shall have the sole discretion of whether to grant a transfer to that player, as players are bound to their club for the entire seasonal year once registered. The decision of their club on whether to grant a requested transfer shall be final. A player that has moved more than 50 miles from his primary residence may be granted a transfer by CYS.

3) All requests for transfer of a player shall be submitted to CYS in writing, on the appropriate completed form.

1.10. Holding team tryouts at any of the following times is illegal recruiting:

a. Before the last schedule game in the spring season.

b. During the fall season of the current seasonal year (U15-U18 boys excepted).

c. Between the fall and spring season of the current seasonal year (U15-U18 boys excepted).

d. During the spring season of the current seasonal year.

e. Evaluating a guest player's performance during a tournament and or inviting a player not currently on your roster to attend a practice shall not be considered a team tryout for the purposes of this rule.

f. Holding team tryouts is optional for each club; it is not mandatory

1.11. No team or club shall attempt to bind or in fact bind any player to it prior to the tryout dates contained in 9.1. This includes but is not limited to having a player or parent sign a club or US Youth Soccer registration form prior to the tryout dates above, or collecting any monies from the player or parent for the upcoming fees or dues prior to the tryout dates above. Any violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action against the team, coaches and or club. Any player registered in contravention of this rule shall be free to transfer from the team and club at any time without charge.

2.1 WSSL CENTRAL AND SOUTH LEAGUE OPERATIONS

A. Prior to the start of each state-league season, the WSSL Administrator, using the rules in section 2.2 (below), shall assign each team to a division within its appropriate age-level league based on either 1) automatic or 2) non-automatic relegation.

B. The WSSL Administrator shall assign teams (with non-automatic relegation) based on information supplied by the coach or manager. If the coach or manager provides no data, it is not the WSSL Administrator's obligation to seek out information. If no data is provided, a team could be seeded lower rather than higher.

C. Prior to the start of each state-league season, the WSSL Administrator shall:

1. Advise each club registrar in writing of the division to which each team in that club has been assigned for the forth-coming state-league season. It is the registrar's duty to communicate the information about state-league assignment to each team in the club.

2. A team, which disagrees with its state-league placement, may request, at no charge, that the WSSL Administrator review its decision.

3. The decisions of the WSSL Administrator, however, are final and non-appealable.

D. In those rare instances where the rules of relegation fail to provide a fair migration of teams, the WSSL Administrator reserves the authority to suspend the rules and modify the structure of a given league appropriately.

2.2 WSSL CENTRAL AND SOUTH LEAGUE DIVISION STRUCTURES

For the purposed of relegation, the green division will be the highest division and the white division will be the lowest division.

A. Under 12 Boys and Under 12 Girls (i.e. youngest boys' and girls' age groups)

1. Fall Season: The best (6) six teams, as determined by the WSSL Administrator on the basis of information provided by club coaches and club registrars, shall be placed in the green division and the remaining teams shall be placed in the white division.

2. Transition From Fall to Spring Season:

a. For the Spring season, the top (3) three teams in green division and the top (2) two teams in the white division shall be placed in the green division.

b. The remaining teams shall placed in the white division

B. Under 13 through Under 18 League Structure (Automatic Relegation):

1. There shall be 2 divisions named green and white.

2. The green division shall consist of the top 6 (six) teams in the fall and the top 5 (five) teams in the spring and shall be limited to a maximum number of 6 (six) teams in the fall and 5 (five) teams in the spring.

3. The white division shall include of the remaining teams in an age group.

C. Automatic Relegation shall be based on the prior season's divisional standings. It will not be used in any division with predominantly new teams.

1. After the fall season the bottom (3) three green division teams from the prior season will change places with the top (2) two white division teams.

2. After the spring season the bottom (2) two green division teams from the prior season will change places with the top (3) three white division teams.

D. Non-automatic relegation/assignment (In those leagues where appropriate). Consideration will be given to such factors as prior regular season record, number and caliber of returning players and teams

2.3 WSSL CENTRAL AND SOUTH LEAGUE STRUCTURE

A. Continuing teams:

1. A continuing team that is not changing club affiliation must retain 51% of the players from the team's most recent previous roster. For purposes of this rule, placement for a team's following season will be based on their roster as of the date of the last scheduled league game.

2. A continuing team that is changing club affiliation must retain 11 players from the team's most recent previous roster for the purposes of league relegation. (Note: The only time an intact team may switch club affiliation is between seasonal years.)

B. If a team is not a continuing team, it is a new team.

C. A new team must play its first season in the lowest division of that age group unless otherwise designated by the WSSL Administrator.

D. Scoring shall be 3 points for a win (including forfeits), 1 point for a tie, no points for a loss.

The following shall be used in sequence as tie breakers when two or more teams are tied in points in divisional standings:

1. Head-to-head competition between the tied teams during regular season (these criteria not used if more than two teams are tied).

2. Team red cards issued to players or coaches during league play. For purposes of tie breakers, a red card shall apply to the team at the time of the infraction regardless of roster changes.

3. Goals against.
4. Goals for.
5. A coin toss shall decide the winner (coaches to be invited)
6. If more than two teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team is eliminated. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence at Point "2" above until the tie is broken.
7. When a team has been awarded a forfeit, they will be awarded 3 points for the win, and the score shall be recorded as 4-0 for purposes of tie-breaking procedures.

E. All games will count in the standings.

F. No team may play up in an older age group, except in the U-15 and above age groups upon approval of the Western Slope Administrator for WSSL teams.

3.1 WSSL CENTRAL AND SOUTH PROCEDURE FOR POSTPONEMENTS AND RESCHEDULING GAMES

A. If the field is closed because of bad weather, the home team coach shall notify the referee assignor and the opposing coach as soon as possible that the game has been postponed.

B. Except for postponements from field closures and Permission to Travel, all games will be played as scheduled. If a game is cancelled with or without the knowledge of WSSL/CYS and the home club is not notified in accordance with their published policies, the home team shall be responsible for the payment of any additional fees for the game in question.

C. A TBA game is the responsibility of the home team to schedule. The home team must follow the scheduling procedure as stated in WSSL Rule 2.5.c.

D. Teams may by mutual agreement agree to reschedule a game. However, WSSL/CYS will not mediate disputes that arise from rescheduling these games and will not consider any forfeit requests.

3.2 WSSL CENTRAL AND SOUTH PROCEDURE FOR MAKE-UP GAMES DUE TO FIELD CLOSURES AND PERMISSION TO TRAVEL GRANTED BY CYS

A. Please make up games as soon as possible.

B. All make-up games must be played (and reported to WSSL) within 2 weekends of the last regularly scheduled game of the league season. If one or more games remain incomplete 2 weekends after the date of the last regularly scheduled game, then only the games completed shall be used to determine that team's standing.

C. Scheduling make-up games is the responsibility of the home team. The home team shall contact the opposing team within 10 days of the date of the canceled game and shall offer 3 reasonable make-up dates and times. The visiting team shall have 48 hours from contact to either accept one of the three dates or offer 3 alternative dates and times to the home team. If no agreement is then reached within 24 hours, both teams shall submit their positions in writing to the WSSL Administrator, who shall decide (after the date of the last approved make-up game) the disposition of the game. For the purpose of this rule, contact with the office of the soccer club shall be sufficient as contact with the coach. It is highly recommended that you have documented proof of each contact (i.e. email, fax receipt, etc.)

3.3 WSSL CENTRAL AND SOUTH FORFEITS

If one team is present and ready to play but the other team does not show up, the team that was present must submit in writing to WSSL a written statement of their attendance. Upon receipt and review, a forfeit will automatically be granted to the team that was present. The WSSL Administrator will review any requests to reconsider forfeits after the date of the last final make-up game deadline.

WSSL will only consider forfeits for games unable to be rescheduled that were originally postponed for the following

three reasons:

1. Field Closures
2. Permission to travel granted by CYS
3. An opposing team refusing to travel to a scheduled game

Forfeiture requests must be submitted in writing to the WSSL Administrator. A request must include the following information:

1. Game Number and original scheduled date.
2. Reason for cancellation of original game (must meet above criteria).
3. Number of attempts to reschedule the game.
4. Any and all information regarding the attempts to reschedule the game.
5. The WSSL Administrator will review such requests after the date of the last final make-up game deadline.

Each WSSL club shall be required to submit a \$750.00 performance bond at the beginning of each WSSL season. That bond will remain with the WSSL Administrator

In all instances of forfeits, including the event that a team refuses to travel to an assigned game the following penalties will be enforced against the team that forfeits:

- a. For each game that a team forfeits, they will be dropped one place in the standings at the end of the season when final standings are determined.
- b. For each team offense the club will be fined \$250.00 from the performance bond that was submitted.
- c. For a team who has three forfeit offenses, the WSSL Administrator shall determine whether the team will be allowed to register for the next WSSL season.

4. NOTIFYING WSSL OF GAME SCORES

Both coaches shall submit game reports via telephone or WSSL web site for each league game within 48 hours. The coach's report shall provide WSSL with the correct score. If the coach fails to correctly report the game score, and the game is not noted in the standings by than the date of the last approved make-up game, then the game will not count in team placement by league standings during the next season.

5. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

5.1.1 If a game is terminated because of weather or other environmental considerations, WSSL shall judge it a completed game if 10 minutes of the second half elapsed before the game was terminated. If the match was of lesser duration, then it shall be replayed.

5.2 In the judgment of the referee, if one team is not ready to play by 10 minutes after the scheduled start of a match, then the other team shall be awarded a victory by forfeit, by action of WSSL.

5.3 No team may participate in a scheduled match without a coach or team representative, who is a participant with the team's club, present to coach the team within 10 minutes after the scheduled start of a match. If a coach/team representative is not present within 10 minutes, then the other team shall be awarded a victory by forfeit by action of WSSL. If there is any doubt about the official capacity of a team's coach at the time of the match, the game shall be played, and after the match WSSL may contact the team's coach-of-record and/or club to verify the coach's credentials and authority to represent the team at the match(s) in question.

For all other matters not provided for in these rules, CYS rules and procedures shall apply.