DEFINITIONS

Competitive Analysis Program (CAP)

The CAP is designed to be an objective system that measures the levels of play between teams and determines from past performances how a team is likely to perform among a set of teams.

The CAP system is used to place teams within the various levels of the Washington Youth Soccer State Leagues. Using the CAP, teams will be placed within league divisions based solely on their competitive history and continued performance in each league and State Cup game during the seasonal year.

For more information about the CAP system, click on the following link:

[Insert hyper link here]

Competition:

In order to create a seamless soccer experience at all levels of commitment and ability, the definitions for level of play, time commitment, and ability level must be identified.

<u>National Level Competition</u>: The National level of soccer in Washington Youth Soccer encompasses the greatest time commitment (12 months a year with daily training and monthly travel commitments), a great monetary commitment, and requires a recognized ability level in the game of soccer at the very highest level.

*National level competition includes USSF Academy level teams, Washington/Sounders FC ODP level teams, Sounders FC Academy Teams and Youth Teams (Regional Training Centers?), and is only limited by the strict requirement of highest level playing ability.

<u>Premier/Regional Level Competition:</u> The Premier/Regional level of soccer in Washington Youth Soccer encompasses a great time commitment (11 months a year with weekly training and some travel commitments), a monetary commitment, and requires a recognized ability level in the game of soccer at a high level. Regional Level Clubs, Teams, Coaches, and Players aspire to be Elite Level players and results are based on players graduating to the Elite level programs.

*Premier/Regional level soccer includes the "A" team level players playing for committed and organized Club soccer programs. Region teams are hosted by Regional Training Centers at locations set up geographically throughout the State.

Select/Developmental Level Competition: The Select/Developmental Level of Soccer in Washington Youth Soccer encompasses a moderate time commitment (10-11 months per year with training 2 days per week, games on the weekend, and tournament play), a monetary commitment, and requires a commitment to developing within the game.

*Select/Developmental Level soccer includes the organized club soccer teams ("A", "B", "C" and beyond). Developmental Level Clubs, Teams, Coaches, and Players may aspire to attain "Premier/Regional Level" status but results are based on players progressing into Premier/Regional Level programs rather than on wins and losses.

<u>Recreational/Local Level Competition:</u> The Recreational/Local Level of Soccer in Washington Youth Soccer represents the beginning and "for fun" levels of soccer with a 3-5 month time commitment, training 1-2 days a week with a game on the weekend during this time period.

*Local Level soccer includes Associations, Clubs, Teams, Coaches, and Players that commit the time to creating teams to play against other like ability teams locally for the good of the game. Local Level players graduate into the Development Level at the appropriate age and/or ability level if the aspiration is to advance in the game.

Leagues

Leagues are the structural framework for competition. Washington Youth Soccer offers leagues to allow players, coaches and teams to develop the skills, ability and commitment needed to advance to the level of competition that they may aspire to achieve. Washington Youth Soccer offers three levels of leagues.

Washington Youth Soccer State Leagues

Washington State Leagues are the highest team based leagues within Washington Youth Soccer. Washington State Leagues are for U13 through U19 boys and girls teams who have competed successfully in their highest District league and are now ready to move up to the next level of competition.

Washington State Leagues are administered by Washington Youth Soccer. Washington State Leagues are statewide leagues which may involve travel across the state of Washington, including possible winter travel across the mountain passes. Washington State Leagues provide skills development opportunities for Elite and Region level players, coaches and teams.

For more information about the Washington State Leagues, click on the following link:

[Insert hyper link here]

District Leagues

District leagues are the highest team based leagues within each District. These leagues are for boys and girls teams ranging from U11-U19. District leagues are administered by the Districts and eligible age groups are determined by the District.

District leagues involve travel throughout the District and qualifications for District leagues (and divisions) are determined by the District administering the league. District leagues provide skills development opportunities for players, coaches and teams who:

- May aspire to move to the Regional or Elite levels of competition; or
- Whose time commitment, skills and ability fit the District level of commitment with no desire to move to the Regional or Elite level of competition.

Inter-District League

Any District-Administered League where Washington Youth Soccer teams from outside the host District are allowed to play.

Local Leagues

Local leagues are administered by Member Associations. Local leagues involve limited travel within a Member Association's boundaries. Local leagues are typically the entry level for soccer skills development. Local leagues provide skills development for players, coaches and teams who:

- Are beginning their soccer skills development and may ultimately aspire to move to the District, Region or Elite levels of competition; or
- Whose time commitments, skills and abilities fit the Local level of commitment with no desire to move to the Development, Region or Elite level of competition.

Player Pass

Valid passes are passes printed by the Associations and/or Club on the official pass template distributed by Washington Youth Soccer, showing on its face the current seasonal year, player's name, player's team name and ID number, player signature, a recent identifiable player photo, and is laminated.

Tournaments

Tournaments are a special competitive event to allow players, coaches and teams to develop their skills, ability and commitment outside of the league structure. Washington Youth Soccer offers four (4) levels of tournaments.

State Tournaments:

State tournaments are administered by Washington Youth Soccer and open only to members of Washington Youth Soccer.

For more information about the State tournaments offered by Washington Youth Soccer, click on the link below:

[Insert hyper link here]

District Tournaments:

District tournaments are administered by Districts throughout Washington Youth Soccer. Each District determines who may participate in District tournaments.

Association Tournaments

Association tournaments are administered by a Member Association of Washington Youth Soccer. Associations determine who may participate in Association tournaments.

Club/Team Tournaments

Club or Team Tournaments are tournaments hosted by a Washington Youth Soccer club or team. Usually, these tournaments are fundraisers for the club or team. Each club or team will establish who may participate in the tournament, but these tournaments may be open tournaments with any U.S. or International youth team able to participate if they meet the tournament eligibility criteria.

INFORMATION

All soccer games are a competition and all players have a competitive spirit within them. The levels of competition offered by Washington Youth Soccer are differentiated by the commitment, ability and level of play.

In addition to the traditional "11 vs 11" format that is used at the U13 through U19 age groups, Washington Youth Soccer also offers national programs (Soccer Across Washington, TOPSoccer, etc.) in order to involve as many youth within the State of Washington as possible.

National Soccer Programs

Soccer Across Washington

HAVE STATE OFFICE INSERT INFORMATION ABOUT SOCCER ACROSS AMERICA

TOPSoccer The Outreach Program for Soccer

TOPSoccer is a program initiative of US Youth Soccer adopted by the Washington Youth Soccer Board of Directors. It is the official Washington Youth Soccer program for athletes with disabilities. TOPSoccer will serve these soccer players in the same local clubs and associations as their non-disabled peers.

By providing a community based training and development program for people with disabilities, organized at the grassroots level, a broader spectrum of players will have the opportunity to learn and play soccer.

The emphasis of TOPSoccer is on participation, development, and training. The goal is to enable the many players with physical **and/or cognitive** to develop their physical fitness, technical skill, and self-esteem, through the game of soccer.

TOPSoccer is not geared toward any specific type of disability and is open to any player over the age of four (4) years of age. There are varied types and levels of participation to meet the needs of the players. The unique aspect of TOPSoccer is that each local program is different and is created around the needs of the participants.

For example:

- Skills only: one-time clinics and/or ongoing specialized training for participants who, due to physical limitations or differing levels of function cannot participate in adaptive/modified games.
- Adaptive and modified skills training and small-sided games.
- Unified program of challenged and able-bodied players.

Modified Competition

Small Sided Games

The Washington Youth Soccer Small-Sided Program is a modification of the Laws of the Game for age-appropriate play. This is done for a number of reasons:

- The number of players on the field should be developmentally appropriate for children to experience and develop the motor skills necessary in soccer. These rules allow players to experience appropriate tactical decisions for their age. It also meets the needs of the players' social development.
- These modifications create a comfortable environment for the new youth coach. By increasing the number of players incrementally each year, the new coach is able to focus on creating developmentally appropriate practice sessions without the fear and need to focus on teaching specific field positions. With the emphasis on teaching the individual player, the concern for team results is minimized.
- By increasing the number of players on the field and rosters incrementally, it is easier for the coach to deal with the challenge of new players being added to the team. Often times, the new players added to the team are playing soccer for the first time. The use of small-sided games maximizes player contact time with the ball, which aids in the improvement of these new players and their integration into the team.
- The use of smaller field sizes reduces the strain on field space. Several age groups are able to share the same space, or, in most cases, more teams can play in the existing field space.

For more information on small-sided games please click on the following link:

http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/coaches/smallsidedgames.asp

POLICIES

POLICY #1-AUTHORITIES

- **CP-1.1** The Soccer Operations Committee is responsible for establishing a Region, Development and Local Competition Committee.
 - **CP-1.1.1** The Competition Committees are accountable to the Soccer Operations Committee
 - **CP-1.1.2** The Competition Committees have the authority to ensure that all leagues approved by Washington Youth Soccer are in compliance with Washington Youth Soccer policies, procedures and rules.
 - **CP-1.1.3** The Competition Committees have the authority to form sub-committees to support their efforts.
 - **CP-1.1.4** The Competition Committees will have a representative as a member of the Soccer Operations Committee.
- **CP-1.2** The Soccer Operations Committee is responsible for establishing a Tournaments Committee.
 - **CP-1.2.1** The Tournaments Committee is accountable to the Soccer Operations Committee.
 - **CP-1.2.2** The Tournaments Committee has the authority to ensure that all tournaments approved by Washington Youth Soccer are in compliance with Washington Youth Soccer policies, procedures and rules.
 - **CP-1.2.3** The Tournaments Committee has the authority to form sub-committees to support their efforts.
- **CP-1.3** The President is responsible for establishing a National Programs Committee.
 - **CP-1.3.1** The National Programs Committee is accountable to the Soccer Operations Committee with final accountability to the President.
 - **CP-1.3.2** The National Programs Committee has the authority to ensure that all programs under its jurisdiction are in compliance with Washington Youth Soccer policies, procedures and rules.

- *CP-1.3.3* The National Programs Committee has the authority to form subcommittees to support their efforts.
 - *CP-1.3.3.1* The TOPSoccer Committee is a subcommittee of the National Programs committee.
 - *CP-1.3.3.2* The Soccer Across Washington committee is a subcommittee of the National Programs Committee.



POLICY #2-ADMINISTRATION

CP-2.1 Boys-vs-Girls

- **CP-2.1.1** Boys teams shall not compete against girls teams in league or tournament play.
 - **CP-2.1.1.1** This policy does not prohibit practice or friendly matches between boys and girls teams.
 - *CP-2.1.1.2* The TOPSoccer program is exempt from this restriction.

CP-2.2 Player Pass

CP-2.2.1 All players must possess a valid player pass in any Washington Youth Soccer State, District, or Member Association administered or approved competition.

CP-2.3 Travel

CP-2.3.1 Any team desiring to participate in a competition outside of the state of Washington will follow the Washington Youth Soccer internal travel procedures.

For a copy of the internal procedures click on the link below

[Insert hyper link here]

POLICY #3-LEAGUES

- **CP-3.1** The Soccer Operations Committee is responsible for overseeing league play throughout Washington Youth Soccer.
 - **CP-3.1.1** The Region Competition Committee is responsible for administering league play and related activities for the Premier/Regional level.
 - **CP-3.1.2** The Development Competition Committee is responsible for administering league play and related activities for the Select/Developmental level.
 - **CP-3.1.3** The Local Competition Committee is responsible for administering league play and related activities for the Recreational/Local level.
 - **CP-3.2.4** Each Competition Committee has authority to recommend changes to the leagues that they are responsible for to the Soccer Operations Committee.
 - **CP-3.2.5** Each Competition Committee has authority to require any Washington Youth Soccer approved league that is in violation of Washington Youth Soccer policies, procedures or rules to take necessary action to bring themselves into compliance and/or refer the violators to the appropriate authority within Washington Youth Soccer for disciplinary action.
- **CP-3.2** Each Competition Committee has the authority to recommend variances to the Rules of Competition to the Soccer Operations Committee.

POLICY #4-TOURNAMENTS

- **CP-4.1** The Tournament Committee is responsible for overseeing tournaments and related activities throughout Washington Youth Soccer.
- **CP-4.2** The Tournament Committee is responsible for overseeing and administering State tournaments and related activities.

To see a list of the current State run tournaments click on the link below:

[Insert hyper link here]

- **CP-4.2.1** The Tournament Committee has authority to recommend changes to State run tournaments to the Soccer Operations Committee.
- **CP-4.3** The Tournaments Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving all tournaments, including State tournaments.
 - **CP-4.3.1** The Tournaments Committee has the authority to recommend variances to the Rules of Competition for all Washington Youth Soccer approved tournaments to the Soccer Operations Committee.
 - *CP-4.3.2* The Tournaments Committee has authority to require any Washington Youth Soccer approved tournament that is in violation of Washington Youth Soccer policies, procedures or rules to take necessary action to bring themselves into compliance and/or refer the violators to the appropriate authority within Washington Youth Soccer for disciplinary action.

POLICY #5-NATIONAL PROGRAMS

CP-5.1 The National Programs Committee is responsible for overseeing all Washington Youth Soccer approved national soccer programs throughout Washington Youth Soccer.

To see a list of the current national soccer competitions click on the link below:

[Insert hyper link here]

- **CP-5.1.12** The National Programs Committee has authority to recommend changes to State approved national soccer programs to the Soccer Operations Committee.
- **CP-5.1.2** The National Programs Committee has the authority to recommend rules variances for all Washington Youth Soccer approved national programs to the Soccer Operations Committee.
- *CP-5.1.3* The National Programs Committee has authority to require any Washington Youth Soccer approved national soccer program that is in violation of Washington Youth Soccer policies, procedures or rules to take necessary action to bring themselves into compliance and/or refer the violators to the appropriate authority within Washington Youth Soccer for disciplinary action.

PROCEDURES

PROCEDURES #1: AUTHORITIES

There are no procedures established for this section at this time



PROCEDURES #2-ADMINISTRATION

PCP-2.1 Boys vs Girls

There are no procedures established for this section at this time.

PCP-2.2 Player Pass

PCP-2.2.1 It is recommended that the player passes for each member of a team be grouped together and secured with a ring or other fastener for any Washington Youth Soccer District, or Member Association administered or approved competition in which the rules of competition require player passes.



PROCEDURES #3-LEAGUES

PCP-3.1 The Soccer Operations Committee will establish and publish internal procedures related to leagues.

The current internal procedures can be found by clicking on the following link:

[Insert hyper link]

- **PCP-3.2** The internal procedures related to each level of leagues will be reviewed by the appropriate level Competition Committee at least annually to ensure that all procedures are current.
 - **PCP-3.2.1** Each Competition Committee will provide a report to the Soccer Operations Committee once their review is complete. The report will identify whether any changes were identified and if any proposed changes are planned.
- **PCP-3.3** Changes to the internal procedures will follow the procedures established in the Structure section of these Operating Documents.

The current procedures for changing internal procedures can be found by clicking on the following link:

[Insert hyper link]

PCP-3.4 Updated internal procedures will be published to the web site in a timely manner, typically no later than one (1) week after approval by the Soccer Operations Committee.

PROCEDURE #4-TOURNAMENTS

PCP-4.1 The Tournaments Committee will establish and publish internal procedures related to tournaments.

The current Tournaments Committee internal procedures can be found by clicking on the following link:

[Insert hyper link]

- *PCP-4.2* The internal procedures related to tournaments will be reviewed by the Tournaments Committee at least annually to ensure that all procedures are current.
 - **PCP-4.2.1** The Tournaments Committee may choose to delegate responsibilities for reviewing and recommending changes to sub-committees but the Tournaments Committee retains final responsibility for reviewing and recommending the changes.
 - **PCP-4.2.2** The Tournaments Committee will provide a report to the Soccer Operations Committee once the review is complete. The report will identify whether any changes were identified and if any proposed changes are planned.
- **PCP-4.3** Changes to the internal procedures will follow the procedures established in the Structure section of these Operating Documents.

The current procedures for changing internal procedures can be found by clicking on the following link:

[Insert hyper link]

PCP-4.4 Updated internal procedures will be published to the web site in a timely manner, typically no later than one (1) week after approval by the Soccer Operations Committee.

PROCEDURE #5-NATIONAL PROGRAMS

PCP-5.1 The National Programs Committee will establish and publish internal procedures related to all national competitions.

The current National Programs Committee internal procedures can be found by clicking on the following link:

[Insert hyper link]

- **PCP-5.3** The internal procedures will be reviewed by the National Programs Committee at least annually to ensure that all procedures are current.
 - **PCP-3.2.1** The National Programs Committee may choose to delegate responsibilities for reviewing and recommending changes to sub-committees but the National Programs Committee retains final responsibility for reviewing and recommending the changes.
 - **PCP-5.3.1** The committee will provide a report to the Soccer Operations Committee once the review is complete. The report will identify whether any changes were identified and if any proposed changes are planned.
- **PCP-5.4** Changes to the internal procedures will follow the procedures established in the Structure section of these Operating Documents.

The current procedures for changing internal procedures can be found by clicking on the following link:

[Insert hyper link]

PCP-5.5 Updated internal procedures will be published to the web site no later than one (1) week after approval by the Soccer Operations Committee.

THIS WILL BE PART OF THE LINK TO INTERNAL PROCEDURES FOR NATIONAL PROGRAMS

INTERNAL PROCEDURES NATIONAL PROGRAMS

TOPSoccer

- **1.1-Eligibility** Washington Youth Soccer TOPSoccer shall be open to play for those four (4) year of age and up with physical and/or cognitive disabilities.
 - 1.1.1 Players with Down Syndrome are required to have a current neck x-ray every three (3) years.
 - 1.1.2 Players with Down Syndrome are required to have a completed Atlanto-Axial Instability (AAI) physician's certification on file. The AAI must be signed by one physician if the x-ray is negative or signed by two (2) physicians if the x-ray is positive. For their safety, if the x-ray is positive, the athlete may participate in individual skills only.

1.2-Committee Chair Responsibilities

- 1.2.1 The Washington Youth Soccer TOPSoccer committee chair shall be involved with each program offered throughout the state.
- 1.2.2 The TOPSoccer committee chair will support each program in its creation, development, compliance with safety concerns, registration, coaching, enlistment of supporting resources and adaptations of modified playing rules.
- 1.2.3 The TOPSoccer committee chair will supply a program guide, a coach's guide and an inventory of community resources.
- 1.2.4 The TOPSoccer committee chair will notify, in writing, the Washington Youth Soccer office of any and all TOPSoccer activity.

1.3-Registration of Participants

- 1.3.1 Participants of TOPSoccer will register with Washington Youth Soccer.
- 1.3.2 All players, coaches and buddies shall register through the online process.
 - 1.3.2.1 Online registration shall include player and parent information.
- 1.3.3 TOPSoccer medical information with a diagnosis of cognitive, orthopedic, vision, hearing and/or Down Syndrome must be provided.
 - 1.3.3.1 If the athlete has Down Syndrome, and AAI form must be completed and signed by the appropriate number of physicians.
- 1.3.4 Risk management/background clearance forms are required for coaches, assistants and TOPSoccer Buddies-twelve (12) years of age and older.
- 1.3.5 A copy of the TOPSoccer Player Information form must be available for reference at all TOPSoccer training sessions for each participant.

To obtain a copy of the current TOPSoccer Player Information Form please click on the link below:

Insert hype-link here

DEFINITIONS

FIFA:

All references to FIFA mean Federation Internationale de Football Association.

For more information on FIFA, go to the Information section of these Operating Documents.

Insert hyper-link here

Laws of the Game: All references to "Laws of the Game" shall mean FIFA Laws of the Game.

Girls Team: A girls team is a team consisting of all female players.

Boys Team: All other teams are considered boys teams for the purpose of competition.

Ineligible Player:

A player who is:

• improperly registered

• improperly rostered

• under a disciplinary sanction

• not cleared to play for medical reasons



INFORMATION

FIFA has established a set of rules that govern the game of soccer. These rules have been compiled and published as a document called "Laws of the Game". Since Washington Youth Soccer is a member of FIFA, we are governed by the Laws of the Game. FIFA recognizes that modifications to the Laws of the Game may be necessary in order to meet the needs and skill set of youth soccer versus adult soccer.

The following policies and procedures relate to the rules of competition for Washington Youth Soccer, including any modifications made to accommodate youth soccer competitions.



POLICIES

POLICY #1: RULES OF COMPETITION

R-1.1 All competitions within Washington Youth Soccer will be played according to FIFA's Laws of the Game.

To see the current FIFA Laws of the Game click on the link below:

http://www.fifa.com/worldfootball/lawsofthegame.html

R-1.1.1 Per U.S. Youth Soccer recommendations, modifications to the Laws of the Game may be made for youth games.

To see the current modifications made by Washington Youth Soccer, click on the link below:

[Insert hyper-link here]

R-1.2 The Oversight Committee is responsible for approving modifications to the Laws of the Game.

PROCEDURES

PROCEDURE #1: RULES OF COMPETITION

PR-1.1 The Oversight Committee will establish and submit for publication modifications to the Laws of the Game.

To see the current modifications made by Washington Youth Soccer, click on the link below:

[Insert hyper-link here]

- **PR-1.2** The Oversight Committee shall review modifications related to the rules of competition at least annually to ensure that all procedures are current and still valid.
 - **PR-1.2.1** The Oversight Committee may choose to delegate responsibilities for reviewing and recommending changes to a sub-committee.
 - **PR-1.2.2** Upon completion of the review, the Oversight Committee will determine if any changes are needed.
- **PR-1.3** Changes to the modifications will follow the procedures established in the Structure section of these Operating Documents.

The current procedures for changing internal procedures can be found by clicking on the following link:

[Insert hyper-link here]

PR-1.4 Updated modifications will be published to the web site in a timely manner, generally within one (1) week after approval by the Oversight Committee.

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MODIFICATIONS TO FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME

MODIFICATION #:1 FIELD OF PLAY

MR-1.1 The following field modifications are applicable to all competitions approved by the Washington Youth Soccer, for the age groups shown. All other age groups follow the Laws of the Game.

MR-1.2	Field dimensions Age Group	Width (yards)
	Under 6	20
	Under 7	20-25
	Under 8	20-25

 Under 8
 20-25
 35-40

 Under 9
 25-30
 35-45

 Under 10
 30-35
 35-55

 Under 11
 35-50
 50-80

30 30-35

MR-1.3 Center Circle

Age Group	Diameter (yard)
Under 6	6
Under 7	6
Under 8	6
Under 9	10
Under 10	10
Under 11	10

MR-1.4 Penalty Mark

Age Group	Penalty Kicks?
Under 6	No
Under 7	No
Under 8	No
Under 9	No
Under 10	No
Under 11	Yes

MR-1.5 Goal Posts

Age Group	Minimum	Maximum
Under 6	Cones	6 x 6
Under 7	Cones	6 x 6
Under 8	6 x 6	6 x 12
Under 9	6 x 8	6 x 18
Under 10	6 x 12	6 x 18
Under 11	8 x 24	8 x 24

Under 12 -19: Washington Youth Soccer allows a variance of plus/minus six (6) inches in width; plus/minus three (3) inches in height from inside measurements beyond what is allowed in the Laws of the Game.



MODIFICATION #2: GAME DURATION, BALL SIZE AND OVERTIME PERIODS

MR-2.1	Age Group	Game Duration	Ball Size
	Under 6	Two 16 min halves	#3
	Under 7	Two 20 min. halves	#3
	Under 8	Two 25 min. halves	#3
	Under 9	Two 25 min. halves	#4
	Under 10	Two 25 min. halves	#4
	Under 11	Two 30 min. halves	#4
	Under 12	Two 30 min. halves	#4
	Under 13	Two 35 min. halves	#5
	Under 14	Two 35 min. halves	#5
	Under 15	Two 40 min. halves	#5
	Under 16	Two 40 min. halves	#5
	Under 17	Laws of the Game	#5
	Under 18	Laws of the Game	#5
	Under 19	Laws of the Game	#5

Note: for Under-6 through Under-12, there shall be a five (5) minute break between halves.

MR-2.2 Overtime periods

Under 19: Laws of the game

Under 18: Laws of the game

Under 17: Laws of the game

Under 16: Laws of the game

Under 15: Laws of the game

Under 14: Two overtime periods, up to a maximum of 10 min. halves (referee's decision)

Under 13: Two overtime periods, up to a maximum of 10 min. halves (referee's decision)

Under 12: Two overtime periods, up to a maximum of 10 min. halves (referee's decision)

MODIFICATION #3: NUMBER OF PLAYERS

MR-3.1		Minimum	Maximum	Suggested
Age Group	Players on the Field	Roster	Roster	Roster
Under 6	3 (no goalkeepers)	3	6	6
Under 7	3 (no goalkeepers)	3	6	6
Under 8	4	4	8	8
Under 9	5	5	9	9
Under 10	6	6	10	10
Under 11	9	9	14	14
Under 12	Laws of the Game	11	18	Laws of the Game
Under 13	Laws of the Game	11	18	Laws of the Game
Under 14	Laws of the Game	11	18	Laws of the Game
Under 15	Laws of the Game	11	18	Laws of the Game
Under 16	Laws of the Game	11	18	Laws of the Game
Under 17	Laws of the Game	11	18	Laws of the Game
Under 18	Laws of the Game	11	18	Laws of the Game
Under 19	Laws of the Game	11	18	Laws of the Game

MR-3.2 Any variance to roster size must be recommended by the Association Registrar, approved by the Association President and the Oversight Committee.

To obtain the current roster variance request form, click on the link below:

[Insert hyper link here]

MODIFICATION #4: SUBSTITUTIONS

- *MR-4.1* The number of substitutions shall be unlimited with substituted players allowed to re-enter the game.
 - *MR-4.1.1* Under-6 through Under-12
 - *MR-4.1.1.1* Each player will have the opportunity to play a minimum of <u>50%</u> of the total playing time of each game.
- **MR-4.2** Players not on the field of play must remain two (2) yards behind the touch line and not within eighteen (18) yards from the corner of the field.

MODIFICATION #5: PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT

- **MR-5.1** All players must be attired in uniforms that distinguish themselves 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 field players.
- **MR-5.2** 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:
 - The proper team uniform is worn outermost; and
 - 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
 - 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.
- **MR-5.3** Protective orthopedic devises, 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 can be used safely.

MODIFICACTION #6: METHOD OF SCORING

MR-6.1 Under-6 through Under-7

MR-6.1.1 If cones are being used for goals and a cone is knocked over or moved as a result of a direct hit by the ball as it crosses the goal line, the goal will not be allowed. In this case the ball shall be put into play by either a goal kick or a corner kick, depending on who touched the ball last.

MODIFICATION #7: OFFSIDE RULE

MR-7.1 Under 6 through Under-9

MR-7.1.1 The offside rule does not apply.



MODIFICATION #8: FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

MR-8.1 Direct Kicks

MR-8.1.1 Under-6 through Under-9

MR-8.1.1.1 No direct kicks shall be awarded

MR-8.2 Indirect free kicks

MR-8.2.1 Under-6 through Under-12

MR-8.2.1.1 For all free kicks, the required distance for a defending player will equal that of the age-appropriate center circle (diameter).

MR-8.3 Penalty Kicks

MR-8.3.1 Under-6 through Under-10

MR-8.3.1.1 No penalty kicks will be awarded.

MR-8.3.2 Under 11-Under 12

MR-8.3.2.1 Penalty kicks will be taken ten (10) yards from the goal.

MR-8.4 Slide Tackling

MR-8.4.1 Under-6 through Under-10

MR-8.4.1.1 Slide tackling is not allowed and will be considered dangerous play.

MR-8.5 Throw-ins

MR-8.5.1 Under-6 through Under-9

MR-8.5.1.1 In the event of any throw-in infraction the throw-in shall be retaken. Instruction shall be given by the referee.

MR-8.6 Goal Kicks

MR-8.6.1 Under-6 and Under-7

MR-8.6.1.1 A goal shall not be scored directly from a goal kick.

MODIFICATION #9: TEAM SELECTION

MR-9.1 Under-6 through Under-10

MR-9.1.1 A selection process will not be used for teams rostered for league play.

MODIFICATION #10: TEAM STANDINGS AND GAMES SCORES

MR-10.1 Under-6 through Under-10

MR-10.1.1 There will be no published team standings, and game scores will not be recorded.