

COMPETITION (CP)

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 developmental 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.

A copy of the AAI form can be obtained by clicking on the following link:

Insert hyper-link here

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.

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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:

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Directors Pass

2.1- Eligibility

The Directors Pass is for use in League matches Washington Youth Soccer will authorize the pass based on the number of teams per club as outlined below:

1-40 teams= up to 2 Directors Passes

41-80=up to 3 Directors Passes

81+= up to 6 Directors Passes

2.2 Application

The pass will be issued through the Washington Youth Soccer main office. There will be a fee per pass that can be paid when completing the online application. Please be prepared to UPLOAD a 1 inch x 1 inch headshot photo (do not mail a photo like last year). The photo must be a recent photo, in color, with a full front view of the face. Hats and sunglasses are not allowed. Photos must be in .JPEG, JPG, .PNG, or .BMP format. If you have any questions, contact Matt at 253-476-2237.

2.2.1 The pass will be mailed directly to the Director at the address they provide on the online application.

2.2.2 Directors passes are season specific and must be applied for annually.

2.2.3 Clubs and associations are not required or expected to use the pass.

2.3 Use and presentation

Directors will be required to have the pass when on the sideline (technical area) of any team in their association and present to the referee when requested. ***The pass is not transferrable.***

2.3.1 The Director of Coaching will NOT be named or rostered on every team within the club, However the director is included in the count of the 4 personnel on the team bench.

2.4 Inappropriate Use

Unless otherwise determined, any ejections or suspensions deriving from sideline behavior will be served with the team in which the ejection was issued. The pass, and the flexibility that comes with it, can be revoked if abuse is found and the continuance of the pass will then be re-evaluated by the state office

2.4.1 A hearing can be requested after a pass has been revoked.

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It is an option that should be implemented with caution and in accordance with the Credentials section of the State Cup rule and specifically, section IV.(D), “No more than four (4) bench personnel per team will be allowed on the designated team.”



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Summary of changes.

In TopSoccer paragraph 1.1 change cognitive to developmental.

Added section 2.1 for the directors pass.

