



**WEST COVINA
YOUTH SOCCER CORPORATION**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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I. INTRODUCTION

The following are the Rules and Regulations of the West Covina Youth Soccer Corporation (WCYSC). The WCYSC is affiliated with California Youth Soccer Association South (CYSA-S).

The League's motto is "Everyone Plays". In keeping with the philosophy the WCYSC assures each registered player the opportunity to play at least three-quarters of every regular game.

The WCYSC's main objective is to promote the game of soccer throughout the surrounding community. The WCYSC feels it can achieve this objective by offering an organized, competitive and wholesome program. The WCYSC designed this program to help the community's youth develop: (1) physical skills; (2) character and sportsmanship; and (3) understanding of the rules and principles of soccer.

The WCYSC is a non-profit organization and run by volunteers. The League finances its program by collecting registration fees, which partially covers the cost of game and field equipment, uniforms, educational materials, insurance, trophies and organizational materials. To supplement revenues and to keep registration fees low, the league sponsors various fund-raising activities. Further, the WCYSC asks all its members to volunteer a few hours in support of league activities.

Through the playing season, the WCYSC publishes a weekly newsletter, "Play On" which includes information about soccer, the league and its activities.

II. RULES OF PLAY

The Rules of Play shall be the LAWS OF THE GAME as published by the Federation International de Football Association (FIFA), except those modified for the benefit of youth soccer; by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), the West Covina Youth Soccer Corporation (WCYSC). CYSA-S rules shall prevail if there is a conflict.

III. SEASONAL YEAR

- A) The seasonal year shall begin on August 1 and shall end of July 31 of the following year.
- B) Shall include Fall and Spring.

IV. PLAYER REGISTRATION

All players must be registered with WCYSC on the proper registration forms. Player registration forms shall be submitted to the WCYSC Player Registrar. All players' application shall be submitted with the proper registration fees, approved medical release, proof of age and signature of parent and guardian as proof of consent. No player shall be allowed to participate in any WCYSC activity until the aforementioned requirements have been completed. Player registration is open to all persons whose ages fall within our age limit definitions. No WCYSC player shall simultaneously be registered to, or play on, two (2) CYSA affiliated teams.



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V. AGE DEFINITIONS

A) Age divisions shall comprise of players who are under a certain age before the first day of August (August 1) of the current seasonal year, in the following age classifications:

Age 15-18	Player who will be 15, 16, 17 or 18 yrs old within the calendar year they are playing in.
Age 13-14	Player who will be 13 or 14 yrs old within the calendar year they are playing in.
Age 11-12	Player who will be 11 or 12 yrs old within the calendar year they are playing in.
Age 9-10	Player who will be 9 or 10 yrs old within the calendar year they are playing in.
Age 8	Player who will be 8 yrs old within the calendar year they are playing in.
Age 7	Player who will be 7 yrs old within the calendar year they are playing in.
Age 6	Player who will be 6 yrs old within the calendar year they are playing in.
Age 5	Player who will be 5 yrs old within the calendar year they are playing in.

B) Maximum Birth dates per Seasonal Year per Age Classification
The classifications may be changed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

VI. REGISTRATION FEES

The WCYSC BOD shall annually establish the player registration fees for the current seasonal year. Any registered player who is not assigned to a team by mid season, or who officially drops from the league before uniform distribution day, may obtain 100% refund. All refund requests must be submitted, in writing, by parent or legal guardian to the Registrar.

- A) A player who is not assigned to a team by midseason will receive a 100% refund.
- B) A player who officially drops before uniform distribution day will receive a 100% refund.
- C) Any player who officially drops between uniform distribution day and before the second scheduled game of the season will receive a 50% refund.
- D) No refunds will be issued after the second scheduled game of the season except for injury, which is verified by a physician’s note or WCYSC BOD approval.

VII. PROOF OF AGE

Proof of age documentation shall consist of original registered or certified birth documentation in the form of:

- A) A birth certificate or birth registration issued by appropriate agency.



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- B) A birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records.
- C) A passport, an alien registration card issued by the United States Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age passport or certificate issued by Immigration and Naturalization Department.
- D) A Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the Uniformed Services of the United States,
- E) A current driver's license, or a certification of a United States citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency.

Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates or immunization records will not be accepted.

VIII. TEAMS

- A. Team names shall bear no reference to a religion or nationality and must meet with the approval of the BOD.

IX. PLAYER ASSIGNMENT

- A) All new players and returning players moving into a new age group shall be placed into the player's 'pool' as shall first time registrants and all late registrants.
- B) All players with a parent acting as coach or assistant coach will be placed in parent's team.
- C) Brothers and/or sisters in the same coed age group shall be automatically placed on the same coed team unless otherwise requested by the parent or guardian. Stepchildren, foster children and wards are allowed the same status as brother and/or sister. The sibling rules apply only until teams are formed.
- D) Late registrants shall be added to the waiting list for their age group.
- E) The Registrar shall assign all waiting list registrants to teams with consideration to team balance. The sibling rule does not apply to waiting list registrants.
- F) The Registrar shall assign players to teams for the next playing season with the assistance of at least two (2) WCYSC BOD members, neither associated with the teams being assigned, using the following criteria:
 - 1. Returning players from previous season. (Returning player status only applies to the fall season.)
 - 2. Players from the player pool assigned by age, experience and rating with respect to the divisions balance. The assignment will be by random selection.
 - 3. No requests will be recognized in any age division of the WCYSC soccer league.



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4. One "negative" player/family request will be granted (i.e., a player may indicate one coach or team for which he/she will not play). This written request must be submitted to the Registrar at the time of registration.
5. One "negative" coach's request will be granted (i.e., a coach may indicate one family and/or player he/she will not have on the team). This written request must be submitted to the Registrar when the coach's application is submitted or at the time of registration, whichever comes first.
6. Negatives" for any late registrants will not be considered. Placement of these registrants will be at the sole discretion of the Registrars.

In the event the Registrar cannot assign a player to a team because of the player shortage in any age group; the player may opt to receive a full registration refund. This refund request shall be automatic and does not require a written request by the parent or guardian.

- G) Exceptions to the above player assignment rules may be made with the approval of the WCYSC BOD.

All of the above exceptions assume and require proper notification and approval shall be achieved prior to players being assigned to the teams.

X. PLAYER WITHDRAWAL AND REPLACEMENT

- A) Parents and guardians of players with an injury or illness shall notify the Registrar if the player is unable to continue as an active player for the remainder of the playing season, in writing.
- B) Coaches shall notify, the Registrar upon the suspected withdrawal or injury of any player.
- C) The Registrar shall investigate the validity of any reported player withdrawal and may assign an available player from the player pool to the team if the Registrar is satisfied that the reported withdrawal is valid.
- D) No coach has authority to add or drop a player; such authority remains with the Registrar.
- E) No new player may be added to a team after that team has played half of its season.

XI. PLAYER TRANSFERS

- A) A player may not transfer or be transferred from one team to another without the consent of the registrar.
- B) Applications for transfer must be in writing on approved transfer forms and be submitted for approval by the Board of Directors.
- C) A player may not be transferred more than once during the playing season.
- D) A player may not be transferred into another age group without WCYSC's Board approval.



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XII. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- A) WCYSC shall provide all uniforms to players from WCYSC funds.
- B) Each coach shall be issued a set of uniforms (Jerseys, shorts and socks) and one (1) goalkeeper's jersey. Jersey numbers are to be distributed by size, not player preference.
- C) Each uniform shall have a number and be assigned to only (1) player.
- D) Players shall wear the uniform as provided and shall make no alterations or additions without WCYSC Board of Director's approval. WCYSC will only replace a uniform if it is too small.
- E) Players are responsible for their own footwear, which must conform to FIFA standards.
- F) Players shall not wear anything, which is dangerous to themselves or another player and is subject to approval of the Referee.
- G) Footwear and protective equipment is subject to the approval of the referee.
- H) Players may wear spectacles (secured with safety strap) at their own risk and only at the discretion of the referee.
- I) Players shall wear shinguards on both legs during all WCYSC games and practices.
- J) Only first or last names will be allowed on the back of WCYSC issued uniforms, unless it is a short form of a given name. Example, Christopher = Chris; Daniel = Dan. NO NICKNAMES.
- K) Biking shorts shall be allowed if they are a solid black or white color, or a solid color comprised of either the color of the team's shorts uniform.
- L) Nothing in the hair except for rubber bands.

XIII. PLAYING FIELD

- A) A three-(3) foot spectator line shall be maintained and observed along the touchline of each field. However, no one is allowed along the touchline besides the penalty areas or along the goal line. All spectators must remain behind the six (6) foot spectator line and between the two 16-yar Penalty Box lines.
- B) Markers shall be burned in, on the touchline on either side of the halfway line at a distance of ten (10) yards from the halfway line. This area (20 yards long) at the center of the field and on both touchlines is the coaching area.
- C) The home-team side of the field is designated as the south or east side depending on field orientation. It is the coach's responsibility that all their players, supporting fans and spectators are on and remain on their side of the field.
- D) The HOME TEAM of the first game on each playing day shall be responsible for marking the entire halfway line and entire half field from halfway line to end line (aka: goal line) of field, setting out one (1) trashcan on the HOME SIDE, set up one goal with nets set in place with anchors, and put up two corner flags. The VISITOR TEAM of the first game on each



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playing day shall be responsible for marking the ENTIRE CENTER CIRCLE, the entire half field from halfway line to end line (aka: goal line) of field, setting out one (1) trashcan on the VISITOR SIDE, set up one goal with nets set in place with anchors, and put up two corner flags.

- E) Field preparation shall be completed 15 minutes before the scheduled game time.
- F) The HOME TEAM of the last game on each playing day shall be responsible for taking down and putting away one goal with net and anchors, two (2) corner flags (1) striping machine, and emptying the HOME TEAM trash can(s) into the trash bins and returning them to their proper place, and notifying the Field Manager of any missing equipment, including goal anchors. The VISITOR TEAM of the last game on each playing day shall be responsible for taking down and putting away one goal with net and anchors, two (2) corner flags (1) striping machine, and emptying the VISITOR TEAM trash can(s) into the trash bins and returning them to their proper place, and notifying the Field Manager of any missing equipment, including goal anchors.
- G) If ID cards, game cards, or any half of the field is not set up or lined at game time, offending team will be given a one goal deficit at game time and every 5 minutes there after, 10 minute maximum (2-0 deficit).
- H) If at the end of each game all field equipment is not put away, as is described in section F above, the offending team will have (1) one point deducted from their standings.
- I) Field maintenance and responsibilities are subject to the approval of the WCYSC Field Manager.

XIV. SCHEDULES, DIVISION ORGANIZATION AND STANDINGS

- A) All WCYSC games shall be played in accordance with the approved schedule published prior to the start of the playing season.
- B) Games may be scheduled by the WCYSC Board.
- C) A game shall stand as complete if the referee terminates it due to poor playing conditions after three-quarters or regulation time has lapsed.
- D) The WCYSC Board shall decide the outcome of any games terminated before regulation time due to misconduct from players, team officials and/or supporting spectators.
- E) The WCYSC Board shall organize the structure of each division prior to the beginning of the playing season.
- F) Division standings shall be determined by a point system whereby teams receive three (3) points for each win or one (1) point for each tie. The three-(3) teams in each division at the end of the season with the most points shall receive recognition as the place teams.
- G) No standings shall be recorded for U-6 division.
- H) Set up and Tear down assignments are randomly assigned with no minimum or maximum number of assignments per team.



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XV. TEN GOAL RULE

At any time that a team gains a ten-(10) goal advantage over its opposition, the referee shall give the losing coach the option of terminating the game or playing on.

XVI. PLAYING CONDITIONS

- A) The referee shall determine the suitability of playing conditions prior to the start of each game. Considerations for playing conditions shall be field conditions, weather smog level (in accordance with the mandatory smog policy of the City of West Covina Recreations and Parks Department).
- B) Once a game is underway the referee has the sole authority to terminate the game for any reason.

XVII. GAME LENGTH, OVERTIME AND BALL SIZE

A)

Division	Game Length	Overtime Period	Ball Size
U-18	Two(2) 45-min halves	Two(2) 15-min halves	No. 5
U-14	Two(2) 35-min halves	Two(2) 10-min halves	No. 5
U-12	Two(2) 30-min halves	Two(2) 10-min halves	No. 4
U-10	Two(2) 25-min halves	Two(2) 10-min halves	No. 4
U-8	Two(2) 25-min halves	Two(2) 5-min halves	No. 3
U-6	Two(2) 20-min halves	Two(2) 5-min halves	No. 3

- B) Halfway into each half shall be signaled as a player/substitution period.
- C) Overtime periods shall only be observed for Play-Off or Tournament Play.
- D) Games remaining tied after playing the appropriate overtime periods shall be decided using the FIFA Penalty-Kick rules as outlined in the LAWS OF THE GAME.
- E) All games will start on time. The game shall start once the referee starts his/her watch.
- F) Halftime shall be 5 minutes.

XVIII. FOREFEITURES

- A) A team with less than seven (7) players present at the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game with a score of 1:0. There shall be no minimum set in U10 & under divisions.



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- B) Both teams shall forfeit the game if neither has seven (7) players present at the scheduled game time and the game shall not be rescheduled. These rules do not apply in U10 and under divisions.
- C) A team fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the game 1:0.
- D) All forfeits shall be brought to the attention of the WCYSC Board.

XIX. REFEREES

- A) All WCYSC Referees shall be registered with WCYSC through the WCYSC Referee Assignor and approved by the WCYSC Referee Assignor. All referees shall be currently licensed and registered with USSF and CYSA-S as per USSF Policy Manual. Referees shall present their license to the Assignor prior to accepting any game assignments. Verification of the referee's license may also be made through the State Referee Assignor.
- B) The Referee shall be the sole authority during the game and his/her decisions based on judgement shall be final and cannot be protested while the game is in play.

XX. SUBSTITUTES

- A) All physically able registered players in attendance at a WCYSC game must play at least three-quarters of the total playing time.
- B) Players may be substituted at each quarter and halftime break as directed by the Referee. Changes in the substitution rule may be made by BOD vote.
- C) Coaches may not discipline players by restricting their playing time below the required three-quarter limit without written parental consent or BOD approval prior to any disciplinary action being taken. The coach must present written approval to the referee prior to the start of the game of any disciplinary actions and such disciplinary action must be noted on the game card.

XXI. ACCOUNTABILITY, CAUTIONS & SEND-OFFS

- A) During any scheduled WCYSC game, the referee may stop the game and have any spectator leave the grounds (the field of play and areas surrounding the field and fields near the field upon which the game is being played) if, in the opinion of the referee, the offender is guilty of violent conduct, serious foul play or the use of foul or abusive language or if the conduct is deemed to be interference by the offender as designated in the subdivision (d) of LAW V Referees, FIFA, LAW V OF THE GAME.
 - 1. Any coach, player or spectator guilty of Violent Conduct may be subject to immediate suspension for the duration **of the season**, from of the date of the incident, plus one-year probation upon return to the League. The BOD, as permitted by CYSA-S, will ban all spectators from the playing area if repeated violations interfere with the games or safety of all parties involved, including the players.



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B) Send Off (asked to leave) of Coach, Parent and/or Spectator (Non-Player)

Upon being asked to leave the playing field and surrounding area, all adult non-players, coaches must leave the school or playing field **entirely**. This includes vacating the parking lots adjacent to field. A referee may assign a location where a parent may watch the game with a BOD member present.

C) Send Off (Red Card) of Player/Substitute

Upon receiving a "Red Card" and being asked to leave the playing field, the player/substitute must leave the playing field or school **entirely**, with parent or guardian – this includes vacating parking lots adjacent to the fields. If parent or guardian is not present, players are to remove themselves to the "BOD tent" area and remain there for the duration of the game.

Any coach, assistant coach, parent, non-player and/or player not abiding by the aforementioned guidelines, will be subject to removal by the proper authorities (including the West Covina Police Department). The Referee is directed to terminate the game. The WCYSC Board of Directors will determine the final outcome of the game.

D) Each coach and assistant coach is expected to promote good sportsmanship and shall be held primarily accountable for the conduct of the spectators for or from his/her respective teams.

E) All Red Cards shall be brought to the attention of the BOD and reviewed for further action. The BOD will decide whether to send the issue to the disciplinary committee.

F) Upon receiving a red card or being asked to leave the game a coach and/or player shall be suspended for the rest of the game and the next game played. This will carry over until next season played.

G) Any coach receiving three cautions or a player receiving four cautions, will be required to sit out the next scheduled game. This will carry over until next season played.

XXII. PROTESTS

Protests shall not be considered if they are based solely on a referee's judgment. They will be considered if the referee has failed to apply the correct rule, misinterpreted a rule or applied an incorrect penalty for a given violation.

The WCYSC Board shall decide the outcome of a protest, excluding any interested member.

Protest Procedures:

1. The coach of the protesting team must notify the referee at the next stoppage of play
2. The referee will notify opposing coach immediately.
3. The referee will record on game card the conditions surrounding the making of the decision and will prepare a protest sheet.
4. At the end of the game, before leaving the playing area, the coaches and referees will supply the division representatives or board official with the necessary information needed to complete the form.



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5. Protests must be made, as designated in the by-laws, completed in writing within 24 hours to the league official or division representative. It must also be accompanied with a \$25.00 cash-filing fee, which will be returned if the protest is allowed and donated to the league if the protest is denied.
 1. In the event the protest is upheld, WCYSC shall return the \$25.00 to the protesting team and the game shall be rescheduled and played from the point of infraction.
 2. In the event the protest is denied, the protesting party shall forfeit the \$25.00 to the WCYSC treasury and the game shall stand as complete.

XXIII. COACHES' REGISTRATION AND ASSIGNMENT

- A) All WCYSC coaches, assistant coaches and apprentice coaches shall make an application with the WCYSC Board through the Vice President.
- B) All coaching applicants are subject to the approval of the WCYSC Board, which reserves the right to deny an assignment to any individual whom the WCYSC Board feels is not qualified.
- C) No individual may be the head coach of more than two WCYSC team without the approval of the WCYSC Board.
- D) WCYSC board holds the right to deny any coaching application.
- E) All returning and new coaches requesting a new assignment for the current season shall be selected from among the applicants who gave a preference for a division.

XXIV. COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES

- A) All coaches and team officials shall promote and observe WCYSC Purpose and Philosophy, Rules and Regulations and set a good example for all WCYSC members.
- B) Head coaches shall make every effort to secure an assistant coach and see that the assistant is properly licensed and registered through CYSA-S.
- C) No coach may recruit an assistant from outside the team with express or implied intent of adding an additional player. No coach may recruit an assistant coach after teams are formed.
- D) All coaches shall attend a coach's meeting in order to participate in uniform distribution.
- E) All coaches shall make every effort to secure a "Team parent" and communicate to all the following Board Members all necessary information- Vice President, Registrars, Team Mother/Father Coordinators and Division Representatives.
- F) Coaches shall notify all newly assigned players within seven (7) days of team assignment. (See WCYSC Rules and Regulations, Rule Player Withdrawal and Replacement, Subdivision (B)).
- G) Coaches shall complete I.D. cards for all players as required by CYSA-South and WCYSC.



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- H) Coaches shall submit the trophy list/rating sheet to the Equipment Manager by dates posted on WCYSC website. Coaches shall rate the players on the following scale:
1. Superior = 1
 2. Above Average = 2
 3. Average = 3
 4. Below Average = 4
 5. Needs Guidance = 5
- I) Coaches shall print all players on the game card by first and last names.
- J) All coaches/assistant coaches of WCYSC must cross the field with their team members and acknowledge the opposing players and coaches in a respectful, sportsmanlike manner.
- K) Properly completed game cards shall be handed to the referee at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match. Failure to have a game card ready may result in a one-point reduction in the division standings.

XXV. COACHING FROM THE SIDELINES

- A) Coaching from the sidelines is defined as giving directions to one's own team on points of strategy and position.
- B) Coaching from the sidelines is permitted, provided that:
1. No devices, including but not limited to megaphones and amplifiers are used.
 2. Coaches and assistant coaches remain inside the coaching area. The coaching area is 3 feet from the touch line to the outside edge of the center circle.
- C) No coach, substitute, player or spectator shall make any derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes or spectators.
- D) No coach, substitute, player or spectator shall use profanity.
- E) No coach, substitute, player or spectator shall incite disruptive behavior of any kind.
- F) Any coach, assistant coach, player or spectator found in violation of the rules shall be subject to disciplinary action proportionate to the severity of the infraction.

XXVI. TROPHIES AND SPONSORS

- A) Individual awards shall be given to all players in each division.
- B) WCYSC shall seek out league sponsors through the WCYSC Sponsorship/Publicity Chairperson and other WCYSC members.
- C) The cost of a WCYSC standard sponsorship shall be set by the BOD.



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D) Each WCYSC Sponsor shall receive a plaque with the name and picture of the team it is sponsoring.

XXVII. REFEREE COMMENT GUIDELINES

Any comment(s) regarding the officials of any game must be presented in written form via email to referee coordinator, vice president, and president. Phone call, text messages or verbal comment(s) are not acceptable. The person commenting must include the following:

- Name of the person submitting the form.
- Date, time, division, team name, team number and field number of the match.
Note: Officials name is not required as the Referee Association will know his/her name.
- Incident being reported must be in detail.

I have read and agree to abide by these Rules and Regulations as written.

Print Name

Date

Signature

Team #