

W.A.R.S.

Waukesha Area Recreational Soccer

(Modified July, 2004)

(Modified June 2005)

(Modified February 2011)

(Modified July 2013)

(Modified July 2016)

(Modified September 2016)

1. Game Length:

U6 4 quarters of 8 minutes each with a 2-minute break between quarters and a 5-minute half time.

U8 4 quarters of 10 minutes each with a 2-minute break between quarters and a 5-minute half time or 3 periods of 15 minutes each with 2 minutes between periods(USYSA -2016)

U9 and U10 2 halves of 25 minutes each with a 5-minute half time break.

U12 2 halves of 30 minutes each with a 5-minute half time break.

U14 2 halves of 35 minutes each with a 5-minute half time break.

2. Ball Size:

U6, U7 and U8 Size #3

U9 to U12 Size #4

U13 and up Size #5

3. Field and Goal size

U6 **Length-** 25-35 yards
Width- 15-25 yards
Goals- 4 foot by 6 foot

U8 **Length-** 25 – 35 yards
Width- 15-25 yards
Goals- 4 foot by 6 foot (USYS)

U9 and U10 **Length-** 55 – 65 yards
Width- 35 – 45 yards
Goals- 6.5 foot by 18.5 foot (USYS)

U11/U12 **Length-** 55 – 65 yards
Width- 35-45 yards
Goals- 6.5 foot by 18.5 foot (USYS)

U13 and up **Length-** 100 yards minimum, 120 yards maximum
Width- 50 yards minimum, 100 yards maximum
Goals- 8 foot by 24 foot (USYS)

(Modified July 2004, July 11, 2016)

4. Number of players:

U6	4 on the field, no goalkeeper, 8/12 on team (Modified July 11, 2016)
U7 and U8	4 on the field, no goalkeeper, 8/12 on team (modified July 11, 2016)
U9 and U10	7 on field including goalkeeper, 12 on team (modified June 2016)
U11/U12	9 on field including goalkeeper, 16 on team (modified June 2016)
U13 and up	11 on field including goalkeeper, 18 on team

5. Referees: Scheduling of the referees is the responsibility of the home team. Payment of referees will be in accordance with the current Wisconsin Referee Unit guidelines with each team paying 50% of the game fee. The referee will determine game cancellation in the event of inclement weather. In cooperation with the referee unit, one center referee and two lines persons should be used in all games when feasible (U-12 and above, modified July 11, 2016). If parent or club assistant referees are used, they shall be limited to the calling the direction of throw ins, goal kicks are corner kicks. The referee's decision shall override the decision of a parent or club assistant referee.

Referee scheduling may only be done through a licensed referee Assignor and through the Game Officials system. Local clubs may designate a club contact to work with the referee assignor. (Modified July, 2013)

6. Fields: The Clubs will make fields ready and available for play. This includes legible lines, mowed grass, and properly secured nets on the goals and goal securely anchored to the ground. The direction of the kickoff will be determined by USSF rules (coin toss by the referee). Both teams will occupy the same side of the field and the parents as well as spectators will watch the game from the opposite side of the field. Only licensed coaches or team parents are allowed on the field at any time.

U-10 Rules modified (September, 2016). As recommended by US Youth Soccer Association, U-10 fields should have a "build out" line equal distant from the goal line and the mid-field line. Players from the opposing team must move beyond the build out line when the goalkeeper saves the ball or for all goal kicks. Once the ball is played and touches a player of the attacking team, the defending team may then encroach inside the area of the build out line to the goal line. Punting by the goal keeper is not allowed. Offside will be in effect for U-10, see rule 13. (September 2016)

7. Coaches: Coaches are responsible for the behavior for the entire coaching staff, players, parents and spectators. Referees are expected to notify the head coach should there be a problem with any of the above listed participants. If the referee feels control is in question, the referee will suspend play and notify the appropriate league official. Physical or verbal abuse of the referee or linespersons will **NOT** be tolerated. Coaches will be restricted from the centerline of the field to the 18-yard line. No coach, parent or manager shall be standing or coaching from the goal side of the field at any age group.

8. Players: All players must wear shin guards covered entirely by stockings. Players will not be allowed to play wearing ANY type or metal, plastic, or plaster casts even if it is wrapped. No baseball style cleats are allowed. All recreational players are expected to play a minimum of half each game. Adjustments in playing time may be made in the event the player is absent from practice without notifying their coach or in accordance with Club policies.

There is no slide tackling at the U12 level or lower.

EXPECTATIONS: Goalkeepers at the U12 and U14 levels may play the entire game in the goal as long as the player and his/her parents have an agreement in writing with their respective Club.

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9. Restraining line: In the event a restraining line is painted on the sidelines, coaches are expected to keep all equipment, substitute players, spectators and their staff behind the line. If no line is visible, please maintain a distance of at least 2 yards from the sidelines. Coaching boxes may be marked when feasible.

10. Play Back to the Goalkeeper:

The Laws of the Game have been changed to eliminate the goalkeeper's right to play a ball with their hands that has been played back by a teammate's foot or thrown into the goalkeeper from the sideline. Head balls, chest balls or any other balls played back other than the teammate's foot are permitted. Inadvertent touches during play may be picked up by the goalkeeper as with any ball played into the penalty area by an opponent.

11. Scoring: **If a team goes up by (5) goals, the other team will be allowed to add another player.**

In the U6 through U8 age group, players may pass through, shoot or defend within the goal box area. The purpose of the delineation of the goal box in these age groups is for the placement of the ball for goal kicks.

12. Disputes/ Protests/ Complaints: Any dispute, protest or complaint should be directed toward the individual who represents your Club. The League Director and W.A.R.S. Board will resolve conflicts.

Make up rained out games as soon as possible. All players and teams deserve to play a full season. Refusal to play a makeup or rescheduled game may cause your team to not be scheduled in the following spring or fall season.

Please remember this is a recreational soccer program. We are all volunteers. With your cooperation and understandings this league will continue to be a success. The needs of all soccer clubs in Waukesha region continue to grow. Together we provide our children with the opportunity to play against a variety of teams. We can make this a positive experience for all if we keep in mind that this is a **recreational** program.

13. Offside: Offside rule will not be in effect until beginning with the U9/10 age group. (modified July 11, 2016). Offside at U-10 begins at the build out line (See rule 6). For U-12 age groups and higher offside begins at the mid-field line.

14. Modified Rules, U8 and lower: All free kicks shall be indirect kicks.