

Wabash Valley Youth in Action Youth Soccer Advanced Guidelines

A. THE FIELD

1. Fields located by Mt. Carmel Grade School (Field 5).
2. Dimensions- maximum 50 yards long by 25 yards wide (50 yds x 25 yds)
3. Markings- Distinctive lines recommended.
 - a. Halfway line the width of the field, marked equal distant between the goal lines.
 - b. Center circle with a six yard radius in the center of the field
 - c. Corner arcs with a one yard radius at each corner of the field
 - d. Goal area in front of each goal measuring six yards by twelve yards (6 yds x 12 yds)
4. Goals- Maximum six feet high by six yards wide (6 ft x 6 yds)

B. THE BALL

Size four (4)

C. REFEREE

Two officials will be provided by the Wabash Valley Youth in Action.

1. The referee could be either a registered referee, youth referee, or coach.
2. Referees should emphasize fun, fairness, safety, and learning.
3. Referees should briefly explain any infringements to the player(s) and help players with instructions.
4. Referee decisions are final and must not be questioned by coaches.

D. ASSISTANT REFEREES

Parents may be used

E. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

1. Maximum number of player on the field at any time is seven (7); one of whom may be a goalkeeper.
2. Maximum number of players on roster twelve (12)
3. Substitutions: Between periods and at halftime
4. Playing time: minimum of 50% of the total playing time for each player and 75% when possible. No one should play four periods until everyone has played three.

F. PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

1. Footwear- Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes
2. Shinguards- MANDATORY for both practices and games
3. Clothing- Shorts or sweat pants (jeans are difficult to play in), thick socks, team shirt

G. LENGTH OF GAME

1. Four ten (10) minute periods
2. One (1) minute between periods
3. Halftime break of five (5) minutes

H. THE START OF PLAY

No change from regular play except that opponents must be six (6) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

I. BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

No change from regular play

J. METHOD OF SCORING

No change from regular play

K. OFFSIDE

There will be offside called

L. FOULS & MISCONDUCT

No change from regular play

1. Direct free kick for all fouls, with the opponents six (6) yards away.
2. Referees will work cooperatively with the coaches and eliminate the need for cautions and send-offs. Do not show yellow or red cards.

M. FREE KICKS

1. All kicks are direct free kicks
2. Free kicks awarded the attacking team inside the defending team's goal are should be taken from the nearest point on the goal area line in front of the goal.

N. PENALTY KICKS

There will be penalty kicks

O. THROW-IN

A second throw-in should be allowed if the player commits a foul on the initial attempt. The referee should explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.

P. GOAL KICK

1. May be taken from any point inside the goal area
2. Opponents must be six (6) yards away from ball

Q. CORNER KICK

No change from regular play, except that opponents must be eight (8) yards from the ball.

R. OTHER

1. No tackles from the back of any kind. First offense- warning. Second offense- disqualification of player for the remainder of the game.
2. No slide tackles with contact will be allowed. First offense- warning. Second offense- disqualification of player for the remainder of the game.
3. Goalkeeper may slide but not feet first.
4. No intentional contact with the goalkeeper after possession.
5. Any fighting or violent conduct will result in immediate disqualification for the remainder of the game. Second offense- disqualification for the remainder of the season.
6. No profanity- First offense- disqualification for the remainder of the quarter. Second offense- disqualification for the remainder of the game.
7. Any disqualified player shall be replaced with a substitute if one is available. If a substitute is not available, the team will play one player short.

S. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Players from both teams exchange handshakes before and/or after each game.
2. Encourage the players and limit coaching during game time.
3. Encourage parents to cheer for the players not coach the players
4. Spectators are not allowed behind either goal or within three (3) yards of the touchline.
5. Region standings are not recorded.
6. Game scores are not recorded.
7. No individual should be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game.