

Wabash Valley Youth in Action Youth Soccer Intermediate Guidelines

A. THE FIELD

1. Fields located by Mt. Carmel Grade School (Field 1)

B. THE BALL

Size three (3)

C. REFEREE

Coaches will officiate games

E. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

1. Maximum number of player on the field at any time is five (5); one of whom may be a goalkeeper.
2. Maximum number of players on roster eight (8)
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 8 minute periods
2. Two (2) minutes between periods
3. Halftime break of five (5) minutes

H. THE START OF PLAY

The game should be started with a free kick in the middle of the field. The coaches should determine which team starts the game and the opposing team should start the second half. Make sure the opponents are at least five (5) yards from the spot of the free kick.

I. BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

1. When the whole ball passes over the touch line, either on the ground or in the air, it should be kicked in by a player of the opposite team from where the ball crossed the line.
2. When the whole ball passes over the goal line (not into the goal), it should be kicked into play by a player of the opposing team from where the ball crossed the line.

J. METHOD OF SCORING

1. The ball must pass entirely over the goal line for a goal to be scored
2. Score and standings will not be kept.

K. OFFSIDE

There should be no offside called

L. FOULS & MISCONDUCT

1. Direct free kick for all fouls, with the opponents five yards away.
2. Explain ALL infractions.

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

No 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 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. No individual should be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game.