

# **Wabash Valley Youth in Action**

## **U12 Soccer Handbook**

### **THE FIELD**

Fields located behind North Intermediate School.

Dimensions- maximum 50 yards long by 25 yards wide (50 yds x 25 yds).

Markings- Distinctive lines recommended.

Halfway line the width of the field, marked equal distance between the goal lines.

Center circle with a six yard radius in the center of the field.

Corner arcs with a one yard radius at each corner of the field.

Goal area in front of each goal measuring six yards by twelve yards (6 yds x 12 yds).

Goals- Maximum six feet high by six yards wide (6 ft x 6 yds).

### **THE BALL**

Size four (4)

### **REFEREE**

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

The referee could be either a registered referee, youth referee, or coach.

Referees should emphasize fun, fairness, safety, and learning.

Referees should briefly explain any infringements to the player(s) and help players with instructions.

Referee decisions are final and must not be questioned by coaches.

### **ASSISTANT REFEREES**

Parents may be used

### **NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

Maximum number of players on the field at any time is seven (7); one of whom may be a goalkeeper.

Maximum number of players on roster is ten (10).

Substitutions: Between periods and at halftime.

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.

### **PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT**

Footwear- Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes

Shinguards- MANDATORY for both practices and games

Clothing- Shorts or sweat pants (jeans are difficult to play in), thick socks, team shirt

### **LENGTH OF GAME**

Four ten (10) minute periods

One (1) minute between periods

Halftime break of five (5) minutes

### **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.

### **BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY**

No change from regular play

### **METHOD OF SCORING**

No change from regular play

### **OFFSIDE**

There will be offside called

### **FOULS & MISCONDUCT**

No change from regular play

Direct free kick for all fouls, with the opponents six (6) yards away.

Referees will work cooperatively with the coaches and eliminate the need for cautions and send-offs. Do not show yellow or red cards.

### **FREE KICKS**

All kicks are direct free kicks

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

### **PENALTY KICKS**

There will be penalty kicks

### **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.

### **GOAL KICK**

May be taken from any point inside the goal area

Opponents must be six (6) yards away from ball

### **CORNER KICK**

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

No tackles from the back of any kind. First offense- warning. Second offense- disqualification of player for the remainder of the game.

No slide tackles with contact will be allowed. First offense- warning. Second offense- disqualification of player for the remainder of the game.

Goalkeeper may slide but not feet first.

No intentional contact with the goalkeeper after possession.

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.

No profanity- First offense- disqualification for the remainder of the quarter. Second offense- disqualification for the remainder of the game.

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.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Players from both teams exchange handshakes before and/or after each game.

Encourage the players and limit coaching during game time.

Encourage parents to cheer for the players not coach the players.

Spectators are not allowed behind either goal or within three (3) yards of the touchline.

Region standings are not recorded.

Game scores are not recorded.

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