

Rule 300 OUTDOOR/FIELD

RULES OF COMPETITION - OUTDOOR

INTRODUCTION

All competitions shall be governed by the RULES as stated herein in all cases where they are applicable and where they are not in conflict with the WSYSA Bylaws. All affiliated members of WSYSA shall be governed by these Rules of Competition.

Rule 301 RULES OF PLAY

All games and competitions under the jurisdiction of the WSYSA shall be conducted subject to the "Laws of the Game" as published or authorized for publication by FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association), with those modifications published by WSYSA. In all cases where a game has been postponed or abandoned by a referee due to inclement weather, league and tournament directors shall determine whether the game is to be replayed in its entirety or whether the score at the time of postponement or abandonment shall stand and the game be counted as a completed game.

301.1 Field of Play

(a) The following specifications are applicable to all competitions administered by the WSYSA. These WSYSA standards are recommended for league play administered by Member Associations; they are not mandatory.

Recommended field dimensions

Under-11 and below: 50 yards wide x 90 yards long minimum

Under-12 and above: 50 yards wide x 100 yards long minimum

(b) Acceptable deviations from Law 1 of the "Laws of the Game" (FIFA) for goal posts shall be: plus/minus six (6) inches in width; plus/minus three (3) inches in height from inside measurements.

301.2 Game Duration, Overtime Periods, and Ball Size

Age Group Game Duration Ball Size Circumference Weight

Under-19 Two 45 min. halves #5 27" – 28" 14-16 oz

Under-18 Two 45 min. halves #5 27" – 28" 14-16 oz

Under-17 Two 45 min. halves #5 27" – 28" 14-16 oz

Under-16 Two 40 min. halves #5 27" – 28" 14-16 oz

Under-15 Two 40 min. halves #5 27" – 28" 14-16 oz

Under-14 Two 35 min. halves #5 27" – 28" 14-16 oz

Under-13 Two 35 min. halves #5 27" – 28" 14-16 oz

Under-12 Two 30 min. halves #4 25" – 26" 11-13 oz

Overtime periods

U-19 two up to a maximum of 15 min. halves
U-18 two up to a maximum of 15 min. halves
U-17 two up to a maximum of 15 min. halves
U-16 two up to a maximum of 15 min. halves
U-15 two up to a maximum of 15 min. halves
U-14 two up to a maximum of 10 min. halves
U-13 two up to a maximum of 10 min. halves
U-12 two up to a maximum of 10 min. halves

301.3 Number of Players

(a) Each team will have a limit of eighteen (18) registered players, unless a variance for good cause has been granted by the Association Registrar, the District Commissioner, and the WSYSA Registrar. No team shall be allowed to have fewer than eleven (11) registered players. (Exception: General Procedures, Rule 204.9).
(b) Any coach, manager or official found guilty by a WSYSA, District, or Member Association Board of Directors or a WSYSA Disciplinary or Ethics Committee of knowingly using an ineligible player(s) (over-age, improperly registered, or under disciplinary suspension) will be suspended from participation in all WSYSA activities not to exceed the current and subsequent seasonal year.

301.4 Substitutions

(a) Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, during any stoppage in play.
(b) The number of substitutes shall be unlimited unless a competition superseding the jurisdiction of this Association determines otherwise; special competitions may be more restrictive.
(c) Players not on the field of play must remain two (2) yards behind the touch line and not within eighteen (18) yards from the corner of the field.

301.5 Player's Equipment

(a) All player equipment shall conform to the requirements of Law 4 of the Laws of the Game, as amended from time to time, and the WSYSA Rules of Competition.
(b) It is the duty of the referee, pursuant to Law 5 of the Laws of the Game, as amended from time to time, to enforce the Laws of the Game and the WSYSA Rules of Competition concerning player equipment.
(c) All players must be attired in matching uniforms to the satisfaction of the referee. A proper uniform consists of shorts, jersey, socks, shin guards, and footwear. In case of a color clash, the designated home team will change jerseys. Goalkeepers must wear colors which distinguish them from other players.
(d) All or any member(s) of a team are permitted to wear extra protective clothing against the cold, including gloves without dangerous, protruding or hard objects, provided that:

- (1) The proper team uniform is worn outermost; and
- (2) Any hat should be without peak, bill or dangling or protruding object of any kind; however, the goalkeeper may wear a soft billed hat; and
- (3) Referee discretion may be used to determine if an item of protective clothing is considered to go beyond the purpose of providing a means of retaining body heat.
- (e) Protective orthopedic devices, prosthetic devices and any equipment, gear, appliance or apparatus that is protective for a known medical condition may be worn during a regularly scheduled game provided that the referee determines that the device conforms to Law 4 of the Laws of the Game.

301.6 Officiating

- (a) A referee shall be appointed to officiate each game with the authority assigned to him as specified in the "Laws of the Game" (FIFA). Officiating of all games will be governed by the Rules of Play and the Rules of Competition.
- (b) All referees assigned to any game of the Commissioners' Cup or the State Championships must be assigned by a licensed referee assignor through a recognized referee association/chapter.
- (c) Failure of a scheduled referee to show up will not be the cause for canceling the match. A substitute official must be chosen upon agreement by both coaches and his decisions will be final.

301.7 Charging the Goalkeeper

- (a) The following Rule applies to all competitions under the jurisdiction of the WSYSA:
- (b) In all Under-11 age groups and below: No player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper, or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever.
- (c) In all Under-12 age groups and above: No player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper WITHIN THE GOAL AREA, harass the goalkeeper, or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever. For infringement of this special Rule, an indirect kick shall be awarded.
- (d) Note: Also included in "having control of the ball" is, if the goalkeeper holds the ball on the ground with one or both hands.

301.8 Coaching

- (a) Coaching from the sidelines - giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position - is permitted, provided:
 - (1) Neither mechanical nor electronic devices are used;
 - (2) The tone of voice is informative and not a harangue;
- (b) Each coach, substitute, or player is to remain within the "coaching area" two (2) yards behind the touch line, and not within eighteen (18) yards from the corner of the field).
- (c) No coach, substitute, or player is to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes or spectators.
- (d) No coach, substitute, or player is to use profanity.
- (e) No coach, substitute, or player is to incite, in any manner, disruptive behavior of any kind.
- (f) If the above rules are violated, the referee shall ask the offending party for compliance with the rules. The referee may file a written report with the Board of Directors responsible for the match.

(g) In the event that compliance is not received from the offending party, the referee shall ask the offending party to leave the playing area. If this request is made, the referee must file a written report with the Board of Directors responsible for the match. If the offending party refuses to leave the playing area, or returns after leaving, the referee shall abandon the match and file a written report of the game abandonment with the Board of Directors responsible for the match.

(h) It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain proper spectator conduct. Each coach, manager and team, club or league official shall be held primarily accountable for the conduct of the spectators for or from their respective teams. At no time shall foul or abusive language be permitted at any field.

301.9 Restarting Play After An Injury

In the case of a temporary suspension due to an injury or any unusual situation, if one team is clearly in possession of the ball, the game shall be restarted by an indirect free kick by the team in possession of the ball at the point where the ball was when play was suspended. Should there not be clear possession at the time play is suspended due to an injury or any unusual situation, there will be a drop ball at the spot where the ball was declared dead.

Rule 305

WASHINGTON STATE PREMIER LEAGUE

305.1 Introduction

- (a) In order to provide an environment under which the development of youth soccer players is maximized, a Washington State youth league (hereafter known as the Premier League) has been formed for age groups U-13 through U-19. It is administered by Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA).
- (b) The WSYSA Bylaws and Operating Procedures are the governing documents. Modifications have been made expressly for Premier League competition. The Operating Procedures and Rules of Competition contained herein shall govern the conduct of the Premier League for Division I, Division II, Division III, and the U-13 Age Group Division I for both Boys and Girls.
- (c) The Premier League may have up to three divisions for Boys and Girls for age groups U-14 through U-19. The U-13 Age Group Division I will be a single division that may be divided into sections.
- (d) The Premier League shall be for teams who are duly qualified and comprised of properly registered youth players affiliated with WSYSA Member Associations or Districts, provided such teams entering and their Associations or Districts are in good standing with WSYSA and that the team is in compliance with and has not violated any of the rules of WSYSA.

305.2 Administration

- (a) WSYSA, under the Vice-President of Competition, will administer the Premier League.
- (b) A Premier League Committee will be established. This Committee will be responsible for all Premier League administration.
- (c) The Premier League Committee shall consist of the Director, Administrator for each Division, and one Representative from each District participating in the Premier League.
 - (1) The Director and Administrators will be appointed by the WSYSA Vice-President of Competition, with the approval of the WSYSA Executive Board.
 - (2) The District Representative will be that District's Director of Competition or designated alternate.
- (d) The Premier League Administrators may appoint a League Scorekeeper for each age group or division.
- (e) The Premier League season will be proposed by the Premier League Committee.
- (f) All Premier League games will be scheduled on the best fields available, properly marked, equipped and netted.
- (g) The WSYSA Vice-President of Competition and the Premier League Committee will formulate and publish the Operating Procedures and Rules of Competition for the Premier League as approved by the WSYSA Board of Directors.

305.3 Premier League Structure

(a) Premier League Entry Level for the U-13 Age Group:

(1) Limit, One (1) Division, called the Premier League U-13 Age Group Division I, which may be divided into more than one section.

(2) Districts will recommend, with the Member Association's approval, their strongest teams (if any) capable of playing in the Premier League to the Premier League Committee.

(b) All teams for the following year's U-14 season will qualify through the League Placement Tournament (hereafter known as LPT) for Division I, Division II, and Division III.

(c) Premier League structure for U-14 through U-19 Age Groups:

(1) Limit, three (3) Divisions

The league structure for each division for the U-14 through U-19 is an eight (8) team limit. If teams drop after the next season's schedules have been completed, the league will be played as scheduled with byes inserted where games were previously scheduled.

(2) Promotion and Relegation:

(A) The top six (6) teams from this season's Division I U-14 to U-17 final league standings will be seeded by position into next season's Division I U-15 to U-18.

(B) Whenever there is a Division I and a Division II within the same Age and Gender group, teams finishing 7th and 8th from this season's U-14 through U-17 Division I will be relegated and seeded into 1st and 2nd position in the next season's U-15 through U-18 Division II. Teams finishing 1st and 2nd from this season's U-14 through U-17 Division II will be promoted and seeded into 7th and 8th position in the next season's U-15 through U-18 Division I.

(C) Division II teams finishing in positions 3, 4, 5 and 6 from this year's U-14 to U-17 will be seeded into the same positions in the next season's Division II U-15 to U-18.

(D) Whenever there is a Division II and a Division III within the same Age and Gender group, teams finishing 7th and 8th from this season's U-14 through U-17 Division II will be relegated and seeded into 1st and 2nd position in the next season's U-15 through U-18 Division III. Teams finishing 1st and 2nd from this season's U-14 through U-17 Division III will be promoted and seeded into 7th and 8th position in the next season's U-15 through U-18 Division II.

(E) Division III teams finishing in positions 3 and 4 from this season's U-14 to U-17 will be seeded into the same positions in the next season's Division III U-15 to U-18.

(F) This season's U-14 through U-17 Division III teams finishing 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th will play in a LPT with a minimum double elimination format with any agegroup teams not meeting the "returning player" requirement and any new teams. Each team must have their Association's approval.

(H) The U-19 LPT will be an "open" tournament. All teams will be placed into the U-19 LPT by a random draw.

(I) Following the completion of relegation/promotion and the LPT, but before the next season's schedules have been completed, if any seeded or placing team does not enter the next season's Premier League for any reason, that team's place will be filled from the next lower division or LPT (whichever is applicable) by order of seeded position. Divisions will be scheduled as long

as six teams remain in the lowest division.

305.4 Team Eligibility

- (a) All U-15 through U-18 teams seeded in Division I, Division II, and Division III must meet the following “team roster” criterion for returning players: eight (8) returning players from the prior season’s final league roster (October 31) must be carried on a team’s roster from May 1 (the Premier League application roster and LPT roster if applicable) through October 31 (league season roster).
- (b) If a team does not meet the returning player criterion with its Premier League application roster, that team will be placed in the LPT.
- (c) Play up situations:
 - (1) This season’s seeded U-14 through U-17 teams wishing to advance to an older age group for next season will participate in the next older age group LPT and forfeit its seeded position.
 - (2) This season’s seeded U-14 through U-18 teams that were playing up and wish to return to their age level for next season will participate in the LPT for that age group and forfeit its seeded position.
- (d) The Member Association and the team hold the league position jointly. Teams are not free to move from one Member Association to another. Whenever a new Member Association is formed, the teams may decide whether to stay with the old Member Association or move to the new Member Association. Once a team lists a Member Association on its application to Premier League, the team must remain with that Member Association.
- (e) If a team splits and both teams meet the returning player criteria, the member Association decides which team will occupy the league position. The other team will be placed in the LPT.
- (f) Teams folding or not returning, creating an open position then:
 - (1) The Premier League reclaims the league position of any team which does not return.
 - (2) Divisional seedings for the next season will be adjusted and all returning teams below the team which did not return will advance one position.
- (g) Any team successfully qualifying through the LPT must have at least eleven (11) players from its LPT roster remaining on the team for the league season.
- (h) Teams meeting the requirement to retain their seeded position in the Premier League, must have at least eleven (11) players from its May 1 roster remaining on the team for the league season.
- (i) Teams must be current with all Premier League fees and fines from the prior season before their application will be accepted.

305.5 Entry Forms and Fee

- (a) To enter the Premier League, it is required that the Premier League Entry Form be completed with appropriate signatures and delivered to the WSYSA office with the applicable fee. A team representative’s name may appear on only one Premier League Entry Form. The Premier League Entry Form contains the current fee schedule established by the WSYSA Board of Directors.
- (b) Setting the entry deadline for all teams is the responsibility of the Premier League Committee. Teams entering the LPT after the announced entry deadline will be accepted only if an opening exists and the timing for the schedule publication allows. A late entry fee will be charged.
- (c) It is requested that Member Associations make every effort to submit team entry forms and associated fees as a total package. This reduces mistakes and makes the forms easier for the office and Administrators to process.

- (d) If any team withdraws after July 1, the team's Member Association will be fined \$300.00 for each occurrence.
- (e) During league play, any team having an unexcused forfeiture, as determined by the Premier League Committee, will be fined \$150.00 for the first occurrence. A second unexcused forfeiture may constitute a withdrawal from the Premier League, and the team's Member Association will be fined an additional \$300.00.
- (f) Team Entry Forms:
 - (1) Team entry forms must be signed by the Member Association Registrar (alternates, Member Association President or Select Program Director).
 - (2) Team entry forms not containing the required signatures will not be processed and will be returned to the affected Association for resolution.
- (g) Team entry forms must be accompanied by a preliminary team roster, signed by the Member Association Registrar. Returning teams must meet the returning player minimums as set forth in Premier League Rules.

305.6 League Standings/Tie Breaker

- (a) Three (3) points will be given for each win, one (1) point for each tie, and zero (0) points for a loss.
 - (b) If any ties exist in Division standings, the following criteria will be used for breaking those ties (except as qualified elsewhere in this document):
 - (1) Head to head.
 - (2) Fewest goals against: All league games.
 - (3) Best goal differential: All league games.
 - (4) Flip a coin.
 - (c) Ties in Divisional standings between three or more teams will be resolved as follows:
 - (1) Eliminate the results of all teams not tied.
 - (2) Apply the point system to the remaining teams which are tied.
 - (3) For teams that remain tied, the following criteria will be used for breaking those ties (except as qualified elsewhere in this document):
 - (a) Head to head.
 - (b) Fewest goals against.
 - (c) Best goal differential.
 - (d) Flip a coin.
 - (4) If teams remain tied, repeat the above steps as necessary.

305.7 Recognition Awards

Recognition of winning teams will be accomplished through the presentation of awards, budget permitting. Awards may be in the form of individual trophies, medallions, and/or team trophies.

305.8 Rules of Play

- (a) All league play, tournaments, and special competition under the jurisdiction of the Premier League shall be conducted in accordance with current WSYSA Rules of Competition, except as modified herein.
- (b) Field of Play - If a field is not properly marked, equipped and netted, the referee will have the option to NOT allow the game to be played.

305.9 Player's Equipment

Each player shall have a number on the player's jersey. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey, clearly visible and a minimum of six (6) inches high. Each player on a team must wear a number different from the number of every other player on the team. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional.

305.10 Game Sheets and Player Passes

(a) Prior to a Premier League game, coaches must provide the referee with a WSYSA game sheet (or equivalent) and valid player passes for all players. A valid player pass is a US Youth Soccer/WSYSA player pass for the player's current team that is signed by the player, has a recent identifiable photo of the player, and is laminated. Players must be listed on the game sheet and have a valid player pass to be eligible to play in the game.

(b) Any player that does not possess a valid player pass shall not be permitted to participate in that match.

(c) In the unlikely event that an entire team fails to show player passes, the referee shall allow the match to be played. Both coaches must report the incident to their Premier League Administrator. The referee should note the incident on the game roster sheet and mail his copy to the WSYSA office.

305.11 Coaching/Sideline Conduct

(a) Coaching from the sidelines – giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position – is permitted, provided:

- (1) Neither mechanical or electronic devices are used;
- (2) The tone of voice is informative and not a harangue.

(b) All coaches, substitute players and other bench personnel are to remain within the "coaching area" (two yards behind the touch line, and not within eighteen yards of the goal line).

(c) No player, coach, substitute player or other bench personnel are to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes, or spectators.

(d) No player, coach, substitute player or other bench person is to use profanity.

(e) No player, coach, substitute player or other bench person is to incite, in any manner, or engage in any kind of disruptive behavior.

(f) If the above rules are violated, the referee shall ask the offending party for compliance with the rules. The referee may file a written incident report to the WSYSA office, attn: WSYSA Disciplinary Committee.

(g) In the event that compliance is not received from the offending party, the referee shall ask the offending party to leave the playing area. If this request is made, the referee must file a written incident report to the WSYSA office, attn: WSYSA Disciplinary Committee.

(h) If the offending party refuses to leave the playing area, or returns after leaving, the referee shall abandon the match and file a written report of the game abandonment with the WSYSA office, attn: WSYSA Disciplinary Committee.

(i) It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain proper spectator conduct. Each coach, manager and team, club or league official shall be held primarily accountable for the conduct of the spectators for or from their respective teams. At no time shall foul or abusive language be permitted at any field.

305.12 Player Release and Transfer/Player Identification

(a) All teams participating in Premier League competition are eligible in US Youth Soccer sponsored events. Therefore, the player release and transfer rules applicable to US Youth Soccer competition shall prevail.

(b) Both US Youth Soccer and WSYSA have a seasonal year defined as September 1st through August 31st.

(c) Premier League rosters must be completed with appropriate signatures, postmarked or received in the WSYSA office by August 1.

(d) A Premier League team is limited to a minimum of eleven (11) registered players at one time on a team and no more than eighteen (18) as qualified by (h) and (i) below.

(e) A team shall be limited to a total of three (3) players received by transfer per seasonal year.

(f) Premier League rosters are frozen thirty (30) day prior to the end of the league season for each age group. No additions or transfers except for tournament play.

(g) Players being transferred or added to a team may not play until they have a player pass for their new team. The completed transfer or add form is not a replacement for the player pass.

(h) A team that entered the Premier League through the LPT must have at least eleven (11) players, who were members of the LPT team, on its roster throughout the Premier League season.

(i) A team that entered the Premier League from a seeded spot must have at least eleven (11) players, who were members of the team on the league application form, on its roster throughout the Premier League season.

305.13 Scheduling of Games

(a) Regularly scheduled Premier League games and the LPT shall have priority over any and all competition entered into by Premier League teams.

(b) The Premier League Administrators are responsible for scheduling of all games. They have final authority to determine playing dates.

(c) All Premier League games will be played on Sunday except for the Under-13 and Under-14 Age Groups, which will be played on Saturday. To eliminate mountain travel in December, Divisions with Eastern Washington teams may have some "double header" weekends with games on both Saturday and Sunday.

(d) The Home team determines field location and kick-off time. Teams must provide the Member Association Representatives with the home game and requested kick-off time information:

(1) League games should be scheduled to begin no earlier than 9:00 AM and no later than 5:00 PM, unless agreed to by the visiting team in writing (includes fax and Email) at least two (2) weeks prior to the game.

(2) Double header weekends: Saturday games should not be scheduled to start before 2:00 PM and Sunday games should start no later than noon, unless agreed to by the visiting team in writing (includes fax and E-mail) at least two (2) weeks prior to the game.

(3) Teams traveling more than 2.5 hours for one game need to have time to travel in the same day. These games should not start before noon or after 3:00 PM. The WSYSA-recognize Association address, or zip code if no address is listed, of the traveling team to the scheduled game field determines travel time.

(4) Failure to schedule game start times within the prescribed guidelines may result in a mandatory game reschedule at the discretion of the Premier League Administrator.

(e) The respective Premier League Administrator must approve all schedule changes. A schedule change request must be agreed to by both teams and must be submitted to their Premier League Administrator prior to the scheduled game date on the "Premier League Game Reschedule Request" form. If the request is approved, the home team is responsible for rescheduling the field and the officials. If a team fails to show, on this date, that team will receive a loss for that game. If both teams fail to show, both teams will receive a loss for that game.

(f) If a referee declares a field unplayable at kick-off time or the field is closed by the field administrator, both coaches must report the postponement to their Premier League Administrator. The home team is responsible for rescheduling the game with the approval of the visiting team. If the teams cannot agree on a reschedule date, their Premier League Administrator will determine the reschedule date and location. The designated home team will be responsible for any field rental and referee expenses. If a team fails to show, on this date, that team will receive a loss for that game. If both teams fail to show, both teams will receive a loss for that game, zero points for both teams.

(g) If a game is not played because there was no referee and a substitute could not be agreed upon (reference Premier League Rule "Officiating"), subject to the approval of the respective Premier League Administrator, the visiting team may have the choice of rematch date and location. If there is no referee at the rescheduled game and a substitute cannot be agreed upon, the respective Premier League Administrator will reschedule the game at the expense of both teams.

(h) If both teams have been notified of the game location and kick-off time, and one team fails to show up for the game, following a fifteen (15) minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the showing team with a score of 1-0.

(i) If both teams have been notified of the game location and kick-off time, and both teams fail to show up for the game, both teams will receive a loss for that game, zero points for both teams.

(j) All league games must be played by the final weekend of the league season unless approved in advance by the respective Premier League Administrator.

305.14 Responsibilities of Coaches/Managers

(a) The following are the responsibilities of the assigned "home team":

(1) Marking the field-of-play;

(2) Providing a proper game ball;

(3) Providing nets and corner flags;

(4) Providing adequate directions to the opposing team to the "home team's" venue as soon as game time and location are scheduled by the local scheduler and at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the game and by no later than 9:00 PM Wednesday night.

(b) Visiting teams must confirm receipt of the above "directions" by no later than 9:00 PM Thursday night.

(c) The Coach or Manager of both teams (regardless of win, loss or tie) report each game score as instructed by their Premier League Administrator. Teams that do not report their score may be fined \$15 for each occurrence.

(d) Any coach, assistant coach, team manager, or other party having direct contact with players must be in compliance with WSYSA's Risk Management Policy.

305.15 Reporting Scores

- (a) Teams must report the game score as directed by their League Administrator.
- (b) If a game was not played as scheduled for any reason, this information must be reported to the League Administrator.
- (c) If a game is rescheduled, the score must be reported to the League Administrator following the actual game.
- (d) If a game was abandoned, this information must be reported to the League Administrator.

305.16 Officiating

- (a) A referee shall be assigned to officiate each game with the authority assigned as specified in the "Laws of the Game" (FIFA).
- (b) If possible, the Referee Assignor will be responsible for scheduling properly registered and qualified referees and assistant referees.
- (c) If assistant referees cannot be scheduled, each team must provide one (1) person to act as club linemen, if the referee wishes.
- (d) Referees who are also coaches, team managers, or relatives of players-of-record in a given age group of the Premier League shall not be assigned matches in that age and gender group. Other individuals should disqualify themselves if there is a conflict of interest in that age and gender group.
- (e) Failure of a referee to show up within fifteen (15) minutes of a scheduled game time will constitute grounds for a rematch. A substitute official may be chosen upon agreement by both coaches and the substitute's decisions will be final.
- (f) Coaches may file a letter of concern on a referee to the WSYSA Youth Referee Administrator.
- (g) It is the responsibility of the Member Association to send a complete Premier League game schedule to the Referee Coordinator responsible for scheduling referees for their Premier League games at the earliest opportunity.
- (h) Before the start of each game, the referee will request the home team to choose the side of the field its team and parents will occupy. The visiting team and its parents will occupy the opposite side.
- (i) If any player has been sent off the field of play by the referee for violating the "Laws of the Game", the referee must file a written report following the completion of the game to:
Washington State Youth Soccer Association
Attention: WSYSA Disciplinary Committee
500 S. 336th Street, Suite #100
Federal Way, WA 98003
- (j) Before the start of each game, the referee will obtain a game sheet and collect the player passes from each team. Players not listed on the game sheet and not possessing a valid player pass will not be allowed to participate in the game. At the end of the game, the referee will note on the game sheet: the final score, misconducts issued, and any other information deemed appropriate. The referee will return one copy of each game sheet to each team, and if misconducts were issued or other problems noted, return or fax the white copy to the WSYSA office at the above address.
- (k) Player passes are to be surrendered to the referee prior to each game. The referee will return ALL passes to the coach at the conclusion of the game. The passes will be used to copy accurate information to the referee's misconduct report.

305.17 Game Abandonment

(a) If it has been determined that a Premier League game is abandoned by the referee due to actions of the coach, players, spectators or any combination thereof, NO REPLAY WILL BE GRANTED.

(b) Furthermore, if at the time of the abandonment:

(1) The opposing team is ahead, the score will be the final score.

(2) The team causing the abandonment is ahead, the game shall be considered forfeited and a score of 1-0 in favor of the opposing team will be awarded.

(3) If the score is tied, the game shall be considered forfeited and a score of 1-0 in favor of the opposing team will be awarded.

(4) If it has been determined that both teams caused the abandonment, then both teams will be given a loss, zero points for both teams.

305.18 Coaching Qualifications

(a) For U-13, it is encouraged that coaches for Premier League teams obtain a minimum of the USSF "D" license.

(b) For U-14 through U-19, all coaches are encouraged to possess a minimum USSF "C" license.

305.19 Coaching Ethics

(a) No coach/player will have in his/her possession, or consume, alcoholic beverages during any Premier League event.

(b) All coaches will adhere to the WSYSA Code of Ethics.

(c) Any coach, manager or official found guilty by a WSYSA Ethics Committee of knowingly using an ineligible player(s) (over-age, improperly registered, or under disciplinary suspension) will be suspended from participation in all WSYSA activities not to exceed the current and subsequent seasonal year.

Rule 306

WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH DEVELOPMENTAL LEAGUE (WSYDL)

306.1 Introduction

(a) In order to provide an environment under which the development of youth soccer players is maximized, a Washington State Youth Developmental League (hereafter known as WSYDL) has been formed for age groups U-14 through U-19. It is administered by Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA).

(b) The WSYSA Bylaws and Operating Procedures are the governing documents. The WSYDL will adhere to the same guidelines and rules as established for the Washington State Premier League, Rule 305.

306.2 Administration

(a) WSYSA, under the Vice-President of Competition, will oversee the WSYDL.

(b) The Premier League Committee will be responsible for WSYDL administration.

306.3 Team Eligibility and WSYDL Structure

(a) The WSYSA office and WSYSA Disciplinary Committee will support the WSYDL.

(b) All teams must have participated in this year's LPT.

(c) The WSYDL shall be limited to eight (8) teams in each age and gender group based on order of finish at the LPT.

(d) League schedules will be prepared using an eight (8) team bracket. In the event a team drops or folds prior to August 1, there will still be a WSYDL, if there are seven (7) remaining teams.

(e) If two or more teams drop or fold prior to August 1, there will be no WSYDL in that particular age and gender group. The remaining teams will be returned to their respective Districts and/or Member Associations.

(f) If teams drop or fold after August 1, "BYES" will be inserted into the WSYDL schedule where those team(s) would have played.

(g) WSYDL teams must have at least eleven (11) players from its LPT roster remaining on the team for the entire league season.

(h) After August 1, player movement is governed by WSYSA registration policies, procedures and guidelines.