

## WASA Middle School (MSSA) Guidelines\*

<b>Number of Players</b>	11 players, (10 plus the goal keeper) Each player should play at least ½ of each game.
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	A team that falls behind by 4 goals may field one additional player. The extra player must come off the field if the lead is reduced to three goals.
<b>Match Length</b>	30 minute halves. The game clock does not stop.
<b>Substitutions</b>	Open substitution. Teams may sub on their own throw-in, the opponent's throw-in if the opponent also has a sub, any goal kick, after a goal or for an injury.
<b>Ball Size</b>	Size 5
<b>Field Size</b>	Minimum of 55 x 100 yards
<b>Referees</b>	A two referee system is permitted. At least one of the referees must be an adult.
<b>Coaches</b>	Coaching is from the team side only, between the penalty area and the mid-field line. Coaches must stay off the field unless summoned by the referee. <i>Coaching is not permitted from the spectator side or from behind the goals!!!</i>
<b>Slide Tackling</b>	Slide tackling <i>is</i> permitted in this age group. Slide tackles must comply with FIFA Law 12 guidelines.
<b>Season Schedule</b>	Determined by the Middle School Soccer Association. Teams play home games at WASA fields and away games at other locations.
<b>Tournament</b>	Competitive Post-Season Tournaments in the fall and spring. The format is determined by the Middle School Soccer Association. All teams are seeded and then divided into divisions. Each division competes for a championship.
<b>Trophies</b>	Medals awarded for the post-season tournament, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place in each division.

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