

## WASA U10 Division Guidelines

<b>Number of Players (On the Field)</b>	<p>Boys: 9 players, (8 plus the goal keeper) Girls: 6 players, (5 plus the goal keeper)</p> <p>From season to season the number players on the field may vary due to the number of players registered and the number of volunteers to coach.</p> <p>Before any player may play an entire game, all other players on the team must play at least <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> of the game.</p>
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	<p><b>Girls U10 only:</b></p> <p>If a team falls behind by 3 goals, an extra player may be added to the field. If the lead is reduced to two goals, the extra player must come off the field.</p> <p>If the lead increases to 5 goals another extra player may be added. If the lead is reduced to four goals, one of the extra players must come off the field.</p>
<b>Match Length</b>	25 minute halves. The game clock does not stop.
<b>Substitutions</b>	<p>Open substitution for either team (with referee permission) anytime play is stopped for a ball that is off the field... also at half-time, or for an injury.</p> <p>Substitutes must be at the mid-field line waiting for referee permission to enter.</p>
<b>Ball Size</b>	Size 4
<b>Field Size</b>	Medium - sizes vary by location
<b>Coaches</b>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Coaching is not permitted from the spectator side or from behind the goals!!!</i></p>
<b>Slide Tackling</b>	<p>Slide tackling is not permitted. Players should stay on their feet. Slide tackling is penalized with an indirect free kick. Slide tackling from behind is penalized with a direct free kick. If a slide tackle from behind occurs in the penalty area, a PK is awarded. Repeated offense may result in a yellow card caution or red card dismissal.</p>
<b>Heading the Ball</b>	<p>Heading is not permitted. Players should trap the ball and then play it with their feet. Heading is penalized with an indirect free kick.</p>
<b>Off Side</b>	Off side is enforced.
<b>Throw-ins</b>	For improper throw-ins, the referee may give players a second chance, but is not required to do so. Expect the ball to be given to the other team.
<b>Tournament</b>	Festival... No scores or standings are kept. Coed in the fall / Girls in the spring. The Festival format is determined by the league coordinator.
<b>Trophies</b>	Participation trophies are awarded to all players.