

WASA Middle School (MSSA) Guidelines*

Number of Players	11 players, (10 plus the goal keeper) Each player should play at least ½ of each game.
Mercy Rule	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.
Match Length	30 minute halves. The game clock does not stop.
Substitutions	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.
Ball Size	Size 5
Field Size	Minimum of 55 x 100 yards
Referees	A two referee system is permitted. At least one of the referees must be an adult.
Coaches	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.
Slide Tackling	Slide tackling <i>is</i> permitted in this age group. Slide tackles must comply with FIFA Law 12 guidelines.
Season Schedule	Determined by the Middle School Soccer Association. Teams play home games at WASA fields and away games at other locations.
Tournament	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.
Trophies	Medals awarded for the post-season tournament, 1 st and 2 nd place in each division.

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