

WISCONSIN DEVELOPMENTAL ACADEMY POLICIES & ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

RULE #1 NAME

This league shall be named the Wisconsin Developmental Academy (WDA) and shall be referred to as Wisconsin Development Academy (WDA).

RULE #2 PURPOSE

The purpose of the WDA is to create the optimum developmental environment for clubs, players and coaches by emphasizing quality training and meaningful competition.

RULE #3 AUTHORITY

The WDA shall be administered by the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA). The WDA shall be properly affiliated with the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, US Youth Soccer, and US Soccer.

RULE #4 LEAGUE OFFICE

The official league office shall be the same as the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, located at 10427 W Lincoln Ave, Suite 1100, West Allis WI, 53227. (Phone 414-328-9972 / Toll Free 888-328-9972 / Fax 414-328-8008)

RULE #5 WDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The WDA Advisory Committee is comprised of three Club Directors of Coaching, three Club Administrators and representatives from WYSA including the Directors of Coaching, Competitions Administrator and/or Executive Director.

The six Club Representatives are appointed by the WDA clubs and will be confirmed by WYSA subject to meeting the qualifications in their respective roles. Club Director of Coaching representatives must hold a USSF 'B' license and have decision making authority for their club. Club Administrator representatives must be responsible for two of the following three administrative duties for their club – field scheduling, referee assignment and/or general club administration.

Advisory Committee members serve in their role for one seasonal year beginning May 1 of the year the next program year begins. Elections for committee members will be held in April for the following year. There are no term limits for Advisory Committee members.

RULE #6 VOTING POWER

Each club representative on the WDA Advisory Committee will have one vote; the WYSA will have two votes. 60% of the total vote count is a passing vote on WDA matters. The quorum necessary for an official vote is 75%. Voting will be limited to acceptance and removal from the program.

RULE #7 BUDGET AND FEES

The WYSA Competitions Administrator will prepare a budget for the WDA and submit to the WYSA Executive Director. This budget will be subject to approval by the WYSA Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

WYSA shall be responsible for the collection of league fees from all participating clubs. All funds collected must be made payable to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association.

RULE #8 SCHEDULE OF FINES

Teams and/or clubs will be subject to fines according the following schedule:

1. Drop before August 1 for the fall season – forfeit entry fee
2. Drop after August 1 for the fall season – entry fee plus \$25/game
3. Drop before March 1 for the spring season – forfeit entry fee
4. Drop after March 1 for the spring season – entry fee plus \$25/game
5. Unauthorized reschedule of game – \$50/team
6. Use of ineligible player – \$100 plus coach suspension
7. Use of ineligible team – \$100 plus club probation
8. Forfeit WDA game – \$150
9. Un-played WDA game – \$150/team

The club will assume responsibility in seeing that any fines assessed are paid by their due date. Failure to make timely payment will place the club on probation.

RULE #9 APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM

Clubs that are affiliated with Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association may apply for entry to the WDA. All applications must be made to the State Association in accordance with established deadlines. (The program application will be due on or about January 15 for league participation the following fall.)

Acceptance or non-acceptance will be determined through the following process:

1. WYSA will post applications and establish deadlines for clubs to apply.
2. All applications received will be reviewed by the WYSA Directors of Coaching and the WDA clubs.
3. Two weeks prior to the WDA vote, the WYSA Directors of Coaching will meet with the WDA Advisory Committee to discuss the applications and make recommendations for admittance to the program.
4. Each club representative on the WDA Advisory Committee will have one vote; WYSA will have two votes; for club acceptance to the following year's WDA program. Committee members are required to cast a vote on every WDA application. A 60% votes admits a club to the program.

RULE #10 ACCEPTANCE AND CONTINUED PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The guidelines for acceptance and continued participation in the WDA are:

1. In good standing with WYSA
2. 1 team at each age group U11-U18; a club's top teams must participate in the program
3. Director of Coaching with decision making authority for the club
4. Director of Coaching who holds USSF 'B' license
5. All staff coaches with minimum of USSF 'D' license
6. Quality facilities
7. Attendance at WDA meetings

Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in dismissal from the WDA. The WYSA Directors of Coaching will complete a year end evaluation of each club in the WDA. At any time during the year, the WYSA Directors of Coaching or a member of the WDA may recommend a club be dismissed from the program. The recommendation must be submitted in writing to the WYSA Competitions Administrator and will be presented to the WDA Advisory Committee for a vote.

RULE # 11 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

There is no promotion or relegation.

RULE #12 REGISTRATION

To participate in the WDA, a team must be affiliated with a recognized Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association club in "Good Standing" status and all players must be registered with WYSA to participate.

RULE #13 TEAM CREDENTIALS

Each player must have validated and laminated USYSA player passes and each coach and team administrator must register with the State Office and have in his/her position a valid coach pass. A minimum of an USSF 'D' license is required for coaches. All coaches will be expected to comply with this requirement.

RULE #14a 22 PLAYER ROSTER

The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association and all leagues within the Association shall recognize roster limits of up to 22 players on the official State roster for players at the U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18 and U19 age levels.

RULE 14b CLUB PASSES

The standard WYSA Club Pass Policy applies to the WDA.

RULE #15 SCHEDULE OF GAMES

The Competitions Administrator shall be responsible for preparing the WDA play dates schedule. The WDA Advisory Committee shall set the parameters for the play dates schedule. The Competitions Administrator will prepare a draft schedule which includes pairings and dates. This draft will be distributed to WDA clubs who are responsible for adding times, locations and arranging other schedule changes by the established deadline. After the deadline, the schedule becomes final and reschedule rules apply.

RULE #16 GAME RESCHEDULING PROCEDURE

Game reschedules unrelated to weather require 10 days notice and approval of the Competitions Administrator. Changes should be limited to conflicts with Midwest Regional League, US Youth Soccer National League or State Championship play in games.

It is the home club's discretion to cancel a play date because of poor field conditions. The home club is responsible for notifying the visiting club as well as their contracted referee assignor.

RULE #17 WDA GAMES

Age Group	Length of Game	Ball Size	Center Referee (Pay Half)	Assistant Referee (Each)
U11 & U12 (8 v 8)*	2 x 35'	4	\$26	\$16
U12 (11 v 11)*	2 x 35'	4	\$36	\$26
U13 (11 v 11)	2 x 40'	5	\$42	\$30
U14 (11 v 11)	2 x 40'	5	\$42	\$30
U15 (11 v 11)	2 x 40'	5	\$52	\$34
U16 (11 v 11)	2 x 40'	5	\$52	\$34
U17 (11 v 11)	2 x 45'	5	\$56	\$36
U18 (11 v 11)	2 x 45'	5	\$56	\$36

*U12 teams will play 8 v 8 during the fall season and have the option of playing 11 v 11 in the spring. If WDA games are being double counted for the WDA and State League pods, State League rules apply.

RULE #17 FIELDS

It is the responsibility of the home club to ascertain their fields meet the quality standards of the WDA Program. They should have corner flags and nets for all home games. It is also the home team's responsibility to make sure that the field is properly marked.

RULE #18 UNIFORMS

It is the responsibility of the home team to change uniforms in case of a color conflict. Each player on a team must have shirts of the same color, and each player must have a different jersey number. Each player on a team must have shorts of the same color. A player may wear a long sleeve shirt under the uniform jersey. A player may wear leggings under the uniform short provided the color of the leggings is the same as that of the uniform shorts. All players must wear matching socks. No hard casts, braces or jewelry are allowed.

RULE #19 GAME REPORTS

Teams must provide an official WYSA roster, player passes, coach passes and referee payment prior to the start of the match.

Referees will submit electronically in Game Officials, a match report which includes the game score, yellow or red card infractions, poor coach and/or parental behavior and notice of expired coach pass cards.

Teams are responsible for submitting game scores online through the league reporting system. In the event of a discrepancy, the league will recognize the score provided by the referee as the official result.

RULE #20 EVENT SUMMARY

Club Directors of Coaching are responsible for submitting an event summary for each WDA play date. This summary will include field quality, referee comments good/bad, quality of games - competitive or lopsided, other comments, etc.

RULE #21 YELLOW AND RED CARDS

All yellow and red cards issued during the course of play will be reviewed and recorded by the WYSA Competitions Administrator. The WYSA Directors of Coaching will review all red cards and rule on suspensions.

RULE #22 RED CARDS

Players that receive a red card during participation in a league game shall receive a minimum of a one game suspension. This includes two yellow cards received in one contest resulting in a red card. The WYSA Directors of Coaching may assess a longer suspension subject to the severity of the offense and prior history of misconduct of the offending player.

RULE #23 COACH MISCONDUCT

Coaches in WDA Leagues are expected to exhibit the highest level of sporting behavior and are responsible for the attitudes and behavior of their assistant coaches, players and spectators. In the event the referee determines the conduct of the coach is detrimental to the game, the referee may ask the coach to leave the immediate vicinity.

Immediate vicinity shall be defined as sufficient distance from the playing field where the offending party cannot cause additional disruptions to the game. This is considered the "Out of Sight and Out of Sound principle."

In the event the referee completes a report of "Physical or Verbal Abuse" the matter will be directed to the WYSA Directors of Coaching. All coaches will be placed on probation following any suspension.

RULE #24 HEARINGS & APPEALS

An appeal of WDA decisions must be submitted in a written statement to the WYSA Competitions Administrator accompanied by a \$125.00 check for the protest fee. Check made payable to WYSA. Protests must clearly articulate the disputed matter.

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Policies and Procedures:

"(a) Appeals will first be addressed by the WDA (b) then at the State Association level. The appeal fee at the WDA level shall not exceed \$125.00. If the State Association wishes to establish an appeals fee, this fee shall not exceed \$125.00 per appeal. If the appeal is overturned, then the appeals fee shall be returned to the Appellant."

USYSA Bylaw 704, Section 1:

"No member of USYSA, official, league, club, team, player, coach, administrator, or referee may invoke the aid of the courts of the United States or of a state without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organizations, and as provided within USYSA." For the violation of USYSA Bylaw 704, the offending party shall be subject to suspension and fines, and shall be liable to WYSA and USYSA for all expenses incurred by WYSA or USYSA and its officers and members of the Board of Directors in defending each court action, including the following:

1. Court costs
2. Attorney's fees
3. Reasonable compensation for time spent by WYSA or USYSA officials and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery and court appearances, travel expenses
4. Expenses for holding special State Board meeting or Special National Council
5. meetings necessitated by court action

RULE #25 OTHER MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Competitions Administrator, Directors of Coaching, Executive Director or VicePresident/Competitions have authority to make decisions and resolve conflicts for matters not otherwise provided for elsewhere in the WDA Policies & Administrative Procedures.