



Washington Local Soccer Club

U12 Division - League Rules

Law 1: The Field of Play: The field of play shall be marked with white lines and will measure approximately 210 feet long x 150 feet wide. Both teams will sit on the same of the field, on opposite halves, while the spectators will remain on the other side of the field. Everyone that is not a part of active play should remain at least five yards away from the playing field at all times.

Law 2: The Ball: This division will use a size five (5) ball.

Law 3: The Number of Players: This division plays 8 vs. 8, which is seven field players and a goalie per side. There are unlimited substitutions. Subs must be on the halfway line and be beckoned on by the referee before entering the field.

Law 4: The Players' Equipment: Each player must wear an official WLSC reversible jersey, navy or black shorts, shin guards, and socks that completely cover the shin guard. No jewelry of any kind may be worn.

Law 5: The Referee: Two referees will be assigned to each match. It is the referee's duty to ensure that the players are safe, and to instruct the player of the committed fouls to help teach our players the rules. In the event that a referee is not assigned, each coach (or team representative) shall referee one half of the game.

Law 7: The Duration of the Match: The game is divided into two thirty (30) minute halves, for a total game length of 60 minutes. There will be a five minute halftime.

Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play: Each game and quarter is started by a kick-off. The team in blue will kick off in the first and third quarters, the team in yellow will kick off in the second and fourth quarters. A kick-off is used to restart after each goal is scored, taken by the team that was scored upon.

Law 9: The Ball In and Out of Play: The ball is out of play when the entire ball has crossed over the field boundary. The ball is in play at all other times, except when the referee has blown his whistle to stop play.

Law 10: Goal Scored: A goal is scored when the entire ball has crossed the goal line, passing between the goalposts and under the crossbar.

Law 11: Offside: Offside occurs when an offensive player, who, in the opinion of the referee, is involved in active play, is behind the second to last defender at the moment the ball is played by a teammate.

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct: Cautions and Send Offs (yellow and red cards) may be used in this division, if it is apparent to the referee that serious foul play or game misconduct is occurring. There are seven offenses each for which a yellow or a red card may be issued. A red card carries a two game suspension.

Law 13: Free Kicks: Free kicks will be either direct or indirect in nature, depending upon the foul called. A list of fouls and the proper restart is on page two of these rules.

Law 14: The Penalty Kick: This foul is called when a direct kick foul is committed by a defensive player in her own penalty box. The ball is placed on the spot and it is a one-time shot with just a shooter and goalkeeper.

Law 15: The Throw-In: All balls that go out of bounds over the touchline will be restarted by the opposing team with a throw-in. The player taking the throw must keep her feet on the ground and bring the ball completely behind her head with both hands and completely follow through with the motion.

Law 16: The Goal Kick: This restart is taken by the defending team when the attacking team last played the ball out of bounds over the goal line. The ball is placed two or three yards off of the goal line, in or near the goal box. Opposing players need to be at least ten yards away from the ball when the goal kick is taken.

Law 17: The Corner Kick: A corner kick is taken by the attacking team when the defending team last played the ball out of bounds over their own goal line. The ball is placed in the one yard corner arc and the kick is taken from there. Opposing players need to be at least ten yards from the corner arc during the taking of the kick.



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The following are fouls in the U12 Game:

- kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
- tripping or attempting to trip an opponent
- jumping at an opponent
- charging an opponent
- striking or attempting to strike an opponent
- pushing an opponent
- tackling (slide tackling) an opponent
- holding an opponent
- spitting at an opponent
- handling the ball deliberately (handball)
- playing in a dangerous manner (dangerous play)
- impeding the progress of an opponent (obstruction)
- offside

Type of Restart

- (Direct Kick or Penalty Kick)
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The following are yellow card infractions:

- unsporting behavior
- dissent by word or action
- persistent infringement of the Laws
- delaying the restart of play
- failure to give required distance on a restart
- entering the field without referee's permission
- leaving the field without referee's permission

The following are red card infractions:

- serious foul play
- violent conduct
- spitting at an opponent or any other person
- denying the opponent an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball or committing a PK foul to a player in the box
- using offensive or abusive language or gestures
- receiving a second yellow in the same match

Additional Considerations:

- Games will be canceled at the field in the event of lightning. We will play in the rain. After the game has begun, the referee has the authority to suspend the game if it is deemed necessary.
- Once a game has begun the second half of play, it will be considered a complete game if it is suspended early.
- No foul language will be tolerated by any coach, player, or spectator.
 - First Offense / Verbal Warning
 - Second Offense / The offender will be asked to leave the field
 - Third Offense / A player will not be allowed back into the game, and may face a suspension
- Hanging on the goals or nets will not be tolerated. This is a safety issue and could put our program at great risk. Anyone witnessing this should stop the action immediately and report it if they feel that is necessary.
- We do keep score and standings in this division. The league champions will receive trophies from the league at the end of the season. This division will participate in the All-Star Game.

Mission Statement

The Washington Local Soccer Club exists to allow children the opportunity to play the game of soccer in a fun, structured atmosphere while teaching teamwork, good sportsmanship, and the basic principles of the game.