

WEST CENTRAL SUBURBAN SOCCER FEDERATION

“WCSSF”



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WCSSF ORGANIZATION

The West Central Suburban Soccer Federation (“WCSSF”) is an inter-club competitive league designed to provide the Select Soccer Player 9U through 19U/High School a competitive experience, while focusing on equitable fair play and good sportsmanship while providing venue for the players to have fun.

The WCSSF is associated with Indiana Soccer as well as US Youth Soccer.

As with many of our clubs, our board are volunteers. Most of the board, if not all, do not have children playing in the league. However, we enjoy the sport and are willing to give back our time.

BOARD MEMBERS

- **Executive Board:**

- **President – [Carol Banta](#)**
- **Vice President – [Clay Adams](#)**
- **Treasurer – [Deb Stricklin](#)**
- **Secretary – [Ramona Price](#)**

As you can tell, we
need more volunteers.

Directors:

- **Scheduling Director – [Duane Wardle](#)**
- **Game Report Director – (Melissa Phillips)**
- **Communications Liaison – [Melissa Phillips](#)**
- **Referee & Officials Director – OPEN**
- **Tournament Director – OPEN**
- **Ethics/Risk Management Director – [Carol Banta](#)**
- **Board Member – Clay Adams**

INTRODUCTION

- Welcome!
- The WCSSF is here to assist **YOU** whenever we can.
- Our website (www.wcssf.org) has a lot of helpful information.
- However, your first point of contact should be your club.

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

- IIU

- 7v7

- Goalkeeper cannot punt, drop-kicks

- Headers are NOT allowed

- Some clubs will use one referee, while another may use three referees

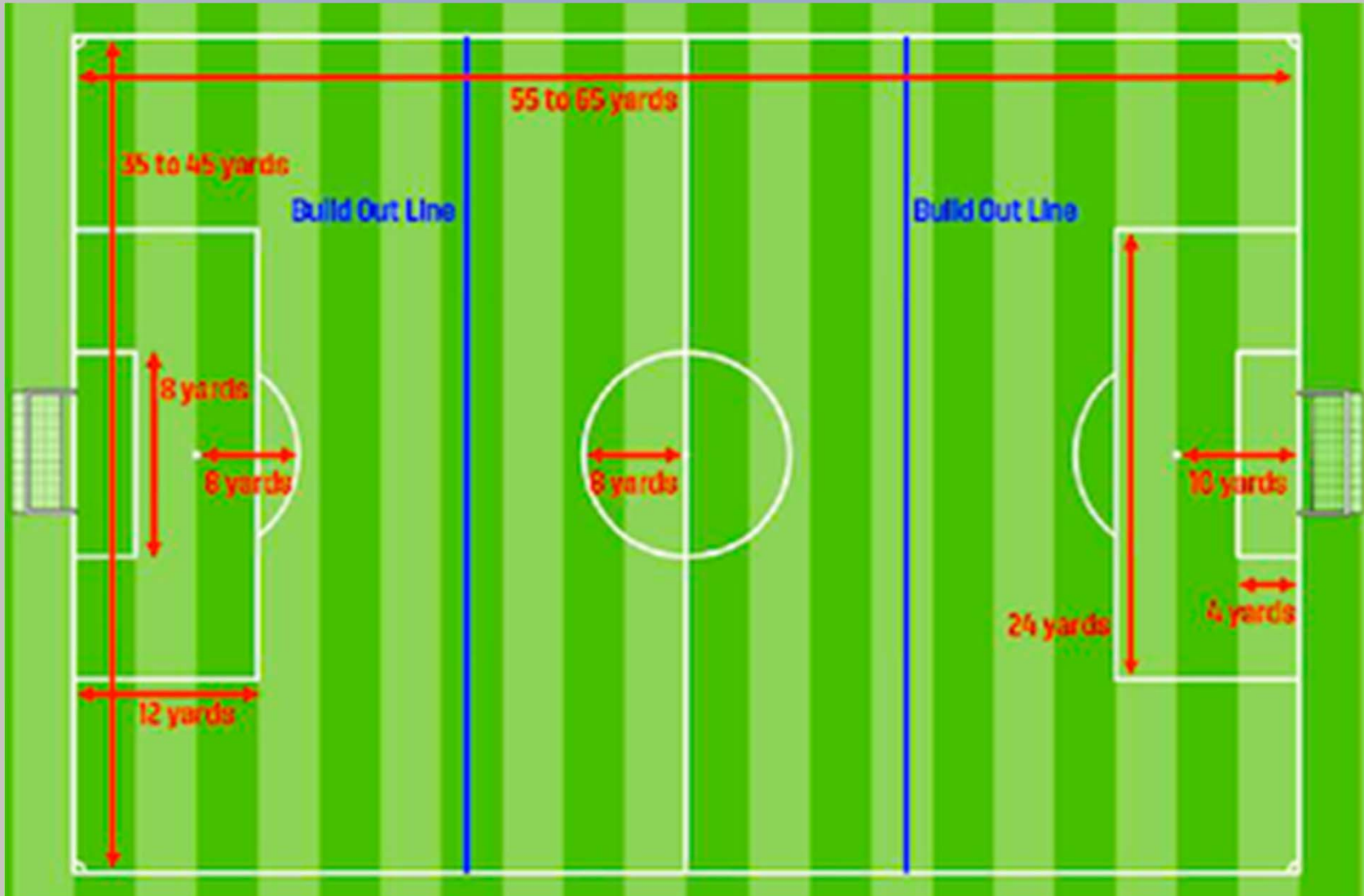
- Build-out Lines: The defense must move back beyond this line once the goalie gets possession. This goes for both goal kicks and when the goalie stops the ball during play (and has to roll/throw it).

- If there is no build-out line, use the midline

- Offside: player must be between the build-out line & attacking goal

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

- IIU



Full division rules available on our website.

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

- 13U
 - 9v9
 - Headers are NOT allowed
- 19U/HS Fall Season only
 - 7v7
 - Goalkeeper cannot punt, drop-kicks. If goalie handles ball, must release with hands.
 - Goal Kicks cannot travel past the midfield line in the air. The ball can roll past the halfway line after touching the ground on the team's half of the field.

Full division rules available on our website.

VIDEO 2

SCHEDULES, CANCELLATIONS, & RESCHEDULES
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CANCELLATIONS/RESCHEDULES

- The Schedules are final and have been posted in GotSoccer. You can access your schedule either from our website or from your team account.
- Please follow your club's procedure for cancelling games.
- If your game is cancelled due to weather/field conditions, please contact the coach of the opposing team and inform him/her directly; then contact your players/families.
- Also, send a quick email informing the WCSSF of the cancellation (wcssfsoccer@gmail.com).
- As soon as possible, send an email, text or call the opposing coach with possible reschedule dates. When a date is agreed upon, the home team needs to put the "official" request into GotSoccer; and the away team needs to approve it. Once both teams approve the reschedule, the WCSSF will confirm it in GotSoccer.
- Don't know how to put it in GotSoccer? Instructions on our website. 😊

Full instructions available on our website!

PLAYER PASSES

- A player pass is issued by Indiana Soccer for each player, coach, assistant coach and team manager registered on a team.
- The player pass **MUST** have a picture of the player. If the picture is added on, the player pass **MUST** be laminated.
- The player pass **MUST** be signed either by Indiana Soccer or your club's State Registrar.
- Player passes must be in order by the **FIRST** game of the season.
- **ALL** adults helping on the team as a coach, assistant coach or team manager **MUST** also have a players pass. In order to have a player pass, the adult must complete a background check.
- **ANY** adult on the player's side of the field **MUST** have a players pass.

SELECT PASS

- Select Pass simply allows teams that are short on players the opportunity to draw players from another team within the same club.
- The purpose is not to stack or strengthen a team but rather to allow a team that will be shorthanded on a given day/game to have a few additional players.
- Who **CAN** you use?
 - Players currently rostered on another WCSSF “Select Soccer” team within your club and is in good standing.
 - Players **MUST** meet the age requirement for your division. (i.e.- a 13U player may participate on a 15U team; but a 12U players **CANNOT** participate on a 15U team) There is an age chart on our website.
 - Players for which you have an official player pass. Xeroxed copies of the player pass are **NOT** allowed. (FYI: Please place the player on the Game Card via GotSoccer before the game or simply write in the player’s name on the Game Card before giving it to the referee.)
 - You may only add players, if the total number of players present does not exceed the limit allowed: 11 players for 11U, 13 players for 13U; 15 players for 15U division; or a total of 11 players for 19U/HS Fall division. (These limits give a team at least 4 substitutes.)

SELECT PASS

- Who can you **NOT** use?
 - Players that are listed as “secondary” players on another team.
 - Previous players from a team NOT currently registered within the WCSSF’s current soccer season
 - A person NOT currently registered on any team.
 - Players that do not have an official player pass on hand.
 - Players that do not meet the age requirement according to the “Acceptable Age Chart”
 - You cannot add players if the total number of players present at the game exceed the limit allowed: 11 players for 11U, 13 players for 13U; 15 players for 15U division; or a total of 11 players for 19U/HS Fall division. (These limits give a team 4 substitutes.)

SELECT PASS

Just some FYI's!

- A Select Pass system is not designed to take the place of one of the team's rostered players. What happens if you start a game with a "Select Pass" player; but a rostered player shows up? Well, the team's rostered player should be given top priority regardless of the skill of the players involved, the score of the game, etc.
- For the season ending tournaments, the Select Passes cannot be used by any team.
- Add the "Select Pass" player to the game card.

VIDEO 3

SPORTSMANSHIP, REFEREES & PLAYING WITH INTEGRITY

SPORTSMANSHIP

- It is the goal of the WCSSF to be the governing body for a safe and pleasant environment for all players, coaches, officials and parents.
- Therefore the **WCSSF will not tolerate inappropriate behavior. The WCSSF has high standards for the conduct of its coaches, who MUST be the standard bearers of good sportsmanship, conduct and ethical behavior at all times.**
- Good Sportsmanship begins with the coach. The coach is responsible for his/her own behavior as well as the behavior of the players and the parents/spectators.
- Respect towards game officials, opponents, and players is absolutely required, and must be demonstrated at all times.
- Don't be overly sensitive and give the other team the benefit of the doubt. (i.e.- *Who's playing like a girl?*)

SPORTSMANSHIP

Take time **before** the first game to talk to your team and your parents about sportsmanship.

- Inform them what will not be accepted.
- Inform them what you expect when you win and when you lose.
- Inform them the avenues that they can take if they see a problem on the field.
- Inform them of the consequences of improper behavior.

Things that are **NEVER** acceptable:

- Swearing/bad language
- Encouragement of fouls/pushing
- Parents addressing the referees during or after a game
- Coaches yelling at referees during or after a game
- Parents confronting opposing team's players
- Sexual misconduct
- Punching, Hitting, Etc.
- Name Calling
- Teasing/Bullying

SPORTSMANSHIP & REFEREES

- *Please treat them with respect.*
- *Quite a number of our referees are young and/or inexperienced.*
- *Referees will make mistakes!*
- *Do not complain about the calls in front of the players and/or parents*
- *Ignore the referees and concentrate on your players.*
- **Myths:**
 - Referees are getting paid to make sure the home team wins.*
 - Referees want the home team to win.*
 - Referees want to make calls in favor of home team.*
 - Referees are out to get particular coaches and/or players.*

FYI: SHORTAGE OF REFEREES DUE TO COACH / PLAYER / PARENT BEHAVIOR

SPORTSMANSHIP & REFEREES

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!

If the referee dismisses a team official from a game either verbally or with a red card, that team official has an automatic two-game suspension. The two-game suspension begins with the very next game. During the suspension, the WCSSF will evaluate the dismissal to see if additional disciplinary action is warranted. If the team official is rostered or helps on two teams, the team official is not allowed to attend any game within the WCSSF from either team until the two-game suspension from the one team is complete.)

When a team official is dismissed from the game, he/she must leave the general vicinity. This means in most cases going to the car in parking lot and NOT returning to the field.

PLAYING WITH INTEGRITY

- The main objectives of the Select Soccer program are to have fun and to help every child develop as a soccer player. If one team is greatly superior to the other in any match, these objectives are often lost.
- When a team play a “less skilled” team and pulls ahead, the coach should slow down the scoring, and work on other skills with the team (see “Ways to Change the Attack”).
- It is important for coaches to guard the dignity and integrity of the other team as you **WIN with INTEGRITY!**

PLAYING WITH INTEGRITY

How to **WIN** with **INTEGRITY**?

- First and foremost, make a plan **BEFOREHAND!** Even discuss it with your team.
- Coaches should NOT allow their team to score excessive points.
- Coaches nor players should yell out “Don’t score!” Pull players off the field and explain the situation.
- Move players around to different positions.
- Limit the number of goals an individual player can score.
- Have the players work on other skills during the game:
 - ✓ Players can only score with their “opposite” foot.
 - ✓ Players may only attempt to score after 5 players in a row have touched the ball
 - ✓ Players may only attempt to score by heading the ball (15U & 19U/HS divisions only)
 - ✓ Players may only attempt to score outside the penalty box.
 - ✓ Players may only attempt to score if the ball is crossed from one side to the other.
- If all else fails, you can have your team shoot at a target behind and way off to the sides of the goal in order to still maintain the forward drive of the play while maintaining formation, support, and full normal team set up. Only use this one with select players during a game and not on the whole team.
- Be sensitive.

PLAYING WITH INTEGRITY

How to **LOSE** with **INTEGRITY**?

- First and foremost, remember that how your team feels about losing depends on how **YOU** handle the loss of a game.
- During the game do **NOT** complain about the score or suggest that the other team quit scoring.
- In front of your players/parents, do **NOT** blame the referees for your team's loss.
- In front of your players/parents, do **NOT** blame your team's loss on the sportsmanship of the other team.
- Notice when your players may be getting frustrated and be willing to move players around to different positions.
- Continue to point out the successes & encourage your players.
- Control **YOUR** temper and do not yell out insults or sarcastic remarks.
- It is helpful to make goals for your team's games, and judge your team's success on those goals.

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GAME REPORTS
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GAME REPORTS

- Should be done as soon as possible. (See website for instructions.)
- Last season we reviewed 1092 game reports from coaches as well as referees in addition to over 4,000 emails. Whew!
- We do not always respond, however each report is reviewed, and handled.
- Be specific: be both critical and constructive.
- The WCSSF loves to hear about the good things, too.
- Your club should be notified immediately of any serious violations. Then either you or your club should notify the WCSSF by sending an email to either WCSSFGameReviewer@gmail.com or WCSSFSoccer@gmail.com for immediate action. **HOWEVER, make sure you include details of the incident in your game report.**

WHAT TO DO? WHAT TO DO?

- What should you do if you show up at a game and you don't see any referees?
- What should you do if you show up at a game and the opposing team does not show, and it's 10 minutes before game time?
- What do you do if the opposing team does not have a full team?
- How long do you need to wait for the referees or opposing team to show?
- What do you do if the other team wants to wait to start the game until a particular player arrives?
- What should you do if you feel the field is unsafe to play on?
- What should you do if you think the opposing team has an "illegal" player?
- If you decide to play a game, the WCSSF will NOT change it to a forfeit.

ALWAYS BE PROACTIVE!

For those viewing this file online, check out the coaches' manual for the answers.

WCSSF FYI'S & FINAL ADVICE

- Take a breath! Relax! Breathe! Remember, it's only a game.
- Only 3 adults are allowed on the player's side of the field. All of those adults **MUST** have an approved player pass.
- In addition to the 3 adults, **ONLY** players are allowed on the player's side of the field. All other children, parents, spectators, etc., need to be on the spectator's side of the field.
- Players may **ONLY** participate if they have a player pass.
- Substitutes: exchange pinnies as they go on and off the field
- Home team pays the referees; provides 3 game balls; and needs to change shirts or wear pinnies if both teams match in color.
- Bring to each game a game card and a copy of the rules.
- **Check email OFTEN!**
- Give others the benefit of the doubt and try to see things from other's perspective!

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS!?!

Email us at wcssfsoccer@gmail.com