

2023 Division Rules County West Soccer Association

4U Division: Six (6) players on the field for each team. No goalkeeper. Three ten-minute (3 x 10) periods will be played with five-minute breaks. Coaches are allowed on the field **until the last two games of the season.** No offside. Slide tackling and heading are prohibited.

6U Division: Six (6) players on the field for each team. No goalkeeper. Two fifteen-minute (2 x 15) halves will be played with five-minute breaks. Coaches are allowed on the field **until the last two games of the season.** No offside. Slide tackling and heading are prohibited.

8U Division: Eight (8) players on the field for each team including a goalkeeper. Two twenty minute (2 x 20) halves will be played with five-minute breaks. Coaches are allowed on the field for the first **week only.** No offside. Coaches are encouraged to introduce the concept of offside play **during practice.** Slide tackling and heading are prohibited.

10U Division: Nine (9) players on the field per team including a goalkeeper. Two twenty-five-minute (2 x 25) halves will be played with a five-minute break. Slide tackling and heading are prohibited. Sideline substitution will be allowed during a team's own throw-in or if the other team has a throw-in and is substituting, or on goal-kick and after a goal is scored. No substitutions on corner kicks. Substitute players must be waiting at the centerline at the stoppage of play in order to be substituted. If play is stopped for an injured player, the injured player may leave the field and be substituted for at that time. The injured player may not return until the next stoppage of play, with the referee's permission. Offside is played but only between the build-out line and the goal line. A build out line is used in this division to promote playing the ball out of the back in an unpressured setting. When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play (from the opponent) or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line. After the ball is put into play, the opposing team can then cross the build out line and play can resume. Punting the ball is not permitted as this would defeat the purpose of the build out line. Coaches shall mix the squads from week to week so that players can play with all teammates.

12U Division: Eleven (11) players on the field per team including a goalkeeper. Two thirty-minute (2 x 30) halves will be played with a five-minute break. Slide tackling and heading are prohibited. Offside is played. Sideline substitution will be allowed during a team's own throw-in or if the other team has a throw-in and is substituting, or on goal kicks and after a goal is scored. No substitutions on corner kicks. Substitute players must be waiting at the centerline at the stoppage of play in order to be substituted. If play is stopped for an injured player the injured player may leave the field and be substituted for at that time. The injured player may not return until the next stoppage of play, with the referee's permission. Coaches shall mix the squads from week to week so that players can play with all teammates.

15U Division: Eleven (11) players on the field per team including a goalkeeper. Two thirty-five-minute (2 x 35) periods will be played with 5 minutes between halves. Slide tackling is allowed, however tackling from behind will result in immediate expulsion (red carded) from the game. Heading is allowed. Offside is played. Sideline substitution will be allowed during a team's own throw-in or if the other team has a throw-in and is substituting, or on goal-kick and after a goal is scored. No substitutions on corner kicks. Substitute players must be waiting at the centerline at the stoppage of play in order to be substituted. If play is stopped for an injured player, the injured player may leave the field and be substituted for at that time. The injured player may not return until the next stoppage of play, with the referee's permission. Coaches shall mix the squads from week to week so that players can play with all teammates.