

2025 Division Rules County West Soccer Association

U-4 and U-6 Division: Six (6) players on the field for each team. **No goalkeeper.** Two 10 minute halves will be played with a five minute halftime. Depending on weather conditions the two halves could be split to 5 minute periods equaling 4 with 2-3 minute breaks between periods. Coaches are allowed on the field **until the last two games of the season for U4 and are not allowed on the U^ field after the first game.** Parents are **not allowed on the field unless a player is injured and needs to be assisted off the field.** **No offside. Slide tackling and heading are prohibited.**

U-8 Division: Eight (8) players on the field for each team. **With goalkeeper.** Two 15 minute halves will be played with five-minute halftime. Coaches are not allowed on the field unless there is an injured player. **Offsides is not strictly enforced but refs will warn players they are offside and goals resulted from an offside play are disallowed.** Coaches are expected to introduce the concept of offside play during practice. If a coach needs assistance with offside instruction please don't hesitate to ask a board member for help. **Slide tackling and heading are prohibited..** Guest players can be used in the event of player shortage. Guest players are to only be used as subs. Players can not play in a division lower than their current age division. Only Lateral or moving up is allowed. **Keepers can dropkick the ball off of two bounces only.**

U-10 Division: Nine (9) players on the field per team including a goalkeeper. Two twenty-five-minute (2 x 25) periods will be played with 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. **Keepers can dropkick off of a bounce only. Offsides is strictly enforced.**

U-12 Division: Eleven (11) players on the field per team including a goalkeeper. Two thirty-minute (2 x 30) halves will be played with five-minute break. **Slide tackling and heading are prohibited. Offside is strictly enforced.** 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 corners 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.

U-15 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 card) from the game. Heading is allowed. Offside is strictly enforced.** 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. We have eliminated the slaughter rule and have adopted the IHSA mercy rule.