

## WASA U12 Division Guidelines

<b>Number of Players (On the Field)</b>	<p>Coed: 11, (10 plus the goal keeper)          Girls: 9, (8 plus the goal keeper) The <b>Girls</b> number may vary in some seasons based on the number of players and the number of coach volunteers.</p> <p>Before any player may play an entire game, all other players on the team must play at least <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> of the game.</p>
<b>Mercy Rule For ALL U12 Divisions</b>	<p>If a team falls behind by 3 goals, an extra player may be added to the field.          If the lead is reduced to two goals, the extra player must come off the field.</p>
<b>Match Length</b>	25 minute halves. The game clock does not stop.
<b>Substitutions</b>	<p>Substitutes must be at the mid-field line waiting for referee permission to enter.</p> <p>Open substitution for either team (with referee permission) anytime play is stopped for a ball that is off the field... also at half-time, or for an injury.</p>
<b>Ball Size</b>	Size 4
<b>Field Size</b>	<p>Coed: Large - sizes vary by location          Girls: Medium - sizes vary by location</p>
<b>Coaches</b>	<p>Coaching is from the team side only, between the penalty area and the mid-field line. Coaches are NOT permitted on the field unless they are summoned by the referee.</p> <p><i>Coaching is not permitted from the spectator side or from behind the goals!!!</i></p>
<b>Slide Tackling</b>	<p>Slide tackling <i>is</i> permitted. However, the tackle must initiate from within field of vision of the player with the ball, never from behind.</p> <p>Slide tackling from behind is penalized with a direct free kick.          If a slide tackle from behind occurs in the penalty area, a PK is awarded.</p> <p>Repeated offense may result in a yellow card caution or red card dismissal.</p>
<b>Heading the Ball</b>	Heading the ball is permitted. Practices <b>MUST NOT</b> include heading drills that require players to repeatedly head the ball for several minutes.
<b>Off Side</b>	Off side is enforced.
<b>Throw-ins</b>	For improper throw-ins, the referee will turn the ball over to the other team.
<b>Tournament</b>	Competitive Tournament. Coed and Girls are both in the spring. Tournament format determined by the league coordinator.
<b>Trophies</b>	Participation awards for all players not receiving 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> place tournament trophies.