

WASA U8 Division Guidelines

Number of Players (On the field)	<p>6 or 7 players (5 or 6 plus the goal keeper).</p> <p>Before the season starts the coordinator will determine the exact number for that season based on the number of players and the number of coach volunteers. The number on the field may not be greater than 7 (6 plus the keeper).</p> <p>Before any player may play an entire game, all other players on the team must play at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the game.</p>
Mercy Rule	<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> <p>If the lead increases to 5 goals another extra player may be added. If the lead is reduced to four goals, one of the extra players must come off the field.</p>
Match Length	20-minute halves. The game clock does not stop.
Substitutions	<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>
Ball Size	Size 3
Field Size	60x40 - sizes may vary slightly by location.
Coaches	<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>
Slide Tackling	<p>Slide tackling is not permitted. Players should stay on their feet. Slide tackling is penalized with an indirect free kick. 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. Repeated offense may result in a yellow card caution.</p>
Heading the Ball	<p>Heading is not permitted. Players should trap the ball and then play it with their feet. Heading is penalized with an indirect free kick.</p>
Off Sides	Off side is enforced.
Throw-ins	For improper throw-ins, the referee may give players a second chance, but is not required to do so.
Goal Kicks	<p>Opponents are required to be on their own end of the field until the ball is in play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves.</p>
Tournaments	Festival... No scores or standings are kept. The festival format is determined by the league coordinator.
Trophies	Participation trophies are awarded to all players.