Washington Area Girls Soccer League

League Rules – Spring 2016

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A. GENERAL

1. FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply except as amended herein.

2. Lack of knowledge of these WAGS Rules will not relieve any Coach, Team Official, Parent or Player of a team participating in WAGS, or seeking entry into WAGS, from the responsibilities and possible penalties herein. **ALL CLUBS, TEAM OFFICIALS, PARENTS AND PLAYERS, BY PARTICIPATING IN WAGS PLAY, AGREE THAT THEY ARE BOUND BY THESE RULES.**

3. The USYS Seasonal Year runs from September 1 through August 31 of the following calendar year and shall be comprised of two (2) WAGS seasons of play, Fall and Spring.

4. The Fall WAGS season of play commences with the first league game of the season and terminates with the completion of the last WAGS league game. The Spring WAGS season of play commences with the first league game of the season and terminates with the completion of the last spring game or play-off game.

5. The USYS Registration Pass is for the seasonal year, September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.

B. AFFILIATION

WAGS shall be affiliated with the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) and the Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) or their successor organization with respect to United States Youth Soccer (USYS).

C. CLUB ENTRY AND OBLIGATIONS

1. Entry of a new Club into WAGS must be approved by the Club Representatives. New Clubs must submit the official "WAGS New Club Entry Form" which will include but not be limited to the following information: Club name, officers, geographic information, history of the Club and the teams to entered and referee availability. In addition, the Club must provide written proof of field availability (fields must be of appropriate size and the necessary amount to support the number of teams entered).

a. Entry forms must be received at the WAGS office by November 1st or April 1st for review by the New Club Entry Committee and WAGS Club Representative action at the January Club Representative meeting, or by April 1st for review by the New Club Entry Committee and WAGS Club Representative action at the June Club Representative meeting, with the actual meeting dates to be set by the WAGS President. If a club is denied entry at either meeting, it must wait a year before re-applying to the league.

b. Once entry of the Club is approved, the Club will serve a one-year probationary period. Clubs may enter teams, during the probationary period, as they would during normal membership.

   a. Once entry of the Club is approved, they may enter teams.

   b. Any club not providing sufficient fields (1 non lighted - field for every 4 WAGS/NCSL teams - 1 lighted field for every 6 WAGS/NCSL team) will not be permitted to enter any new teams. One field is defined as six/seven (6-7) game slots. One non–lighted field is defined as five game slots. (One lighted field is defined as 6 game slots.)

2. A Club should make a genuine effort to see that the fields and goals are in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game. Any field and corresponding goals accepted and scheduled by the League is, by definition, acceptable equipment. **NEITHER FIELD SIZE NOR GOAL SIZE WILL BE A MATTER FOR PROTEST.**

   Any Club in good standing with the League, which at the start of the WAGS Season, does not have any team entered for League play, on any WAGS Sit-Out List will be placed on an Inactive Status. While on Inactive Status, the Member Club may enter teams for League play, put a team on a Sit-Out List in accordance with all other WAGS Rules and be removed from Inactive Status. Any Member Club which is placed on Inactive Status at the beginning of the Spring Season of play and is still on Inactive Status at the beginning of the following Spring Season of play will be expelled from the League. Any Club which is placed on Inactive Status at the beginning of the Fall Season of play and is still on Inactive Status at the beginning of the following Fall Season of play will be expelled from the League. Each club so expelled must apply for entry as a new club in accordance with WAGS Rules.

Each Inactive Member Club shall pay a non-refundable fee of $50.00 per season to the League. Failure to pay this fee will result in expulsion from the League.

D. REGISTRATION

1. Administration

a. The WAGS President shall designate a Registrar(s) each season of WAGS play for each member club.

b. Each member **Club Representative** shall be responsible for registering participating teams and for obtaining the USYS Registration Forms from their designated WAGS Registrar.

c. A WAGS team may only go to its designated WAGS Registrar for any transactions (add, previously rostered players, releases, travel, team officials, etc.). If the designated Registrar is not available, the team may go to any other WAGS designated Registrar within its state or may, in extreme cases, the team may obtain permission to go to the appropriate State Registrar. Failure to comply with this rule will result in your team being ineligible for League Play.

2. Team Rosters

a. The Official State Association Team Roster or a WAGS Provisional Roster shall be used for WAGS play. The Roster shall be submitted, to the designated Registrar, with an original and one (1) copy for all teams. See your Registration Manual for requirements of proof of birth. **Every team must designate at least three (3) participating adults to assume responsibility for the team.**

b. A MSYSA WAGS Roster may not contain more than five (5) multiple-rostered (secondary) players. WAGS only allows five (5) previously rostered players. Previously rostered players are either a transfer or a multiple-rostered (secondary) player.

c. All WAGS Rosters MUST include valid jersey numbers on the roster prior to the beginning of each season. Any player listed on the roster without a valid jersey number is ineligible for play until properly rostered.

d. All team playing in WAGS must designate WAGSL as their Primary league on their roster.

3. Player Eligibility and Team Composition

a. The game day roster (WAGS Game Report Card) shall have a maximum of the following.

1. For U-14 and older teams, the roster may have up to twenty-two (22) youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. The game day roster (WAGS Game Report Card) shall have a maximum of eighteen (18) players. The maximum included up to five (5) guest players using the club pass as provided under Section D.3.g. An asterisk (*) must be placed next to the guest players as well as the league, team, age group, and division that the player is carded on the Game Report Card.

2. For U-13 the team rosters shall not have more than eighteen (18) youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. The game day roster (WAGS Game Report Card) shall have a maximum of eighteen (18) players. The maximum included up to five (5) guest players using the club pass as provided under Section D.3.g. An asterisk (*) must be placed next to the guest players as well as the league, team, age group, and division that the player is carded on the Game Report Card.

3. For U-12 a maximum of fourteen (14) eligible players may be listed on a roster at any one time. The maximum includes up to three (3) guest players using the club pass as provided under Section D.3.g An asterisk (*) must be placed next to the guest players, as well as the league, team, age group, and division that player is carded

4. For U-11 a maximum of fourteen (14) eligible players may be listed on a roster at any one time. The maximum includes unlimited guest players using the club pass as provided under Section D.3.g. An asterisk (*) must be placed next to the guest players, as well as the league, team, age group, and division that player is carded on the Game Report Card.

5. For U-9 and U-10, a maximum of twelve (12) eligible players may be listed on a roster at one time. The maximum includes unlimited guest players using the club pass as provided under Section D.3.g. An asterisk (*) must be placed next to the guest players, as well as the league, team, age group, and division that player is carded on the Game Report Card.

b. Every team roster shall have a minimum of seven (7) players on the roster at all times.

c. An ineligible player is one who is in violation of any of the provisions of sections D or E of these rules or has been otherwise suspended by action of the R&D Committee

d. A team official is any non-participating person whose name appears on the official State Roster or in League records.

e. Any player in WAGS must have a valid and current USYS Player Pass.

f. Club MAY be required to provide, along with the required WAGS Membership and Fees Forms, a copy of their Official State Association roster denoting returning players. If a roster is not submitted, said team(s) MAY be considered a new team.

g. Club Pass System – Carded players are permitted to guest play on any teams within their club for which they are aged-qualified. The main objective of the club pass system is to allow coaches to move players freely within their own club based on specific team needs and in the interest of player development. It is not intended for the use of players in a game solely for the purpose of collecting results. Players using club passes ae considered guest players and can play for only one WAGS team per day. Players are permitted to guest play on any WAGS team within their club for which they are age-qualified. Players must have a current USYS pass (travel or recreation) and must be a member of the club that the team belongs to. A player in a younger age group, irrespective of division, may play up on any older team, irrespective of division. Playing up may only occur in the following manner: U09 to U10, U10 to U11, U11 to U12, U12 to U13, U13 to U14m U14 to U19. A guest player from a current WAGS team who receives a red-card may not use a club pass until the sit-out is completed with the team to which she is officially rostered and to games she was otherwise eligible to play. Any teams found in violation of any component of the club pass rule will forfeit the game in which the improper use of a guest player occurred. The Board also reserves the right to review game results in which guest players were used during division structure.

4. A. U-9 and U-10 Player Development

1. The U-9 and U-10 age group will play 7v7.

2. No seeding, scores, or standings will be published until the U-12 seasonal year**.**

B. U-11 and U-12 Player Development

1. The U-11 and U-12 age group will play 8v8.

2. No seeding, scores, or standings will be published until the U-12 seasonal year.

C. U-13 through U-19 Structure

1. U-13 through U-19 will play 11v11

2. Seeding, scores, and standings will be published

D. Club Pass Procedure

There will be no separate club pass issued. All guest players will provide their current USYS or MSYSA Secondary player pass to the hosting team on game day. Guest player's name must be included on Game Report Card submitted to the referee. An asterisk (*) must be placed next to the guest players, as well as the league, team, age group, and division that player is carded must be included on the Game Report Card.

5. Transfers and Adds

a. All additions of USYS registered players MSYSA or VYSA Official State Rosters at any time during the year are deemed transfers.

b. A team may add up to five (5) transferred players during a USYS seasonal year.

c. Completed MSYSA or VYSA Player/Team Status Forms must be approved by the designated Registrar before the player will be eligible to play, in any game, for the gaining team.

d. Any appeal by the losing team shall be referred to the WAGS President for action. If the transfer appeal is upheld, WAGS, MSYSA, or VYSA sanctions apply.

e. **A player may be listed as an eligible player on only one Official State Roster for WAGS league play** and, if listed on a roster at the beginning of league play, may not transfer to any other WAGS team for league play during that WAGS season. **However, if a player has been officially voluntarily or involuntarily released from an Official State Roster prior to the beginning of league play and this voluntary or involuntary release has been signed and dated by the designated Registrar on the Player/Team Status Form and the Official State Roster, then that player may transfer to another WAGS team during that season.**

f. Both Maryland and Virginia teams will use the on-line registration process.

g. If a team disbands, the coach of that team must turn in the Official State Roster and USYS Player Passes to the designated Registrar. Notification must also be given to the WAGS President. **Players of a disbanded team are USYS registered players and those that wish to play with another team are considered to be <u>TRANSFERS</u> and should be performed in accordance with the rules set forth in the WAGS Registration Manual**. If a team disbands

during the WAGS season, any player may then transfer after all paper work is turned into the appropriate Registrar.

6. Disbanded Teams

If your team disbands during the course of a seasonal year, you must **first** notify the League President **and second** turn in your original Official State Roster and USYSA Player Passes to your designated Registrar. Under no circumstances are you to give the team players their player passes. They must be turned in to the Registrar for safekeeping.

7. WAGS Provisional Roster

a. A WAGS Provisional Roster may be used by a member club wishing to form a **TEMPORARY** team due to: (1) high school play, or (2) other extenuating circumstances.

b. Procedure for approval for a WAGS Provisional Team:

1. The Club Representative must contact the WAGS President requesting permission to use a WAGS Provisional Roster.

2. The WAGS President will send the appropriate Request Form to the Club Representative.

3. The completed Request Form will be returned by the Club Representative to the WAGS President for approval. The deadline for submission of the Request Form will correspond with the date of the Fee Forms as stated on the WAGS Calendar.

4. Upon approval, the WAGS President will forward the WAGS Provisional Roster to the Coach.

5. The Coach will take the completed Provisional Roster and two (2) copies, along with completed USYS Player Passes, to the designated Registrar.

c. **The WAGS Provisional Roster is for WAGS League play ONLY!!** All players on a Provisional Roster must have a USYS Player Pass. There shall be a maximum of twenty-two (22) players for U-14/U-19 age groups with no deletions to the Roster. **No changes to the WAGS Provisional Roster are permitted after the season begins.**

8. Teams Transferring Clubs

A club may petition the WAGS Board of Directors to add an additional EXISTING WAGS team to their club. Procedures for transferring clubs are as follows.

1. A letter from the current club stating that the team is leaving in good standing or stating specific financial and/or disciplinary issues with the team either at the club or league level.

2. A letter/email from the gaining club stating that the team has been accepted by the gaining club; gaining club states that they will have sufficient fields (refer to WAGS Rule C.1.b.b) and if appropriate, referees

3. Team roster from the last league game of the most recent season.

4. Letter/statement signed by majority of families from roster in #3 expressing their intent and agreement to move team to the gaining club and be part of that team

It is the responsibility of the transferring team to obtain all above information and provide it to the WAGS office prior to consideration by the WAGS Board of Directors. All documents MUST be submitted to the WAGS Office five (5) business days prior to the field form submission due date.

"Any team PARTICIPATING in WAGS play, or being formed for WAGS play, ACTING THROUGH ITS COACHES, TEAM OFFICIALS, PARENTS AND PLAYERS, which ATTEMPTS TO INDUCE ANY PLAYER - listed on a valid team roster of another WAGS, VYSA, or MSYSA team - TO LEAVE HER TEAM SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE RECRUITED THAT PLAYER."

E. RECRUITMENT

1. Code of Conduct

a. Any team may conduct publicly announced open tryouts to acquire players. Any player, or parents or guardians acting in behalf of their child, may initiate direct contact with any WAGS team for the purpose of joining that team.

b. No coach, team official, players or parents of players within WAGS, regardless of any other team affiliation/association (including but not limited to WAGS Provisional Rosters, amateur leagues, High School Soccer and Olympic Development Programs) shall initiate any form of contact with a prospective player who is listed on the roster of a WAGS , VYSA, or MSYSA affiliated team with the intent of recruiting that player.

c. Invitations to players listed on valid rosters for play on WAGS Provisional Roster, out-of-league play, such as indoor, guest players for tournaments etc., must be initiated through that player's coach/team official.

d. If coaches, team officials, parents, or players do not abide by this Code of Conduct, the team shall be deemed to have recruited the player.

e. Code of Conduct violations must be reported to the R & D Director.

THE RECRUITMENT VOILATION FEE WILL BE RETURNED ONLY IF THE DECISION IS UPHELD

2. Recruitment Complaints

a. Complaints shall be submitted, in writing, by the coach, to the R&D Director within thirty (30) days of the attempted or actual alleged recruiting, following the procedures outlined on the WAGS "Recruitment Complaint Form". Submission of this form is required, along with a recruitment complaint fee of $200.00 (money order or certified check -CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED) for each subject of recruitment complaint, before any actions will be taken by the R & D Director and his/her Committee.

b. The R&D Director will determine the validity of the complaint based on a strict interpretation of Section E of the WAGS Rules. He/she will assemble the R&D Committee to hear a valid complaint.

c. Recruitment Sanctions

IF A COACH, TEAM OFFICIAL, PLAYER, OR PARENTS ACTING ON

BEHALF OF THE TEAM IS ACCUSED OF RECRUITMENT, THEN

IT IS THE COACH WHO IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE.

a**.** If the R&D Committee determines that the coach (see above) has recruited a player, the R&D Committee may suspend that coach for up to three (3) games for the first offense.

b. In the event the sanctioned coach is no longer associated with the team for which the sanction has been imposed, the coach shall serve the suspension for <u>any and all other teams</u> he/she is associated and shall serve that suspension in order of game sequence as established by the WAGS League Schedule.

c. Subsequent recruiting violations will result in **<u>AT LEAST</u>** a five (5) game suspension for each incident **<u>(all provisions in (b) above apply)</u>**.

F. AGE DIVISIONS

Under 19 Players born on or after August 1, 1996	**Under 14** Players born on or after August 1, 2001
Under 18 Players born on or after August 1, 1997	**Under 13** Players born on or after August 1, 2002
Under 17 Players born on or after August 1, 1998	**Under 12** Players born on or after August 1, 2003
Under 16 Players born on or after August 1, 1999	**Under 11** Players born on or after August 1, 2004
Under 15 Players born on or after August 1, 2000	**Under 10** Players born on or after August 1, 2005
	Under 9 Players born on or after August 1, 2006

U-9 Age Group

NO player shall be registered who was born on or after August 1, 2008. All WAGS U-9 teams may have no more than two (2) under-aged players listed on their Official State Roster. No guest players using the club pass under Section 3.g shall be born on or after August 1, 2008.

U-10 Age Group

NO player shall be registered who was born on or after August 1, 2007. All WAGS U-10 teams may have no more than two (2) under-aged players listed on their Official State Roster. No guest players using the club pass under Section 3.g shall be born on or after August 1, 2007.

U-11 Age Group

NO player shall be registered who was born on or after August 1, 2006. All WAGS U-11 teams must have a minimum of seven (7) players born August 1, 2004 through July 31, 2005 listed on their Official State Roster. No guest players using the club pass under Section 3.g shall be born on or after August 1, 2006.

U-12 Age Group

NO player shall be registered who was born on or after August 1, 2005. All WAGS U-12 teams must have a minimum of seven (7) players born August 1, 2003 through July 31, 2004 listed on their Official State Roster. No guest players using the club pass under Section 3.g shall be born on or after August 1, 2005.

G. DIVISION SIZE & STRUCTURE

The WAGS Board of Directors shall determine Division Structure

prior to each season with the goal of providing balanced

competition in each Division.

1. Division size

a. The U-9 through U-11 Age Group shall have no limits on the number of teams entered except for limitations placed on clubs by G.2. below.

2. A club may petition the WAGS Board of Directors to add an additional team provided that the club has sufficient fields as stated in WAGS Rule C.1.b.b.

3. U09 through U12 teams are expected to play both Seasons each seasonal year. U13 through U19 teams are permitted to sit out for either High School or Region I play, where qualified.

H. STANDINGS & AWARDS

1. A team's standings in its division will be determined by the number of points it receives based on its win/loss record during the season. Points will be awarded as follows:

   Three (3) points for a Win
   One (1) point for a Tie
   Zero (0) points for a Loss

2. In the case of a tie at the end of the regularly scheduled season, final standings will be determined on the basis of the following tie-breaker sequence:

   a. Head to Head*
   b. Most Wins
   c. Goal Differential (Max. 5 goals per match)
   d. Fewest goals allowed
   e. Fewest Red Cards
   f. Co-Champions/Co-Runners-Up

*If three (3) or more teams are tied then the team that earns the most game points in matches between the tied teams shall be the winner. If two (2) teams play each other more than once, the tie breaker will be normalized (point average per game).

3. At the end of the season, if a division is unable to complete its matches for whatever reason, final standings will be determined by points per game.

4. Individual awards shall be awarded to the First and Second place teams within each age group.

5. If a team withdraws from WAGS during the season of play, all scores and point records for or in connection with that team shall be nullified and all games played or scheduled to be played shall be recorded as a 0-3 loss for the opposing team.

6. If a team forfeits more than two (2) games during the WAGS season of play, that team will be considered to have withdrawn from the league.

I. GAME INFORMATION

1. General

HSD	Forty (40) minute halves	Size 5 Ball
U-19	Forty (40) minute halves	Size 5 Ball
U-17	Forty (40) minute halves	Size 5 Ball
U-16	Forty (40) minute halves	Size 5 Ball
U-15	Forty (40) minute halves	Size 5 Ball
U-14	Thirty-five (35) minute halves	Size 5 Ball
U-13	Thirty-five (35) minute halves	Size 5 Ball
U-12	Thirty-five (35) minute halves	Size 4 Ball
U-11	Thirty (30) minute halves	Size 4 Ball
U-10	Thirty (30) minute halves	Size 4 Ball
U-9	Thirty (30) minute halves	Size 4 Ball

There will be a five (5) minute half-time interval in all games

2. Substitution

Except as noted, substitutions shall be unlimited with the prior consent of the referee at the following times:

a. Prior to a throw-in when the ball is in possession of the team substituting. The opposing team may substitute as well if the team in possession is making a substitution.

b. Goal-kick - Either team;

c. After a goal has been scored and prior to the succeeding kick-off;

d. During the half-time interval;

e. Injury, If an injured is substituted, the opposing team may substitute one-for-one**;**

f. For a cautioned (Yellow Card) player at the time the caution is issued.

3. Official Roster and Coach/Team Official/Player Passes

Each team must have a current Official Roster, USYS Player Passes, or equivalent, and appropriate Coach/Team Official Passes at every game. The referee or assistant referee is required to check player passes against each player and roster. This requirement is not optional and a referee's refusal to check player's passes shall be immediately reported to the League following the game. The USYS Player Passes, or equivalent, Team Official Passes and the Official State Roster must remain at the field until the successful completion of the match.

Failure to produce the USYS Player Passes, Team Official Passes and the Official State Roster (or WAGS Provisional Roster) within the League's 15 minute grace period shall result in a forfeit. The score shall be recorded as a 0-3 loss for the forfeiting team.

4. Official Game Report Card

Prior to the beginning of each game, opposing coaches/team officials shall be responsible for completing the Official Game Report Card to be supplied by the home team. The Game Report card will be delivered to the referee prior to the kick-off. The Official Game Report Card must be signed by both the coach and the TSL (Team Sportsmanship Liaison). The Home Team is responsible for forwarding the Game Report Card to WAGS. Referees must include details of any action for which they awarded a Red or Yellow Card, or terminated or refused to start a match.

5. Center Referee No-Show

a. If the WAGS President (or designee) and/or Club Rep is notified that a center referee is not available for a match, every effort will be made by WAGS and both Club Reps to find a referee. If within three (3) hours of kickoff, a center referee still has not been located and the teams cannot mutually agree on an emergency referee{C} the WAGS President (or designee) may cancel and reschedule the game.

b. If an assigned center referee fails to appear within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, and the opposing coaches mutually agree to an emergency referee, the game shall be played and the results of the game shall be official (please denote on the Game Report Card the use of an emergency referee). If the opposing coaches are unable to agree on an emergency referee, the home team will notify the WAGS President no later than 7:00 p.m. of the same day.

c. In the U-9 and U-10 Age Groups, in the event the assigned referee fails to appear within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, the opposing coaches will mutually agree to an emergency referee. The game will be played in its entirety. The use of an emergency referee will be denoted on the Game Report Card. If the opposing coaches cannot mutually agree on an emergency referee, **the game will not be rescheduled**.

6. Cancellations and Rescheduling

a. The WAGS President is authorized to cancel an entire day's schedule due to field conditions. Whenever possible, Club Representatives and referees will be notified of cancellations, at least, two (2) hours prior to kick-off. The **Club Representatives are responsible for notifying their teams involved.**

b. For SATURDAY and SUNDAY games, a Club Representative may judge fields under their responsibility to be unplayable due to weather or other conditions. **If Club Representatives designate fields unplayable, it shall be their responsibility to** call **the WAGS President (or designee) AT LEAST two (2) hours prior to kick-off.** Club Representatives are responsible for notifying their coaches as well. The home team coaches must call their opponents.

c. For WEEKDAY games, the home team coach may judge the fields under their responsibility to be unplayable due to weather conditions. **If the home team coach declares the field unplayable, it shall be his/her responsibility to** call **the WAGS President (or designee)** and his/her opponent **at least three (3) hours prior to kick-off.** Failure to do so will result in an automatic forfeit.

d. Games with State Cup conflicts, High School Soccer game, ODP game conflicts, or President's Cup game conflicts that reduce the Team's roster to fewer than 11 in the U-12 age group and fewer than 13 in the U-13 through U-19 age groups may be rescheduled., It is the High School/Cup/ODP participant's responsibility to notify the WAGS President (or designee) *and* his/her opponent of the conflict within 48 hours of notification of the conflict. **Failure to do so will result in an automatic league forfeit. Failure may also result in a fine, equal to that of a complete game's fees to the offending team.**

In the case of a cancellation, **approved by the WAGS President**, due to High School Soccer games, State Cup, ODP game conflict, President's Cup game conflicts, or forfeiture, it is the responsibility of the coach of the team causing the cancellation/forfeit to notify their opponent **(AFTER NOTIFYING THE WAGS PRESIDENT)**. Failure to do so will result in an automatic forfeit. Failure may also result in a fine equal to that of a complete game's fees, to the offending team.

J. TEAM OBLIGATIONS

1. The home team coach/team official is responsible for contacting the opposing coach/team official at least 72 hours prior to the game to verify location, time, and uniform color.

2. If there is a color conflict in the uniform, the home team, **PRIOR TO THE GAME**, shall be responsible for resolving this conflict.

3. Player uniform shirts (except that of the goalkeeper) must clearly display a unique player number **which corresponds to the player number for that player as shown on the Official State Roster (or WAGS Provisional Roster).** The player number on the uniform shirt must be

displayed on the shirt back and sized between six (6) inches and eight (8) inches high. A team's failure to comply with this rule may result in a forfeiture to the opposition by a score of 3-0.

4. In accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, shin guards will be MANDATORY equipment for all players in all WAGS games.

5. The home team is to provide the game ball, a PROPERLY LINED AND CUT FIELD, nets, corner flags, and lights (when required).

6. a. For purposes of these rules, prepared shall include: lines, cut, nets, corner flags in place, and lights (when required); and, playable shall mean: available and safe for game play in the judgement of the referee.

b. Violations due to a lapse in responsibility may result in game forfeiture or loss of the opportunity to host future home games.

c. If, on game day, a game is moved from the scheduled field to another field-with the agreement of both coaches and the referee-the home team for that game remains responsible for the preparation of the scheduled field or notification of the change to the coaches of the following games. Notification or agreement is not necessary to move the game from the assigned field to an available alternate field within walking distance.

d. For extenuating circumstances not involving a lapse in responsibility on the part of the home team or club, the R&D Director, in consultation with WAGS President, may waive penalties.

7. Sidelines – All Age Groups

a. Competing teams, with their CARDED coaches and CARDED team officials (maximum four (4) per team), shall take the same side of the pitch, each on either side of the midfield line. No uncarded individual may be on this side of the pitch. Any team in willful violation of this rule may be subject to disciplinary action.

b. Spectators for both teams shall take the opposite side of the pitch. The game officials will be responsible for enforcing these rules. The team's TSL MUST take the same side of the pitch as the spectators.

c. All coaches, sidelined players, team officials, and spectators, (including photographers and videographers) must stay clear of the touch line between the corner and the 18-yard extension of the penalty box, and clear of the goal line.

d. All coaches and team officials will be restricted from the 18-yard line to their side of the midfield line.

e. **THE REFEREE OR LINESMEN MAY, AT ANY TIME, RESTRICT THE SIDELINE MOVEMENT OF COACHES, TEAM OFFICIALS, PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS.**

8. When at all possible, a chalk line should be placed three (3) to five (5) yards behind the touch line to keep coaches, spectators and sidelined players back from the field and out of linesman's

way. **ALL COACHES, SPECTATORS AND SIDELINED PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO OBEY THIS CHALK LINE.**

K. FORFEITS

1. If a team cannot field a minimum of seven (7) players within (15) minutes after the scheduled kick-off time, that team will forfeit the game. The game will be entered in the standings as a 0-3 loss for the forfeiting team.

a. In the event that U-9 through U-12 teams cannot field a minimum of six (6) players within (15) minutes after the scheduled kick-off time, that team will forfeit the game. The game will be entered in the standings as a 0-3 loss for the forfeiting team.

2. In the event that neither team is able to field a minimum of seven (7) players, then the record will show a 0-3 loss for both teams.

a. In the event that neither U-9 through U-12 team is able to field a minimum of six (6) players, then record will show a 0-3 loss for both teams.

3. Any team found to be responsible for the referee abandoning a match will forfeit that game and the record will show a 0-3 loss for that team.

4. Failure to produce the USYS Player Passes, Team Officials Passes and Official State Roster (or WAGS Provisional Roster), within the league's fifteen (15) minute grace period, shall result in a forfeit. The score shall be recorded as a 0-3 loss for the forfeiting team.

5. Failure to report to the WAGS President (or designee) games in conflict with High School Soccer Games, ODP Games, State Cup Competition, or President's Cup game conflict, and/or weekday field closures will result in an automatic forfeit.

6. Failure to notify your opponent of game cancellation (State Cup, High School soccer or ODP game conflict, and/or weekday field closures) **AFTER NOTIFYING THE LEAGUE PRESIDENT (or designee)** will result in an automatic forfeiture. Failure may also result in fines equal to that of a complete game's fees to the offending team.

7. Failure to have uniform shirts clearly displaying a unique player number (except the goalkeeper) that corresponds to the player number for that player listed on the Official State Roster (or WAGS Provisional Roster) shall result in a forfeit if the R & D Committee finds that the uniform number discrepancy was intended to deceive, to avoid the consequences of disciplinary action, to permit an ineligible player to participate in the match, or to affect the match unfairly in some other way.

8. Failure of the home team to provide the game ball, a **PROPERLY LINED AND CUT FIELD**, nets, corner flags, and lights (when required), within the League's fifteen (15) minute grace period, may result in a forfeit. The score shall be recorded as a 0-3 loss for the forfeiting team.

9. If, on game day, a game is moved from the scheduled field to another field - and is agreed upon by both coaches - the home team for that game is responsible for the set up of that field and notifying his/her opponent of the change. Failure to do so will result in an automatic forfeit.

10. Failure of a coach/team official to remain out of sight, out of sound after being sent off or receiving a Red Card may result in a forfeit.

11. If the coach/team official receives a Red Card and is required to leave and there is no other USYSA carded adult able to supervise the team, the game will result in an automatic forfeit.

12. If a suspended coach/team official is within sight and sound or a player participates in the game (s) for which they were suspended, their team shall forfeit the game in question.

13. For extenuating circumstances, the R&D Director, in consultation with the WAGS President, may waive forfeiture.

14. **If a team forfeits more than two (2) league games during the WAGS season of play, that team will be considered to have withdrawn from the league. All League matches will be entered in the standings as a 0-3 loss for the withdrawn team.**

15. Any team not in compliance with WAGS Rule D.3, will forfeit that game. The game will be entered in the standings as a 0-3 loss for the forfeiting team.

The forfeiting team MUST notify, by phone and in writing (email), the League President and their opponent 24 hours prior to the scheduled game time. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the R & D Committee and may also result in a fine equal to that of a complete game's fees.

L. SCORE REPORTING

1. Each TEAM is responsible for entering the game results **by 10pm the day of the match.**

2. Failure to enter the score may result in the loss of home games.

M. GAME CONDUCT

ALL AGE GROUPS

COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS. IF A SPECTATOR'S CONDUCT RESULTS IN THE ISSUANCE OF A YELLOW CARD, RED CARD, OR EJECTION IT WILL BE CONSIDERED AS AWARDED TO THE COACH.

1. **PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, FOUL AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE, OR HARASSMENT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Such conduct will be reported by a carded official to the R&D Director even in situations where cards were not issued**.** Any incident of a player or coach issued a Red Card for physical violence, assault, or abuse directed against a referee or linesmen will be

subject to an automatic review by the WAGS Board of Directors. The use of noise making or amplifying devises is PROHIBITED. Carded team officials are prohibited from smoking on the sidelines during a scheduled WAGS game.

2. The referee(s) are in complete charge of the field and adjacent areas from the time they arrive at the game site until they depart. The referee(s) is empowered to:

   a. Rule on what equipment or accessories are considered dangerous;
   b. Issue Yellow or Red cards during that entire period;
   c. Terminate a game for coach, players, or spectator misconduct. The determination of the outcome of a terminated game shall be the responsibility of the R&D Director; in consultation with the WAGS President, under paragraph P.2 (b) through (d);
   d. Refuse to allow the game to be played if, in the referee's judgment, the field is unplayable due to length of grass, inadequate lines, or other impediments. Referees may depart the area certain of receiving their fee.

N. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

All Age Groups

The coach of record of a WAGS team is the official team representative to the league for R&D purposes.

a. A coach/team official/spectator will be considered ejected if any of the following situations occur during a match: 1) he/she is shown a red card, 2) he/she receives a second yellow card, 3) he/she is sent off without being shown a red card. He/she shall IMMEDIATELY leave the game site and its vicinity. In the event that all of a team's USYS Carded coaches/team officials are ejected, the game shall be declared a forfeit in favor of the opposing team and entered in the standings as a 0-3 loss for the offending team.

b. The following penalty points shall be assessed to coaches or players who are issued Yellow and/or Red Cards:

   1. Yellow Card (Caution): Two (2) Points

   2. Red Card (Ejection): Five (5) Points

   3. If a player or coach receives a Red Card, the player/coach must be ejected and shall be assessed five (5) points. If a referee instructs a coach to leave the field, without showing a red card, that coach has been ejected and shall be assessed five (5) points.

   4. If a spectator is ejected, the Head Coach of the spectator's team will be assessed five (5) points and will be suspended from the next WAGS game.

5. **If a player or coach/team official receives two (2) Yellow Cards in the same game, and the referee indicates such on the Game Report Card, then the player or coach/team official is ejected from the game and will be assessed five (5) points and will be suspended from the next WAGS game.**

6. No player or coach/team official will be assessed more than five (5) points in any one game.

c. A player or coach/team official shall be suspended from WAGS participation because of the accumulation of the penalty points during the season, **whether assessed as the result of play in league competition, the Rael Vodicka Tournament, or in a sanctioned tournament sponsored by a WAGS member club,** if the Tournament Director reports the Red and/or Yellow Cards to the WAGS R&D Director.

1. Five (5) points or more but fewer than ten (10) – a one game suspension.
2. Ten (10) points or more but fewer than twelve (12) – an ADDITIONAL two game suspension
3. Twelve (12) points or more – an ADDITIONAL five game suspension

The above schedule of sanctions shall not limit the authority of the R&D Committee to impose other conditions upon future participation or additional penalties for misconduct as deemed necessary and as described in paragraph P.2.

d. Any team reaching a cumulative total of 15 or more points including any carry-over penalty points, during a season will be subject to automatic review by the R&D Director. The team's coach and club representative will be notified the team's penalty point status. After a hearing in which the team's coach/team official, club representative, and offending players must participate, the R&D Committee may take any additional action deemed necessary as described in paragraph P.2. An accumulation of 21 points or more, including any carryover penalty points or an accumulation of 15 or more points in two or more consecutive seasons, including any carryover penalty points may result in a team fine not to exceed that team's League fee, and or may lose that teams privilege of hosting home games. The Club is ultimately responsible for payment of the fine. The R&D Committee must conduct a hearing when a team accumulates 21 penalty points in one season.

e. Fifty (50) percent of all the points, rounded down to the nearest whole number, assessed during a WAGS season of play shall be carried forward to the next season in which that player, coach, or team participates, irrespective of seasonal year. Team/coaches/players with points totaling two (2) or less at the end of the season will be reduced to zero (0).

f. A coach/team official must be out of sight, out of sound before, during and after a game for which the coach/team official has been suspended. A suspended player may attend the game provided that she is not in uniform and does not play. If a suspended player or coach/team official participates in the game(s) for which they were suspended, their team shall forfeit the game in question, by a score of 0-3.

g. A suspension shall apply to the next WAGS League game which the team plays. Instances in which the next previously scheduled game is forfeited or postponed. All

suspension actions shall carry forward until the entire suspension is served, irrespective of season. Players/Coaches/Team Officials who accumulate sufficient penalty points to warrant suspension at the end of one season will serve the suspension at the beginning of the next season.

h. Penalty points and suspension will be assessed by the R&D Director. In instances of the issuance of red card(s), the issuance of the card(s) **from 1)** he/she **being shown a red card, 2)** he/she **receiving a second yellow card, 3)** he/she **is ejected without being shown a red card** shall constitute notification. In instances of accumulation (points previously assessed from red and/or yellow cards) of penalty points requiring suspension, R&D shall verify by email to the coach **/team official** of record of the offending party. **In many instances we do not receive the Game Report Cards until after the season is over.** Therefore, teams are responsible for tracking **teams/players/coaches penalty point accumulation** as well as downloading the WAGS RED CARD SIT OUT FORM and submitting it**. Required suspensions are outlined in N.I.c**.. Also, in the case of suspension, the coach of the next opposing team (s) shall sign the WAGS RED CARD SIT OUT FORM. In all other instances, accumulation of penalty points will be posted on the web site and conveyed monthly to the respective Club Representative. Club Representatives will be expected to notify their club's coaches of accumulated penalty points.

O. PROTEST & APPEALS PROCEDURES

1. Players, Coaches and Team Official

a. **The referee's judgment in issuing a card is not grounds for protest and may not be appealed.** According to FIFA Circular 821; A suspension is to be enforced for all dismissals (red cards) regardless of the reason and will include send-offs for receiving a second yellow card as well as for actions leading directly to the dismissal.

b. A card may be protested and point awards, assessments and suspensions may be appealed to the R&D Committee. The written protest/appeal must be accompanied by a $200.00 fee (money order or certified check – CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED) for each card appealed, and delivered to the R&D Director by the second day following the issuing of the card(s)

c. Written statements may be gathered from other parties to include spectators. The person assessed penalty points may be required to appear at an Appeal hearing, and if so required, failure to appear will result in the rejection of the appeal. The appeal fee shall be refunded only if the Committee reduces the initial award of the R&D Director.

d. A rejection of an appeal of assessments or suspensions may be further appealed to the WAGS Board of Directors without additional payments if the **WRITTEN APPEAL** is delivered to the WAGS President by the second day after notification of the initial appeal's rejection.

e. Upon the receipt of an adverse decision, an appeal may be made to the next higher authority, which is the State Youth Soccer Association of the State

(MSYSA or VYSA) in which the game was played with the appropriate appeal fee. FIFA Circular 821 states that any player sent off during a match shall automatically be suspended for the following match. Any appeal against an automatic suspension shall not have a suspensive effect. In other words**,** under no circumstances may a player take part in the following match while awaiting a decision regarding his/her appeal. A one game suspension is MANDATORY after a sendoff. The automatic one-match suspension may only be waived if it is proven that the referee dismissed the wrong player in a case of mistaken identity. In no case may the decision of the referee be modified after the game, as is clearly stated in Law 5 of The Laws of the Game.

f. SUSPENSIONS LEVIED BY THE **R&D** COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL ACTION OF THE **WAGS** APPEAL PROCESS IS COMPLETED.

2. Protest of Game Results

Referee judgment is not a basis for protest

Rather only violations and misapplications of the FIFA Laws of the Game and as amended in these rules.

a. A team may protest the outcome of a game by submitting the protest in writing by mail, postmarked by the second day after the game, or personally delivered to the R&D Director, by the second day after the game, along with a protest fee of 200.00 (money order or certified check – CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED) for each subject of protest and the reasons for each protest.

b. If the protest is deemed valid by the R&D Director, he/she will notify the referee and the opposing coach as soon as possible and organize a hearing of the Committee and request written statements from interested parties including referees and spectators. Written statements shall be the only evidence required to be considered by the Committee when rendering a decision, but the Committee may accept verbal statements or other evidence at their option at the hearing. Action which may be taken are;

1. Refuse the protest
2. Cause a game to be replayed in its entirety
3. Award a game to an opponent by a score set by the Committee
4. Allow the score of a game, whether or not completed, to stand
5. For misconduct of both teams, enter a loss for both teams in the standings of the affected division

THE PROTEST FEE WILL BE RETURNED <u>ONLY</u> IF THE PROTEST IS UPHELD!!

c. A decision rendered by the Committee may be appealed, by either party, to the WAGS Board of Directors. Each appeal shall carry a fee of $500.00 (money order or certified check – CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED) for each subject of appeal and must be postmarked or

delivered personally into the hands of the WAGS President (or designee) by the second day after the receipt of the findings of the Committee. Board members present shall vote on the validity of the protest, a majority vote supporting the protest shall over-turn the Committee's decision. All appeal fees shall be refunded only if the Board so votes.

d. Upon the receipt of an adverse decision from the WAGS Board of Directors, appeal may be made to the next higher authority, which is the State Youth Soccer Organization of the State organization (MSYSA or VYSA) in which the game was played with the appropriate appeal fee.

e. Matches terminated by a referee for reasons other than weather, act of God, or force of nature, (e.g., play landing on field of play) may be reviewed by the League.

No player or team official may employ the aid of any lawyer or the courts of any State or of the United States without first exhausting all available administrative remedies within the body of organized soccer to include the appropriate State Association, USYS, and USSF.

3. Other situations not covered in these rules shall be disposed of by the R&D Director using procedures described in paragraphs N&P.

P. RULES & DISCIPLINE COMMITTE

1. The Rules and Discipline (R&D) Committee shall consist of the R&D Director and a standing committee of seven (7) members selected by the R&D Director and approved by the WAGS President prior to each season of play. A minimum of three (3) members must act on any one case. The R&D Director shall vote only in case of a tie. **A member of the Committee cannot be from the same Club/Age Group as the individual(s) to which the hearing pertains nor, except for the R&D Director, shall any member of the WAGS Board of Directors be a member of the R&D Committee.**

2. Disciplinary action may be taken by Committee against any player, team official, team or Club which failed to abide by the Laws of the Game, the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws or the League Rules of the Corporation. The R&D Director shall keep appropriate records of all such actions and those records, along with the Laws and Rule of the Corporation may be the basis for future disciplinary action.

ACTIONS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST A PLAYER, TEAM OFFICIAL,

TEAM OR CLUB INCLUDES;

a. A verbal warning may be made by the R&D Director. A written record of such warning shall be made and may be referenced in any future actions against that party. A copy will be sent to the appropriate Club Representative.

b. A written censure may be sent to the offending party by the R&D Director. A copy of the censure shall be sent to the offending party's coach or Cub Representative, as appropriate.

c. A player, team official, team, or club may be suspended for a number of games specifically identified to that party. A suspended player may not participate in any game for which she is suspended. Suspended team officials may not appear at the game site or its vicinity for which they are suspended. Failure to comply with a suspension will cause the game for which the suspension should have been served to be forfeited to the opposition by a score of 3-0/

d. In extreme cases, upon the recommendation of the R&D Committee following a hearing and approval of the WAGS Board of Directors, a player, team official, team, or club may be banned from WAGS participation for a specified period of time. A banned person may not participate in any games or practice with their team during that period. A team which does not comply with this sanction may have all WAGS privileges removed.

Creation of a "new" team for WAGS play shall be limited to a maximum of six players from the banned team's roster, irrespective of seasonal year. The R&D Director will organize a hearing by the Committee and request written statements from interested parties including evidence required to be considered by the Committee when rendering a decision, but the Committee may accept verbal statements or other evidence at its option at the hearing.

Appendix I: Special Team Assistant Referee (STAR) Program Implementation Rules and Procedures

Requirement

1. All teams must identify a minimum of 1 STAR, and/or currently certified referees per team.

   a. At least one (1) identified individual must have completed training prior to the first play weekend of the season. All remaining individuals must have completed the training by the end of the season.

   b. Teams found not in compliance with the above rule will result in a fine equal to that of a complete game's fee. If the fine is not paid by the deadline set by the WAGS President, your team will forfeit its games until the fine is paid.

   c. If a team forfeits more than two (2) league games during the WAGS season of play, that team will be considered to have withdrawn from the league. All League matches will be entered in the standings as a 0-3 loss for the withdrawn team.

2. Each team must identify a minimum of 1 STAR or currently certified referees willing to serve as a team STAR or the names of the individuals who will become STARs. The names and other details of the team STARs must be provided to the league STAR program administrator. Each team's STAR name and certification date shall be identified prior to the first game of the season**.**

Eligibility to act as a STAR

1. STARs must be currently certified USSF referees.

2. STARs trained under the auspices of WAGS specifically for this program must be age 14 or older by the first play weekend of the season.

3. STARs must carry a form of identification. Identity may be proved by driver's license or the USSF referee identification card provided upon completion of certification

4. One individual may qualify as STAR for no more than two (2) WAGS teams.

5. Head Coaches listed on the roster of the participating teams may **not** be a STAR. Players listed on the roster of the participating teams **may not** be a STAR for their own team.

6. At the beginning of the season, there will be mandatory meeting for all referees that are new to STARs program in order to set the expectations of their roles and of course to make sure that the names listed are real people and check they are certified. This will also be a training session conducted by referee officials from the state associations. Meetings will be held in both MD and VA since the numbers will be too great to do just one.

Other

1. Several initial certification classes will be scheduled in Virginia/DC and Maryland. Teams or individuals will bear the cost of certification, approximately $65.

2. Upon successful completion of the certification class, STARs will be USSF-certified Grade 9 referee, fully covered by their referee liability insurance.

3. STARs have the authority of a Grade 9 referee.

4. The STAR must be outfitted in full referee garb, yellow shirt as indicated above, black shorts, and official black socks with white stripes.

5. STARs must recertify every year.

6. STARs who are Grade 8 or higher referees must not accept or turn back previously accepted assigned league matches in order to perform their STAR responsibilities.

7. STARs are qualified, of course, to referee other games. In fact, WAGS strongly encourages STARs to serve as assistant referees for other matches, especially those games that are immediately prior to or immediately following your match. However, if you sign up as the STAR, your primary duty on game day is to your team, not refereeing other matches.

WAGS Obligations

1. WAGS will pay STARs the prevailing rate for the normally assigned assistant referees for that age group (will be paid at the rate for U13 ARs).

2. WAGS will provide initial certification classes for STARs who are not otherwise certified referees. Upon successful completion of the certification class, STARs will be USSF-certified Grade 9 referee, fully covered by their referee liability.

Teams On Game Day

1. Advise center referee that your STARs are or are not available.

2. If called upon to act and two STARs are needed, each team may provide one STAR, and one should be available from each team. If two STARs are needed and one team has none available, and one team has two available, the two available from the one team may serve. If one STAR is needed and each team has one or more available, the STARs will decide amongst themselves who may serve. If they cannot come to a decision, the center referee will choose one STAR to serve the entire game (STARs from different teams may not "split" a game for USSF reasons). If two STARS are needed and only one is available, that one may serve.

3. If called upon to serve, the center referee will sign the STAR card. At the end of the season (Fall or Spring) the card will be sent to the league for payment. STARs **WILL NOT** put their names on the blue game card because STARs will be paid by WAGS directly, not by the assignors. This card will be used for payment and other statistical purposes.

4. During the **entire** half time, STARs will remain with the center referee to complete the paperwork and receive any additional instructions from the center referee.

5. On request, center referee may verify ID of STAR.

Revision History

Date	Document	Comments
09/2003	Rules	1. N.2.b.3 Referee doesn't need to show a red card when ejecting a coach from the field. Five (5) points shall be assessed. 2. Weekday games, home team coach deems fields unplayable, he/she must notify WAGS' President (or designee), opponent, & Division Coordinator three (3) hours prior to kick off. 3. Section K.6 Failure to Notify WAGS President of conflicts result in forfeit and may also result in fines equal to that of a complete game's fees to offending team. (State cup, HS, ODP, and/or weekday field closures)
01/2004	Rules	1. Section H – When division is unable to complete matches, final standings will be determined by points per game. 2. Section J.-8 All age group shall follow side lines rules. 3. Section M. Includes all age groups for coaches to be responsible for the conduct of Players & Spectators. 4. M.1. Carded officials will report physical violence, Foul & Abusive Language or harassment to R&D Director. 5. N.2 Added all age groups to Sanctions.
06/2004	Rules	1. C.1 New Entries will be reviewed by the New Club Entry Committee. Entry forms must be received in WAGS' office Nov. 1 or April 1. 2. D.4.a. U11 will play 8v8. 3. D.4.b. Seeding scores, or standings will not be published for entire U11 seasonal year. 4. D.4.c. Matches will be played on dual fields to allow all players to participate. 5. D.4.d. Numbers will never exceed 8v8. 6. U11 teams roster size have a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 18 players. 7. D.4.f At halftime, squads may switch opponents. 8. G.1. Beginning in the Fall 2005, U13 and above shall have no more than 50 teams.

		9. G.2. No U11 team will be relegated at the end of U11 seasonal year. 10. Fall 2005- Explains process for club to enter a new U12 Team into WAGS. Additionally, no wait list will begin prior to the completion of the U12 seasonal year. 11. G.3. Age Group (except U11) will drop a maximum of (5) teams. 12. G.5.a. U11 teams will be unlimited except that no clubs can enter more than 2 teams. 13. End of Spring 2006, the U12 age group will be dropped to 50 teams. 14. U11 age group will play four (4) 15 minute quarters. 15. Notification and agreement not needed to move game when available alternate field is in walking distance. 16. TSL must take same side of pitch as spectators.
01/2005	Rules	1. MSYSA WAGS Roster may not have more than 5 multiple rosters (secondary) players. WAGS only allows five (5) previously rostered players. 2. U12-U19 rosters have a maximum of 18 players, minimum of (7) players. 3. Fall 2005, U11 Rosters may have a maximum of 14 players. 4. Fall 2005 Dual field concept eliminated. 5. Teams may add up to 5 (five) transferred players during a USYS seasonal year. 6. Fall 2005 – U11 will play 30 minute halves. Size 4 ball.
01/2005	Policy	1. Sit out Notification Form.
06/2005	Rules	1. Club not providing sufficient fields will not be permitted to enter any new teams to wait lists. Teams will not move off of waitlist if club doesn't have sufficient fields. 2. U12-U16 – 18 player roster; U17 and older-22 player roster but game day roster has a maximum of 18 players. 3. Player can transfer if team disbands during WAGS season. 4. Club Representatives call WAGS President or designee regarding fields being unplayable at least 3 hours prior to kick off for all games. Weekday

		games, the home team coach will make the calls. 5. Teams forfeiting must notify by phone and in writing (email) the league President and their opponent 24 hours prior to the scheduled game time. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action by R&D Committee and may result in a fine. 6. Teams not in compliance with WAGS Rule D.3. will forfeit that game. Game entered in standings as a 0-3 loss for the forfeiting team.
01/2006	Rules	1. Registration – Requirements for teams transferring club. 2. Opposing team may substitute prior to a throw in if the team in possession is making a substitution. 3. Games can be rescheduled upon tournament acceptance places team's roster to fewer than 11. Must notify WAGS President (or designee) and opponent with 48 hours of notification of conflict. Failure to do so well result in automatic forfeit and fine. 4. Home team is to have lights when required. 5. Failure to provide lights when required will result in forfeit. 6. Automatic review by R&D Director when a team reaches cumulative total of 15. 7. Accumulation of 15 or more points in two or more consecutive season, including any carry over penalty points may result in team fine not to exceed team's league fee, and or may lose that teams' privilege of hosting home games. 8. Opposing team shall sign the WAGS Red card sitout form. Coach of record shall have suspension information verified by email all team officials. 9. Penalty point accumulation will be posted on WAGS' website. 10. Fall 2006, U9-U10 rosters-maximum of 12 eligible players. 11. Fall 2006, U9/U10 age groups will play 7v7. 12. No seeding, scores or standings will be published until the U12 seasonal year. 13. U12 scores will be kept in the fall season for the purpose of seeing teams in Spring Season.

		14. U9/U10 – 30 minute halves; size 4 ball. 15. U9/U10 Game will be played in its entirety when opposing coaches mutually agree to an emergency referee. If opposing coaches cannot mutually agree on emergency referee, game will not be rescheduled.
01/2006	Policy	1. U18/U19 teams will play (7) games Spring schedule to be completed prior to Memorial Day
06/2006	Rules	1. STAR Program approved.
06/15/2006	Rules	1. Referee's judgment in issuing a card is not grounds for protest and may not be appealed according to FIFA Circular 821; Enforcement of card suspensions.
06/2006	Policy	1. U9 through U10 inclement weather policy once game begins. 2. U11 through U19 inclement weather policy once game begins.
01/2007	Rules	1. VA teams use the online registration process when adding unregistered player to its roster. 2. R&D Director determines validity of complaint based on a strict interpretation of Section E WAGS' Rules. The Director will assemble the R&D Committee to hear valid complaints. 3. Opposing coaches/team officials shall be responsible for completing the Office Game Report to be supplied by the home team prior to beginning of each game. 4. Coaches/team officials are responsible for contacting the opposing coach/team official at least 72 hours prior to game for location, time & uniform color. 5. Suspended coach/team official is within sight/sound or a player participates in the game for which they were suspended the team shall forfeit the game in question. 6. Home team coach/team official responsible for reporting the game results to his/her Division Coordinator with 2 hours after the completion of games. 7. Clarification of ejections and assessment of points to coach. 8. Teams that only accumulated 2 penalty points at the end of season will

		be 0. 9. Suspension shall carry forward until the entire suspension is served, irrespective of season. 10. Issuances of Red Cards – a. shown red card; b. receive a second yellow card; c. ejection without being shown red card. 11. Teams/players/coaches are responsible for keeping track of penalty points. 12. R&D shall verify by email to coach/team official of record of the offending party regarding penalty point suspension. 13. Waving one match suspension – Law 5 of the Laws of the Game.
06/2007	Rules	1. No team will be relegated until the U13 seasonal year. 2. No wait list will begin prior to the completion of the U13 seasonal year. 3. Club Pass System – U9/U11 age group. 4. Multiple rostered players does not apply to U9/U11 teams. 5. Goal differential added to Standings & Awards. 6. Center-referee no show procedure 7. U9-U12 Forfeits if unable to field a team with a minimum of 6 players. 8. STAR Implementation Rules & Procedures.
07/2007	Policy	1. Sunday scheduling request per season. 2. Deleted Tournament Request Policy & Time Hi/Lo Request. 3. Request (1) Sunday & (1) Saturday off during league play. 4. Recommendation for Fouls & Misconduct of U9/U10 age groups-no caution or send off shall be issued to players. Coaches will ask for substitution of player.
	Rules	1. Club Entry and Obligations-Club denied entry will wait a year before reapplying. 2. Club serve a one –year probationary period once entry is approved. 3. Club Pass System includes U12 age groups.

		4. Teams transferring clubs – Team rosters from the last league game of the most recent season. 5. Division Size & Structure-Clubs may petition for a third team in the U9-U12 age group providing there are sufficient fields as per WAGS Rule C.1.c 6. U14 and above age groups may only add a second team to an Age Group or Age Group Waiting list if an existing team in the same age group is currently playing in one of the top 3 divisions. 7. Clubs not providing sufficient fields will not be able to enter any new teams. 8. The Referee or Asst. Referee is required to check player passes against each player & roster.
03/2008	Policy	1. Membership voted and approved (42-yes/40-no) to approve a $25.00/team/season stipend to all Registrars.
01/2009	By-Laws	1. Name of tournament repositioned for clarity. 2. Restricting of check issuing authority. 3. Modification of VP duties & addition of check issuing authority. 4. Treasurer duties and deletion of check issuing authority. 5. R&D Director duties. 6. Capital expenditures of $25,000 or more requires approval of the Board and ratification at next general meeting. 7. Financial report at January meeting-any proposed fee increases (except fee increases from any governing bodies) will be submitted to the membership two weeks prior to the meeting for adoption by the members. 8. No disbursement of league funds in payment of non-receiving expenses shall be made unless authorized by the treasurer.
01/2010	Policy	1. Procedures for teams requesting one Saturday and one Sunday as non-play days for USYS-sanction tournaments prior to public release of schedule.
06/2010	Rules	1. Revised Division & Structure change regarding entry of a new team. 2. Added photographers and videographers to adhere to sideline rules.

01/2011	Rules	1. Clarification of new clubs entering teams once admitted and providing sufficient fields. 2. Clarified Inactive Status of clubs and ramifications for clubs continued non-participation in league. 3. Revised team rosters, U13 – U19 Structure, and club pass procedures. 4. Revised Division Size & Structure to include the pre-divisional program. 5. Revised Standings & Awards to include procedure for pre-divisional program & fee 6. Creation of Mavis Derflinger ODP Scholarship.
01/2011	By-laws	1. Revised & clarified procedures for election of officers to serve on Board of Directors.
06/2011	Rules	1. Added that team rosters must designate WAGSL as their primary league. 2. Added that the maximum of (5) guests players using club passes must be designated on game card on the team they play under D.3.f. 3. Changed club pass systems to include all age groups. 4. Revised Division Size & Structure allowing clubs who have two teams in an age group to petition WAGS to add an additional team. 5. Revised rule that games will be rescheduled when center referee is not located within (3) hours of kick off after every attempt has been made in locating one. 6. Changed rule that games will be rescheduled if opposing coaches are unable to agree on an emergency referee.
06/2011	Important League Reminders	Teams will have 72 hours to reschedule the game
6/12	Rule D.3 Rule D.3.g Rule D.4.d	1. U14 and U15 teams may now have 22-player rosters. 2. Add: as well as the league, team, age group, and division that player is carded must be included.
1/2013	Rule D.3.a	1. Remove U11 2. Remove U12; Add: unlimited guest players

	Rule D.4.a Rule D.5.a Rule G.4 Rule L.1	3. Add: U09 and U10 and unlimited guest players 4. Remove U09 through U12; Add U13 and Region I Premier and Colonial League ONLY Add: by 10pm the day of the match
3/2016	Rule G. 2 Rule G.4 Rule H.2.a Rule H Appendix I	1. Remove: Each club shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) teams in each Age Group. A club may petition the WAGS Board of Directors to add an EXISTING WAGS team to their club. Teams from clubs with presently more than two (2) teams in an Age Group will be allowed to remain in WAGS…… 2. Remove G.3 1. Remove U13 teams will be permitted to sit out for Region I Premier and Colonial League Play only. Change to Read: . U09 through U12 teams are expected to play both Seasons each seasonal year. U13 through U19 teams are permitted to sit out for either High School or Region I play, where qualified. 1. Remove 1. Flip Fewest Goals Allowed with Goal Differential 2. Add (Max. 5 goals per match) Delete: Fall 2016 Mandatory for U12 and U13 1. Remove 2 STARs; Add 1 2. Remove: The STAR program is an evolving program……