

## 2011 WCBM SOCCER HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

**The purpose of SAY soccer is kids having fun. As such, all coaches, players and fans must abide by the rules and laws of the game of soccer. In addition, we ask that everyone keep things in perspective: This is for the kids and we must make that our first priority. Good sportsmanship and behavior is expected by all and towards all. Thank you in advance for your support. Visit [www.wcbmsoccer.org](http://www.wcbmsoccer.org) for more information.**

**1) Reporting Scores:** The winning coach (or home team coach if match ends in a tie) must report **all** scores within 48 hours. Scores will be reported through the WCBM website. Team standings will be available at [www.wcbmsoccer.org](http://www.wcbmsoccer.org).

**2) Weather or Field Cancellations:** Organizations that are in control of fields may close them for weather or other appropriate considerations. Fields considered open by organizations may be declared unplayable by the referees assigned to the match or if both coaches agree. Any lightning or thunder requires a 30 minute delay of game and removal from field area. If there is lightning or thunder in the first half of a game then that game will be cancelled unless it is the last game of the day in order to avoid having the remaining games delayed. If the game is in the third quarter the game will be restarted with the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and if the game is in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter then the game will be played to completion. If there is a second event of thunder or lightning then the game will be cancelled unless it is the last game of the day. A game cancelled in the first half will be rescheduled in its entirety. A game cancelled in the second half will stand as if it had been played in full. Please notify your District Representative of any game cancellations so the WCBM Board can ensure that all games are properly rescheduled.

**3) Clarification on Casts/Splints:** No casts, splints or braces with any metal, wood or hard material whether covered in padding or not is permitted. This is for the protection of the child, the other players and everyone involved in SAY soccer. Even if the parents and coaches agree to allow a player to play it is still not permitted.

**4) Legal Team:** No team is permitted to play more than 9 upper aged players at one time on the field for Strikers or Kickers, 7 upper aged players for Wings or 6 upper aged players for Passers. Coaches are asked to ensure this happens. In addition, no player is allowed to play on your official SAY team unless he/she is on your validated roster. All players must play half of each game. If a player arrives after the start then he/she is only required to play half of the remaining match.

**5) Scheduled Matches:** There will be 8 regular season matches scheduled. Matches are expected to be played as scheduled. Matches may be rescheduled only in situations where school/organization obligations require players to attend other functions **and** the number of players available to play will be less than the normal full complement (7 for Passers, 9 for wings and 11 for all others). A coach may not arrange a forfeit in advance of a match. Should a team have to forfeit because it cannot play on the scheduled date, the coach (or team representative) must contact their District Representative who will then be responsible for notifying the opposing coach's District Representative, Scheduler, Scorekeeper and Referee Coordinators. The team that forfeits the match must pay the entire referee fees for the forfeited match. Please make every effort to play the match.

All WCBM matches will have SAY registered referees assigned. If the assigned referee(s) fail to appear for the match, the match may be played with volunteer referees whether certified or not, if both coaches agree to it. No protests of any calls or outcome of the match will be allowed based on the qualifications of the volunteer. If a family member of a player is a certified referee and is available, s/he may perform the duties of the certified referee. If the assigned referee arrives after the start of the match, the match may be turned over to the referee at a stoppage of play or at the end of a quarter or half. The match will not be restarted. Please report the absence of a referee to your district representative.

**6) Penalties/Sanctions:** A coach or player who receives a red card will be suspended for the next match. When the player or coach receives their red card they may no longer be actively involved in the administration of the game. The coach must leave the surrounding field area. The team will also play short if a *field* player has been ejected via a red card. In addition, the WCBM Board will review the circumstances surrounding the offense and may, at their discretion, issue additional penalties including probation, suspension and/or expulsion. The one game suspension cannot be appealed.

- A. Deliberately running up the score is considered unsportsmanlike coaching. Any coach found to have deliberately run up the score will be warned with the possibility of being suspended for the next match. If the goal differential exceeds six (6), it will strongly be considered running up the score even without further information. Coaches who believe the opposing coach is acting in an unsportsmanlike manner (which also includes not actively limiting the scoring) should notify the opposing coach and the referee in charge of the match **before** the score gets out of hand. A complaint must be written and include the details of the match and be sent to your District Representative within 48 hours of the match. The WCBM Board will have jurisdiction in determining if unsportsmanlike coaching has occurred and the severity of any sanctions. There is no gain in points or league standing for goal differential.
- B. Rosters must be available at all matches. Rosters may be checked prior to matches as per SAY rules. Only players that are on the official WCBM roster for that team may play in the game. Coaches not having a validated and signed WCBM roster available will be given a warning. A second offense may result in a one-match suspension.

**7) Protest:** To avoid protests every effort should be made by both teams and the referee to correct a misapplication of the law immediately following the contested call. It is the coach's responsibility to make the opposing coach and the head referee aware of the contested call and potential for a protest. This must be done by using the word "protest" to the referee **and** opposing coach preferably before play resumes but in no case will a protest be allowed once the next quarter resumes. Please try to fix any problem on the field immediately to avoid a protest and rescheduling of the game. If you are the opposing coach and know that a contested call is incorrect please do the right thing and assist the referee and other coach with the correct call.

The only protest that can be made involves the misapplication of a law. You cannot protest a judgment call by a referee. In addition, only properly filed protests will be considered. Match protests must be submitted in writing to your District Representative within 48 hours of the protested match. The protest must include all the details surrounding the match and the basis for protest. In addition, the protest must include a protest fee of \$100 which will only be refunded if the protest is upheld.

**8) Referee:** The authority of the referee commences as soon as the referee enters the field of play, and continues until the referee leaves the area after the match. All participants are subject to that authority before, during, and after a match.

1. Referee fees are the amount payable to the referee by representatives for both teams.
  - a) Passers: \$8 per team per match
  - b) Wings: \$15 per team per match
  - c) Strikers: \$17 per team per match
  - d) Kickers: \$19 per team per match for girls; \$29 per team for boys to be paid as \$24/\$17/\$17.
2. Coaches and spectators are expected to refrain from criticism of the referees as well as the calls made by the referees during the course of a match. Failure to show proper respect and support for the referees can result in a warning up to and including ejection from a match. In addition, the WCBM Board may impose additional sanctions. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their players, assistants and fans.

**9) League Standings:** Teams will be awarded three (3) points for each win, one (1) point for each tie, and zero (0) points for each loss. These are referred to as primary points. Standings will be determined by rank ordering highest to lowest primary points based on each team's in league record. If you play the same team twice then the first match is considered an in league game and the second match will be considered out of league.

- 1) Tie breaking procedures
  - a. Head to head winner (if more than two teams are tied then go to 2 below unless one team has beaten all others)
  - b. Best record against common opponents outside of league
  - c. Overall record
  - d. Coin flip (use cards if more than 2 teams are tied)
- 2) The tie breakers are ranked in order of best to worst, therefore, we should use them in that order. As such, when three or more teams are tied we will go through the process above until one team emerges as the better of the teams then start the process over again with a. or b. as appropriate.

**10) WCBM Tournament:** For 2011, the following placed teams will make the WCBM Tournament. For the girls: the top 4 teams from each of the 5 GP leagues, the top 4 teams from each of the 4 GW leagues, the top 4 teams from each of the 3 GS leagues and the top 4 teams from each of the 2 GK leagues. For the boys: the top 4 teams from each of the 4 BP leagues, the top 3 teams from each of the 3 BW leagues, the top 4 teams from each of the 2 BS leagues and the top 3 teams from the 2 BK leagues. This will be accomplished according to the League Standings rules above. The top team will play the bottom team from another league, second place versus third and so forth as best as possible. In certain divisions there will either be a play- in game due to having an extra team for the bracket or a bye due to having one less team. All tournament brackets will be pre-set.

**11) Communications:** All communications from a coach should be to your District Representative. In many cases the District Representative will be able to address any issues. Only District Representatives should contact a WCBM Board member. If you have constructive suggestions or ideas for improvement please forward to your District Representative. Thanks.

**12) "Times Two" Policy:** No less than two (2) adults per team **must** be present at all team functions including practices and games. Preferably, the two adults should not be related to each other. In addition, every coach must complete the SAY Volunteer Form and return to your district representative before the season starts. This is for the protection of everyone involved in SAY soccer.

**13) The Draw:** The District Representative has the authority to redraw any or all divisions for their respective program. Approval is not necessary from WCBM except the draw must be performed by a WCBM Board member according to the draw procedures. In addition, it must be understood that the draw does not necessarily make the teams equal in skill. The draw is random and, as such, can cause the creation of stronger and/or weaker teams. Please refer to the SAY Rule Book or see your District Representative for the draw procedures.

**14) Passers:** No slide tackling of any kind is allowed. The penalty is an indirect free kick for the opposing team. All free kicks are indirect. If a bad throw-in is made then the referee shall stop play, explain the proper procedure to the player and allow that player two more chances to make a proper throw-in. After a third bad throw-in the ball shall be turned over to the opposing team.

**15) Cleats:** No metal cleats are ever allowed. Toe cleats are allowed.