



WESTONKA SOCCER CLUB
RULES AND POLICIES OF OPERATION

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OBJECTIVES

The purpose of our program is to teach and promote amateur youth soccer, good sportsmanship and fair play. We want our players to learn to be humble in victory, gracious in defeat, and to experience the pleasure and satisfaction in achieving personal goals from determination and hard work. We want our players to not only play the game, but to love the game. The objectives of the Mound Westonka Soccer Club are:

- **TO ENSURE THAT THE FOCUS OF THE PROGRAM IS EDUCATING OUR YOUTH IN THE GAME OF SOCCER AND THEIR BEST INTERESTS COME FIRST.**
- **TO DEVELOP GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**
- **TO TEACH INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM SKILLS**
- **TO DEVELOP PLAYERS WITH TEAM ATTITUDE**
- **TO FOSTER AN INCREASED SENSE OF PRIDE AND SELF WORTH**
- **TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY PRIDE AND INVOLVEMENT**
- **TO WIN, BUT ONLY WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED GOALS SET FORTH ABOVE**
- **TO HAVE FUN!**

ELIGIBILITY

The age level eligibility shall be in accordance with MYSA rules as posted on mnyouthsoccer.org and is as follows:

	Summer 2010	Summer 2011
U9	8-1-00 to 7-31-01	8-1-01 to 7-31-02
U10	8-1-99 to 7-31-00	8-1-00 to 7-31-01
U11	8-1-98 to 7-31-99	8-1-99 to 7-31-00
U12	8-1-97 to 7-31-98	8-1-98 to 7-31-99
U13	8-1-96 to 7-31-97	8-1-97 to 7-31-98
U14	8-1-95 to 7-31-96	8-1-96 to 7-31-97
U15	8-1-94 to 7-31-95	8-1-95 to 7-31-96
U16	8-1-93 to 7-31-94	8-1-94 to 7-31-95
U17	8-1-92 to 7-31-93	8-1-93 to 7-31-94
U18	8-1-91 to 7-31-92	8-1-92 to 7-31-93

All new players must submit a valid Birth Certificate at time of registration.

INSTRUCTIONAL: Levels Maroon & Gold

Instructional is described as new and/or inexperienced players who would like to learn the basics of soccer in an organized traveling team situation. Teams practice regularly and participate in friendly games. Scores are not kept at this age.

Maroon level is described as advanced. Gold is described as beginning/learner.

INSTRUCTIONAL/COMPETITIVE: Levels Maroon & Gold

Instructional/Competitive is described as continuing to enforce the basics of soccer. Practices are held regularly and games are played, score is kept and teams may participate in District/State games based on team standings.

Maroon level is described as advanced. Gold is described as beginning/learner.

COMPETITIVE: C1, C2, C3 Levels

Teams compete at each level to obtain highest standing to move on to District and State championship games. Players continue to master skills.

C1 – Highly competitive; **C2** – Competitive; **C3** – Least Competitive

MYSA GAME NIGHTS

Summer Season

Age/Division	Girls	Boys
U9	T-Th	M-W
U10	M-W	T-Th
U11 Classic 2	M-W	T-Th
U11 Classic 3	T-Th	M-W
U12 Classic 1	M-W	T-Th
U12 Classic 2	T-Th	M-W
U12 Classic 3	M-W	T-Th
U13 Classic 1	T-Th	M-W
U13 Classic 2	M-W	T-Th
U13 Classic 3	T-Th	M-W
U14 Classic 1	M-W	T-Th
U14 Classic 2	T-Th	M-W
U14 Classic 3	M-W	T-Th
U15 Classic 1	T-Th	M-W
U15 Classic 2	M-W	T-Th
U15 Classic 3	T-Th	M-W
U16 Classic 1	M-W	T-Th
U16 Classic 2	T-Th	M-W
U16 Classic 3	M-W	T-Th
U17 Classic 1	T-Th	M-W
U17 Classic 2	M-W	T-Th
U17 Classic 3	T-Th	M-W

PLAYER MOVE UP POLICIES

MYSA encourages players to play at their own age level whenever possible, and also to place players at the appropriate skill levels. Mound Westonka Soccer Club also believes that it is important for players to play with their peers. However under certain circumstances it may be necessary for players to play up to the next age group.

In the event that we need to combine two age groups to form one team, for the purpose of registration numbers or to provide a higher level of competition for a player group several players would be considered playing up. Whenever this is necessary parents will be notified. This will be done either during the registration process or at the first parent meeting of the season. The level of play will be dictated by MYSA as per its rules and regulations.

In the event that your player would like to play up to the next age level to obtain a higher level of competition, a parent /legal guardian must give written request for the player to play up to the Soccer board at the time of registration. Players requesting to play up in this circumstance must attend a preseason tryout or an individual tryout with the proposed team coach. No exceptions will be made.

PLEASE REMEMBER, A REQUEST IS NOT A GUARANTEE TO PLAY UP!

TIME EXPECTATIONS

All teams at this time are traveling teams.

Participation in traveling soccer involves a significant commitment of time both on the part of the players and the parents. Each team will have 3 practices per week before the game season starts. All teams at all age levels could potentially have 2 games per week once the regular season starts. Each team will meet at least 3 times per week for practice or games during the regular season, plus tournaments on some weekends.

Tournaments:

U9 – U10 players will be required to attend the U9/U10 Jamboree at the end of the season. This is a fun, 1 day tournament played in the Metro Area. The Jamboree cost is covered in your registration.

U11-U18 Teams are encouraged to attend District and State Tournaments. All District and State tournament costs are covered by the Westonka Soccer Club and are included in your registration.

INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS: Each team is allotted one invitational tournament per season. The coaching staff, manager, and team parents may opt to enter additional invitational tournaments. When this occurs the team manager will need to collect the additional funds from the players and submit tournament registration forms to the appropriate hosting club.

INJURY POLICY

Any injured player who requires professional medical attention will require a permission slip signed by a medical professional prior to return. Two copies must be submitted- one to the head coach and the other to the Boy or Girls Coordinator.

REGISTRATION EXPENSES

U9-U10 Instructional Level

Instructional level is a flat fee for the season and is determined and published before the season starts. These fees will include registration fees for WSC & MYSA, Referee fees, field fees, preseason skills clinic, pictures, one invitational team tournament, end of season trophy and U9/U10 Jamboree and miscellaneous club expenses. Coaches at this level are qualified volunteers.

U11-U18 Competitive Level-

Instructional level is a flat fee for the season and is determined and published before the season starts. These fees will include registration fees for WSC & MYSA, Referee Fees, field fees, preseason skills clinic, pictures, one invitational team tournament, and District and State playoff fees and miscellaneous club expenses. Coaches. WSC prefers to obtain volunteer coaches for all levels, but paid coaches may be used if qualified volunteer coaches are not found or the team chooses a paid coach.

Fees are variable year to year and are published on the web site prior to year starting and are available throughout the registration process.

Refund policy:

Registration paperwork will be processed on March 15th. Once registrations are processed and teams are submitted to MYSA we will not be able to grant any refunds.

Player Fees:

Current Season player fees are posted on the Westonka Soccer Club website: www.westonkasoccerclub.org

Registration is a flat fee for the entire season and is determined and published before the season starts. These fees will include Registration fees for WSC and MYSA, MYSA Insurance, Coaches

fees, Referee Fees, Community Ed partnership fees, preseason skills clinic, one invitational team tournament and pictures. U9-U10 will also include an end of season trophy and U9/U10 Jamboree. U11-U17 will also include all District and State team playoff fees.

NOT INCLUDED: UNIFORM, AND EQUIPMENT.

EQUIPMENT

Each player is required to provide their own mandatory equipment, which shall consist of shin guards and soccer shoes.

Referees will check prior to each game to ensure that each player has the proper uniform consisting of jersey, (Numbered and tucked in) shin guards, soccer shoes, and soccer socks covering the shin guards. No jewelry will be permitted during a game and all glasses must have a strap. It is strongly recommended that players with braces wear mouth guards.

Injured players requiring a cast must cover them in accordance with MYSA regulations.

INSURANCE

Soccer has the potential to be a hazardous sport. The principal source of insurance to cover a player's injuries is the family's medical insurance.

MYSA carries "excess-type" accident insurance for players, coaches, managers, referees, and board members. This type of insurance will pay when the claimant has no other insurance or when the claimants have exhausted their own regular insurance coverage.

WSC ORGANIZATION

THE BOARD

The Westonka Soccer Club, (WSC) is governed by a volunteer board. Each board member commits to a two-year term. A complete list of current board members can be located on the website: www.westonkasoccerclub.org

**The Westonka Soccer Club is made up of the following
volunteer positions:**

President

Vice President/Risk Manager

Secretary

Registrar

Boys Coordinator

Girls Coordinator

Treasurer

Referee Assignor

Field Assignor

Fundraising Director

Sponsorship Director

Uniform Manager

Coaching Director

All Board members, as well as coaches, team managers and all volunteers are required to submit to a background check. The primary responsibility of the board is to provide overall direction to the association and govern all elements of the soccer program. Because our club operates primarily with volunteers, parents are expected to volunteer at all levels in the club.

WSC COMMUNICATION

The Board communicates with the association in many different ways:

REGISTRATION- printed information is handed out.

WEB SITE – **www.westonkasoccerclub.org**

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING is held pre-game season. A handbook is produced and uploaded to the website for you to view and print. This handbook covers many critical issues in detail. When in question please refer to this handbook.

The NEWSLETTER which is published periodically, is send out to all registered club members by email and is also available online.

BOARD MEETINGS are open to all club members and you are encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda and previous meeting minutes will be posted on the website. Meetings are generally held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

The location of meetings are posted on the website prior to meeting dates.

If you would like to have an item considered on the agenda, please email a board member 1 week prior to the scheduled meeting date.

TEAM MANAGERS

- Each team will have a parent volunteer as manager. The team manager has the following duties:
- Attend the MANDATORY managers meeting.
- Assist the coach in all team operational responsibilities, as directed by the coach, including coordinating team schedules and to distribute all game and practice schedules.
- Verify and hold completed WSC registration forms and medical consent forms for the team.
- Arrange practice times with the field coordinator, and in the event of a reschedule arrange referees with the referee coordinator.
- Call team members when necessary.
- Collect money from the team for miscellaneous expenses and team parties.
- Assign duties such as snack/sports drink schedule for each game.

COACHES SELECTION

The Coaching Director is responsible for recruiting all coaches and submitting for board approval, in the event that the Westonka Soccer Club is without a Coaching Director then an Executive Board consisting of the President, Vice-President, Boys and Girls Coordinator will assume the responsibilities of the Coaching Director.

The WSC Board shall have final approval for all head coaches. Coach Selection is based on qualifications such as soccer knowledge, ability to apply and communicate such knowledge, previous coaching experience, commitment to completing coaching clinics, and the time available to devote to soccer.

It is the responsibility of all head coaches to recommend their assistant coaches to the Coaching Director.

All coaches must attend all WSC sponsored coaching clinics run by the Coaching Director.

All coaches must attend the mandatory WSC Coaching Director/Girls Boys Coordinator meeting, held prior to seasons start and any monthly meetings set by the Coaching Director. At this meeting all coaching equipment for the season will be handed out.

All coaches must attend the mandatory MYSA coaches meeting. All schedules will be released at the MYSA meeting.

FUNDRAISERS

WSC utilizes the following fundraisers:

MEGA GOLD CARD BLITZ!:

Each year Westonka Soccer Club hosts a family friendly fundraiser opportunity to build soccer on our teams and in our community. This is a mandatory fundraiser used to fund our program. The Blitz is held in the spring within the community. This is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your volunteer commitment. We do our best to make this a fun event for everyone by including the following: Team Pictures, Bizarre, Prizes, Lunch and a contest to the highest selling person/team. Mega Gold Cards are sold to individual persons within the Westonka Community with the direction of a parent volunteer and supervised by the Fundraising Director. Watch the website for more detailed information as it becomes available.

Culvers Night

Westonka Soccer Club parents and players will volunteer for a shift at Culvers, parent are encouraged to take their families out to dinner on that night to support our program and Culvers will donate a portion of the evening sales.

Uniform Exchange- This is an excellent opportunity to recycle your soccer equipment and jerseys. Uniform exchange will be held in conjunction with all registration dates.

If you have any ideas or recommendations for future fundraising opportunities or if you would like to volunteer to be on a fundraising committee please contact the Fundraising Director.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Westonka Soccer Club recognizes that it is costly to play soccer, and that not all families will be able to pay the entire cost associated with playing in our community. We have had a long-standing policy that no child shall be denied the opportunity to play due to inability to pay. However, this has become a hardship on our club as a whole and we must start to quantify parameters for qualification for scholarships. Any persons requesting a partial scholarship must complete the scholarship request form and submit to the Executive Board for review along with a copy of their most recent W2, 1099 or payroll summary. Each case will be reviewed on an individual basis and will be kept completely confidential.

We do have a limited budget available to fund scholarships and we will do our best to provide as many players as possible the opportunity to play. All players receiving a scholarship will be asked to complete an agreed upon volunteer commitment and will also be responsible to commit to additional fundraiser opportunities. If you would like to contribute to the “Sponsor a Player Scholarship Program” please send a funds to:

**Westonka Soccer Club
PO Box 276
Mound MN 55364
ATTN: Sponsor a Player**

The Soccer Club is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Persons wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution to Westonka Soccer Club may do so by contacting the club president @ president@westonkasoccerclub.org or sending funds directly to the post office box listed above.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Our soccer program is designed for the development of the student athlete. The following core values of USA Soccer are the guidelines for the WSC in its planning, programming and play:

SPORTSMANSHIP: Foremost of all values is to learn a sense of fair play. Become humble in victory, gracious in defeat. We will foster friendship with teammates and opponents alike.

RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Treat all others as you expect to be treated.

INTEGRITY: We work to foster honesty any fair play beyond mere strict interpretation of the rules and regulations of the game.

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE: Each member of the organization, whether player, volunteer or staff, should seek to perform each aspect of the game to the highest level of his or her ability.

ENJOYMENT: It is important for the soccer experience to be fun, satisfying, and rewarding to the participant.

LOYALTY: We aspire to teach loyalty to the ideals and fellow members of the sport of soccer.

TEAMWORK: We value the strength of learning to work together. The use of teamwork is reinforced and rewarded by success in the soccer experience. It is the responsibility of each participant and their parents to insure appropriate conduct and behavior at all times on the field. Fundamental to this is the expectation of respect due all coaches and parent volunteers, as well as players. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players. Each coach will communicate in writing to the players and parents their expectations.

WSC expects a high level of commitment from its players. All competitive players are expected to attend all practices, games and tournaments.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT (CONTINUED)

All players involved with competitive teams must submit any vacations plans to the Boys or Girls Coordinator at registration. This could influence possible placement on a team.

When a player is going to miss a game or practice due to a mandatory school or religious function, a written or verbal notice must be given at least one day in advance to the coach or manager. When a player is going to miss either a game or practice due to illness or family emergency, the player or parent must call the coach as soon as possible prior to the game/practice. All other reasons for missing a game or practice are not allowed.

Coaches have specific team policies that will be strictly enforced. The coach has the right to impose disciplinary actions, which may include loss of playtime. The Board will back coaching decisions.

Basic behavior expectations will include the following:

Treat coaches, fellow players, opponents and referees with respect.

Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

Fighting will not be tolerated.

Foul language will not be tolerated.

Attend all practices and games. Arrive per coach's instructions.

Be a team player. Respect and give credit to your teammates.

Do not criticize your fellow players or coaches.

Be gracious, in winning and in losing.

Participation in the WSC is a privilege, not a right.

COACHES GUIDELINES

Considerable time and effort is used to select coaches. Coach selection is based on qualifications such as soccer knowledge, the ability to communicate that knowledge to the players, time available to devote to soccer and parent/player evaluations from prior years for returning coaches.

Coaches and assistants are the most visible representatives of the Westonka Soccer Club. Research has shown the coaches are among the most influential and respected role models that youngsters encounter. Set high standards for yourself and your players on and off the field. Be a positive role model and display emotional maturity.

All coaches must be USSF Licensed prior to first soccer game.

Each head coach must submit a copy of his/her team policies to the Board prior to the season.

Conduct a parent/player meeting to familiarize everyone with policies, goals and objectives and to set expectations for the season.

Be accessible to players and parents on a reasonable basis. Inform the Boys/Girls Coordinator of any problem situation.

No coach shall engage in violence, intimidating behavior or inappropriate language as deemed such by the WSC Board. Such conduct will be reviewed by the board and could result in immediate action taken, including, but not limited to; suspension, replacement, fines or withholding of payment to paid coaches.

A Coach is expected to be on time and prepared for practices. A practice plan that is challenging and makes the most of practice time and field space should be prepared.

MYSA COACHES CODE OF ETHICS

1. Soccer is the player's game. The paramount concern of coaches is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players.
2. Coaches bear responsibility for teaching players to strive for success while playing fairly, observing the laws of the game and the highest levels of sportsmanship.
3. Coaches shall treat officials with respect and dignity, and shall teach their players to do the same.
4. Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Coaches will model such respect for opponents and expect their players to do likewise.
5. In both victory and defeat, the behavior of the coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
6. Coaches shall adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of the institutions they represent: clubs, schools, sponsoring organizations and sports governing bodies.
7. Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of the game.
8. Coaches are responsible for taking an active role in education about, and prevention and treatment of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse; both in their lives and in the lives of their players.
9. Coaches shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of the game.
10. Coaches shall respect the declared affiliations of all players.
11. Coaches shall seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principles of soccer and shall use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport - violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the laws of the game and rules governing competition.

PARENT GUIDELINES

The following are some of the guidelines for parents to adhere to. Please follow them and do your best to be a supportive member of the soccer program.

- Get your child to practices and games on time. On time means, at the field, ready to begin practice at practice time. Double-check that they have all of their equipment. Make sure they have an adequate amount of water.
- Support your coach. He or She is contributing a considerable amount of time and effort to work to improve your player and the team. If you have concerns discuss them with the coach at the proper time, and never in front of other parents or players. If the issue at hand is an emotional one, please refrain from approaching the coach for at least 24 hours.
- Make it fun. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Be encouraging, not critical.
- **Be a good spectator! By applauding the play of both teams. Do not criticize the officials.**
- Volunteer. There is an enormous amount of work associated with our soccer program. Assist with fundraising. Each team needs a manager. Please tell you team manager or Boys/Girls coordinator what you will do this year to help your players program!
- Support the goals and objectives of the Soccer Club. Board members are volunteers who spend much time and energy to create a successful and enjoyable program. Attend the monthly Board meeting.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

If at any time a player or parent has a dispute, conflict or problem with any other member or person involved with WSC, he/she should contact the team manager. If working with the manager does not solve the problem, then the next step is to work with the Boys/Girls Coordinator. Discuss your problem in a calm and respectful manner. The manager/Coordinator will attempt to resolve the problem and will work with all parties involved, including coaches and team managers, where appropriate.

If the Boys/Girls coordinator is unable to resolve the conflict, he/she will discuss it with the Board for additional input. Should the parent or player require further assistance in resolving the manner, the complaint or question can be presented to the Board. This must be done in writing to the Board President, and be received with sufficient time to review prior to the Board meeting. All decisions of the board are final.

SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY

WSC follows the sexual abuse policy as published by MYSA soccer. There shall be no sexual abuse of any minor participant in any WSC function, by coaches or volunteers. Sexual abuse of a minor participant occurs when a coach or volunteer touches a minor participant for the purpose of causing sexual arousal or gratification of the minor participant, the coach or the volunteer. Sexual abuse also occurs when minor participant touches a coach or volunteer for the sexual arousal or sexual gratification of either the minor participant the coach or volunteer, if the touching comes at the request or with the consent of the coach or volunteer.

Neither consent of the player to the sexual contact, mistake as to the participant's age, nor the fact that the sexual contact did not take place at a soccer function are defenses to a complaint of sexual abuse.

Upon proof of violation of this policy, the violator will be permanently banned or suspended from WSC programs.

ALCOHOL, DRUG AND TOBACCO POLICY

WSC HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY, OUTLINED AS FOLLOWS:

Prohibited Conduct:

Any WSC youth (Under 21 years of age) shall not use or consume, have in possession, buy sell or give away any beverage containing alcohol, any tobacco in any form, or marijuana or other substance defined by applicable law as a drug during games, practice, team trips, or any other WSC function. The exception is drugs specifically prescribed by a doctor for the players' own use. Participants who violate this rule shall be disciplined in accordance to MYSA policies.

PHYSICAL ABUSE POLICY

WSC follows the Physical Abuse Policy as published by MYSA soccer. There shall be no physical abuse of any participant involved in any WSC function by coaches or volunteers. Physical abuse means contact with a participant that intentionally causes the participant to sustain bodily harm or personal injury. Physical abuse also includes physical contact with a participant that intentionally creates a threat of immediate bodily harm or personal injury.

Physical abuse does not include contact that is reasonably designed to coach, teach or demonstrate soccer skills. Permitted physical conduct may include, but is not limited to, shooting soccer balls at a goal keeper, or demonstration the proper slide tackling technique or directing participants during the course of a game or practice, by touching them in a non-threatening, non-sexual manner.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

Sex discrimination and sexual harassment are against the law. It is the policy of WSC to abide by the federal and state laws, which prohibit sexual harassment, and to maintain an atmosphere free of sexual harassment, intimidation or coercion. The Board members and parents of WSC are responsible for implementing this policy, and the successful implementation of the policy will provide for a more enjoyable environment for participants, parents and spectators.

Sexual harassment of any person by a Board member, coach, or volunteer will not be tolerated. If the investigation of a complaint of sexual harassment produces evidence that such harassment has occurred, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

1. The following are some examples of conduct, which may be considered sexual harassment:
2. The use of any offensive or demeaning terms, which have a sexual connotation.
3. Objectionable physical proximity or physical contact other than reasonable necessary to teach soccer skills.
4. Unwelcome suggestions regarding, or invitations to, social engagements or social events.
5. Any action relating to a participant's status, which is affected by consideration of the granting or refusal of social or sexual favors.
6. The deliberate or careless creation of an atmosphere of sexual harassment or intimidation.
7. The deliberate or careless expression of jokes or remarks of a sexual nature to, or in the presence of, participants or parents who find such jokes offensive.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY **(CONTINUED)**

The deliberate or careless dissemination of materials (such as cartoons, articles, pictures etc.) which have a sexual content, and which are not necessary for our program or participants, parents or spectators who may find such material offensive.

All Board members and volunteers should be careful to treat participants, parents and spectators with respect at all times.

Any participant, parent or spectator who feels that they are being subjected to sexual harassment in any form, or who believes that they have witnessed sexual harassment should contact a member of the Executive Board, or other Board members.

Upon proof of a violation of this policy, the violator will be permanently banned or suspended from participation or attendance at WSC programs or activities.

If you believe that you have been subjected to sexual harassment you may also contact:

- The Minnesota Department of Human Rights or
- The Equal Employment Opportunities Commission

No retaliation of any kind will occur because you have reported an incident of suspected sexual harassment.

We encourage you to keep WSC free of harassment.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

In addition, the following are prohibited by MYSA:

Taunting: Taunting is defined as verbal or physical conduct intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule, or demean another. This includes, but is not limited to, statements pertaining to race, religion, gender, or national origin.

Showboating: Showboating is defined as an excessive display or celebration leading to a delay in continuation of play, such as after a goal is scored.

Vandalism: Vandalism is the intentional or negligent destruction of property.

Gambling: Gambling is defined as wagering or betting on the outcome of a game.

Inappropriate language: Inappropriate language is defined as the intentional or incidental use of obscene, profane, lewd or vulgar speech. Inappropriate language includes, but is not limited to, cursing and swearing.

Providing False Information: Knowingly providing false information to the MYSA or to its officials is prohibited. This includes falsifying birth date information; altering players passes, attempting to use altered passes, and other presentation of false identification.

Harassment: Harassment of MYSA or Club officials, Referees, Coaches or Players Harassment includes repeated incidents of intrusive or unwanted act, words or gestures that have a substantial adverse effect on the safety, security or privacy of another. Harassment may consist of repeated phone calls, e-mails, and personal confrontations by an individual, either acting alone or through others or collectively by a group of individuals acting together.

WSC is governed by all rules and regulations imposed by MYSA and its governing body. For complete rules and regulations please see the MYSA website: www.mnyouthsoccer.org

MYSA WEATHER GUIDELINES

Weather conditions are the responsibility of the game officials, coaches, tournament directors and club administrators. All should be aware of the potential dangers posed by different weather conditions and work together to keep the players and other participants as safe as possible. If the weather conditions warrant, game officials and coaches should discuss before the game starts what the procedures will be to insure the safety of the players. Tournament directors should monitor weather conditions including the warnings and watches issued by the National Weather Service. In the event of sudden changes, the tournament directors should have a means of sending warnings to the site officials. A weather plan should be provided to the participating teams to allow a clear understanding of shelter locations, evacuation plans and how the weather will affect tournament results. Club administrators should perform similar functions for league play.

Competitive league play obviously involves travel. Conditions in one location may be very different from another, especially the further apart the two locations are. The coaches are responsible for keeping informed of the weather conditions at home, along their route to the game and at the game site. The coaches are also responsible for communications with the opposing coach and their own team in the event of inclement weather. Discussions between the coaches must provide for common sense to prevail. The District Directors must be informed of any games affected by inclement weather.

Severe Storms

Severe storms can produce high winds, hail, heavy rain, lightning and/or tornados. If a severe storm is approaches the playing area, the safety of the players may require that the game be suspended while shelter is sought.

High winds can create problems by dust and debris being in the air or blowing over objects. Hail can cause injury. Heavy rain can create hazardous field conditions or lead to flash flooding. Lightning is discussed separately. Tornados are obvious dangers of any severe storm. Use common sense and seek shelter as appropriate.

Lightning

Lightning is the second leading cause of storm related deaths (flooding is first). Lightning can strike up to 10 miles outside of a thunderstorm, literally a bolt from the blue. The danger from lightning can persist for 20-30 minutes or more after a thunderstorm has passed. The National Weather Service does not issue watches or warnings for lightning by itself.

If a person can hear thunder, or see lightning, the danger already is present. A clear, sunny sky overhead with storm clouds nearby can still be dangerous.

The following guidelines are recommended:

- If lightning is within 5 miles, the game(s) should be suspended and shelter sought. A lightning detector can identify the distance accurately but may not be available. A rough guideline is to measure the time between the lightning flash and hearing the corresponding thunder. If it is 30 seconds or less, seek shelter. It may not be possible to determine which lightning strike generated which roll of thunder. A simple rule: If you can hear it, clear it.
- Shelter should be in larger, enclosed structures. Smaller, open structures, tents, trees, isolated areas, etc, should be avoided. Cars, with windows rolled up, or buses can provide good shelter. Avoid contact with metal or other conducting materials to the outside surfaces. Do not stay in open, unprotected areas.
- Games should not be restarted for at least 20 minutes after the last roll of thunder is heard.
- Tournaments should inform participating teams of notification and evacuation plans and shelters near the playing sites.

Heat

Heat is a problem when it prevents the body from cooling itself. The hotter the body gets, the more likely it is to increase fatigue levels, develop cramps, and increase the possibility of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The hotter and more humid the weather, the faster these problems can develop. Temperatures as low as 65 degrees, with a relative humidity of 100%, can be serious.

1. A heat index chart should be given to every coach and referee.
2. Games need to be adjusted as the heat index rises:
 - Mandatory water breaks
 - Go to quarters.
 - Shorten the games
3. Provide training to coaches to teach the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Club administrators and tournament officials are responsible for monitoring the heat index and keeping the participating teams and game officials informed of the heat index. Coaches are encouraged to also monitor the conditions.

The following are recommended minimum guidelines when there is a possibility of dangerous high heat index:

Heat Index	Recommended Guidelines
Up to 89°	Normal Play
90° - 99°	Mandatory 2-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half shortened by 5 minutes.
100° - 105°	Mandatory 2-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half shortened by 10 minutes.
105°	Suspend play.

ISD 277 WEATHER POLICY

Weather Cancellation Procedures for outside facilities.

It is the districts policy to allow users the ability to use district fields under the direction of the Activities, Grounds and Community Education Departments. These areas have worked out the following guidelines for cancellation of field use.

- Inclement weather
 - Tornado Warnings/Watches
 - Severe Thunderstorm Warnings/Watches – due to lightening issues.

- Poor Field Conditions
 - All day rain
 - Recent heavy rain
 - Over saturated fields

ISD 277 reserves the right to cancel or move any and all activities which are scheduled. ISD 277 will do its best to let the WSC know of any changes by 2:00pm to allow time for rescheduling.

WSC will not be charged for ISD 277 cancelled events but penalties could be applied if rules are not followed. Please make sure to check the Community Education Hotline at 491 – 8055, whenever you have a concern about weather related cancellations, or check the WSC website: www.westonkasoccerclub.org for field updates.

These rules must be followed in order for ISD 277 and WSC to maintain full usage of its fields.

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