



Webster Youth In-Town Coaches Info

Webster Youth Soccer (WYS) Mission Statement

Everyone Plays

- Our goal is for kids to play soccer. Players on each team should be playing half of every game

Team Balance

- It is the goal of the coordinators to assemble teams that are as evenly matched as possible – which makes for more fun and equally challenging games

Positive Coaching

- Coaches should make every effort to offer positive help for players to learn the game of soccer. Mistakes are part of the learning process and should be met with positive reinforcement

Open Registration

- WYS programs are open to all children between the ages of 4 and 18 who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing

Good Sportsmanship

- Create a positive environment based on mutual respect, rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude. WYS programs are designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of the game

U6 Coach To Do List and Notes

To Do

- Contact team IMMEDIATELY
 - Provide practice day and time
 - Advise that each child should bring a water bottle, wear cleats and shin guards, and bring a size 3 ball to each practice
 - Reminder – no casts and no jewelry
- Make a copy of the game schedule for each player
 - In the event of cancellation, games will be made up the following day (Sunday) following the same schedule, with the first game starting at 12:30 P.M. depending upon age group.
- Share important dates in a timely fashion with team parents
 - Registration and picture dates
 - Not buying pictures? All players should still attend picture day so that the team picture is complete
- Make an orange schedule for parents
 - Have parents bring sliced oranges for the team on their scheduled day



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Notes

- Be sure parents know the following
 - Children (players and siblings) may not play in, on, or around the trees to the right side of the fields or near the fence to the left side of the field (safety concerns, being a good neighbor). They are also not allowed to climb on the rock at the entrance to the field.
 - Children may not be dropped off for practice or a game unless supervision arrangements have been made in advance with the coach or another team parent
 - If a player is misbehaving on the sidelines, the coach may ask the parent for their assistance
 - During games, parents, siblings, family, and friends must stay on the opposite sideline as the team; they **are not** to go behind goals or on the team side unless called over by a coach, or have an active cori check
- Rescheduling games
 - Coaches do not cancel or reschedule games; WYS Administration may cancel games due to weather or field conditions
 - Games are not always cancelled for rain, and sometimes it's only necessary to cancel one game
 - The game schedule needs to be reviewed immediately after being published. If the coach has any conflicts, the request to consider a reschedule needs to be submitting to the Coordinator within the first two weeks of the season.
 - If a coach cannot make a game, he or she may not cancel that game
 - Either have an assistant or a team parent coach for that game, and if that is not possible, contact your coordinator and rescheduling can be arranged
- Game Day
 - Coaches for first U8 game of the day are responsible for **putting out** corner flags while coaches for last U8 game are responsible for **putting them away**.
 - Coaches for first U6 game of the day are responsible for **putting out goals** while coaches for last U6 game are responsible for **putting them away** and securing to fence.
 - Referees are young kids in training and require support from coaches to develop confidence and experience. If you encounter any issues with a referee, do not address the issue directly with the referee but rather report to either the U6 or U8 Coordinator who will be responsible for reviewing with the Referee Coordinator.
- Practices
 - U6 Coaches are responsible for securing the U6 goals after the final practice of the evening.
- Coaches are advised to review and be familiar with the MYSA Coaches Code of Conduct on the WYS website at www.websteryouthsoccer.org



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Game Info

Game Times

- Teams should arrive 15 minutes prior to game start
- Each game will consist of four quarters (8 minutes for U6 & 12 minutes for U8) with a five-minute half time.
- Time is running. The clock will only stop in the event of injury
- Referee (or designee) will keep the time
- No official score is kept

Uniform Code

- Each player should wear the following
 - Team shirt (WYS provided)
 - Black socks (WYS provided)
 - Black shorts
 - Shin guards
 - Soccer cleats or sneakers (no leather shoes)
 - Sweats (preferably black)/sweatshirts may be worn under the uniform on cold days
- No jewelry should be worn
 - New piercings can be covered with elastic bandages or taped only for U6; established piercings need to be removed
- No casts

Team/Coach Information

- Teams will play 4 v 4 (2 up front and 2 defense - **no goalie**) for **U6** and 6 v 6 (5 players **plus goalie**) for **U8**.
- One coach from each team may remain on the field of play during each game for **U6** only.
- A size 3 game ball will be supplied by one of the teams. The ball size will change as players progress to travel team age groups. U8 will use size 4.

Rules of Play

- Start of Play
 - Players may not touch the ball twice at the start of play and the ball must make a full rotation forward.



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- Free kicks (including kickoffs, corner kicks, goal kicks, and after infractions such as a foul or hand ball)
 - All free kicks are indirect; another player must touch the ball before the kicking player can touch it again and before a goal can be scored
 - Proper technique on kickoffs will be enforced
 - Free kicks are taken from the spot of an infraction, except for the case of an infraction in the penalty area, where a corner kick will be awarded
 - There are no penalty kicks
- Throw-Ins
 - Proper technique will be enforced (ball over head, both feet on ground)
 - The ball must be touched by another player before the throwing player can touch it again
 - U8 players are allowed a second attempt after an illegal throw. After the second attempt, the opposing team will be awarded a throw-in.
- Substitutions
 - Can be made on any throw-in or goal kick, or after any scored goal.
- Offsides
 - Is not called for the U6 thru U8 age groups.
- **(New for U8 -Spring 2019) Build out line**
 - A horizontal **line** from sideline to sideline as been added in front of each goal. When a goalkeeper has the ball in hand or when there is a goal kick, the opposing team needs to remain **behind** the build-out line until the ball is put into play.

On-Field Conduct

- Be respectful of the referees and other coaches/players
 - Yelling at, swearing at, or other abuse of officials, coaches, and/or players will not be tolerated
 - The offender will be asked to leave the field of play