



Webster Youth In-Town Coaches Info (2020)

Webster Youth Soccer (WYS) Mission Statement

Everyone Plays

- Our goal is for kids to play soccer. Players on each team should be playing at least 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



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U6/U8 Coach To Do List and Notes

To Do - PLEASE SEE FALL 2020 GUIDELINES AND GAME ADJUSTMENTS DOCUMENT.

- 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 (U6) or size 4 ball (U8) 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, practice and picture dates/times
 - Not buying pictures? All players should still attend picture day so that the team picture is complete
- Make an orange schedule for parents (either assign players the scheduled day or have a “sign up” at the first practice)
 - Have parents bring sliced oranges for the team on their scheduled day (maybe send out a reminder)(Do not do this for 2020 Fall season!!! NO TEAM SNACKS ARE ALLOWED)

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. (Parents should stand behind the parent line, marked on the fields)
- Rescheduling games
 - Coaches **do not** cancel or reschedule games; WYS Administration may cancel games due to weather or field conditions (we check the fields in the morning and decide on a game by game basis)- coaches will be alerted via email/text and should notify teams immediately
 - Games are not always cancelled for rain, and sometimes it's only necessary to cancel one game



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- 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 **submitted** 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 **(with active cori check)** coach for that game, and if that is not possible, contact your coordinator and rescheduling can try to 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 (in the bathroom)**.
 - 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** (in the bathroom)
 - 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)** and/ or fill out the google form: [coach feedback form](#)
 - The last coach at the field is responsible for checking to see if the bathrooms are locked
- Practices
 - **U6/U8 Coaches are responsible for locking the bathrooms after the final practice of the evening. The last coach at the field is responsible for checking to see if the bathrooms are locked**
- Coaches are advised to review and be familiar with the MYSA Coaches Code of Conduct on the WYS website at www.websteryouthsoccer.org

Game Info

Game Times

- Teams should arrive **5 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)



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- 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 **for game days. The ball size will change as players progress to travel team age groups. U8 will be provided a size 4 ball for game days.**

Rules of Play - PLEASE SEE FALL 2020 GUIDELINES AND GAME ADJUSTMENTS DOCUMENT.

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



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- New for U6/U8: There is no longer a build out line for U8 starting Spring 2020. In the event of a "goal kick" the opposing team must move behind the midfield line until the ball is kicked 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
 - If a coach or board member asks you to move from a sideline or corner, please do so in order to allow our players room to "throw in" or complete a corner kick without spectator interference (We are lining the fields in a new formation in order to allow more room between fields, which will include a spectator line)
 - The offender may be asked to leave the field of play
- Please be mindful of parking your vehicle at George Street. Parking is limited and it is important to make sure that you are in the lines and that cars are able to pass freely!