

WESTERN SUBURBAN SOCCER LEAGUE

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Protest Form

A By-law is a rule adopted by an organization chiefly for the government of its members and the regulation of its affairs.

1. **OFFICE**

WSSL shall maintain an office at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375.

2. **COMMITTEES**

2.1 Permanent Committees

Permanent Committees of WSSL include: Coach and Player; Referee and Rules; and Advanced Player Development.

Only those clubs with Select or advanced teams shall vote on the Advanced Player Development Committee.

Each Committee shall elect its chair to serve for one year, with voting by majority rule of the members present.

2.2 Special Committees

The Executive Board may create special or ad hoc committees to deal with matters of a non-permanent nature. Each special committee shall have a term of six months, with provisions for its renewal to be extended in six month intervals.

The membership of special committees shall be chosen by the Executive Board, and the President shall appoint the chair. The Chair or designee shall report the committee's activities at each Executive Board meeting.

The committee shall produce a written report at the end of the term.

3. **DUTIES OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

3.1 Coach and Player-In-Chief

The Coach and Player-In-Chief of the Coach and Player Committee is responsible for coordination of the schedule and play of the recreational and select teams of WSSL for the Fall and Spring seasons.

3.1.1. Each club in WSSL shall appoint a representative to work with the Coach and Player-in-Chief to carry out these responsibilities.

3.1.2. Prior to the beginning of each soccer season, the Coach and Player-in-Chief and committee will develop a calendar, which shall include: The playing weeks of the season; the dates for submitting club rosters and divisional teams; fields; and conflicts that would affect schedules. The committee will then create a schedule and have said schedule ready for distribution by the clubs at least two weeks prior to the start of the season.

3.1.3. During the season, the Coach and Player-in-Chief shall coordinate, with affected club Coach and Player representatives, rescheduling of games, excluding forfeits.

3.1.4. Should a protest be lodged or filed concerning the schedule or the duration of a game, the Coach and Player-in-Chief will present the protest to the committee at the regular Board meeting, or if the action warrants, use a telephone vote, to adjudicate the protest. The resultant action will be included in the minutes of the next scheduled Board meeting.

3.1.5. Position rounds for those divisions that are scheduled for them will be assigned their games by the committee, and will be notified by Tuesday of the eighth week.

- 3.1.6. The Coach and Player-in-Chief is responsible for coordinating the ordering and distribution of divisional championship or co-championship trophies, and designating the site for their distribution at the end of the season.

3.2. Referee-In-Chief

- 3.2.1. The Referee-In-Chief is responsible for coordination of decisions on protests of the member clubs for recreational and Select teams within WSSL.
- 3.2.2. For each week of the season, the club representative shall forward to the Referee-in-Chief all cautions and ejections with cause. The Referee-in-Chief shall inform the Referee and Rules representatives concerning the penalties affecting upcoming games. The penalties are listed in the By-Laws.
- 3.2.3. Protests referred to the Referee-in-Chief must be decided either by a regularly scheduled meeting or by telephone vote, and subsequently reported at the next scheduled Board meeting. The Referee-in-Chief shall notify the coach filing the protest of the decision. The resulting action will be included in the minutes of the next scheduled Board meeting.
- 3.2.4. At the conclusion of each season, the Referee-in-Chief shall submit a report on all cautions and ejections issued, including those that will carry over to the next season, and any recommendations for future seasons.
- 3.2.5. The committee will review and take appropriate disciplinary action on all other incidents which are reported to the committee by a member organization either by a referee, a player, or a coach.

3.3. Advanced Player Development Chief

The committee is responsible for coordinating the selection process and play of the select teams within WSSL. It will recommend rule changes necessary to enhance the quality of the Select Program

- 3.3.1 Each club having one or more select teams playing in WSSL shall appoint a representative to sit on the committee.
- 3.3.2 Prior to the starting date of each season the committee shall review team rosters to ensure that Select rules are properly implemented.
- 3.3.3 Representative from the committee shall sit on the Referee and Rules Committee and Coach and Players Committee, where issues involving protests or cautions/ejections or developing schedules are on the respective committee's agenda.
- 3.3.4 The committee will act as the governing body for the Select program and coordinate their activities with the Coach and Player Committee and Referee and Rules Committee.
- 3.3.5 The committee chairperson shall be elected by majority vote of the representatives of the clubs having teams in the Select Division. The chairperson shall serve for one year concurrently with the Fall and Spring Seasons.
- 3.3.6 The chairperson will provide committee reports for the Board meeting.

4. **WSSL EXECUTIVE BOARD JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

4.1. President

- 4.1.1. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of WSSL and shall preside at all Board meetings;
- 4.1.2. Shall call special meetings of the Board as needed;
- 4.1.3. Shall provide an agenda for each Board meeting;
- 4.1.4. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Board, shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next regular election;
- 4.1.5. Shall recommend to the Board a calendar annually of meeting dates and sites and activities; and
- 4.1.6. Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

4.2 Vice President

- 4.2.1 The Vice-President shall preside at all Board meetings in the absence of the President; and
- 4.2.2 Shall perform other duties as assigned by the Executive Board.

4.3 Secretary

- 4.3.1 The Secretary shall keep permanent records of all meetings;
- 4.3.2 Shall provide minutes for each Board meeting;
- 4.3.3 Shall report any correspondence sent to WSSL; and
- 4.3.4 Shall keep a current list of members of the Board and of Club Officers

4.4 Treasurer

- 4.4.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible for all receipts and disbursements of WSSL funds. Signature of the Treasurer and the Administrator will be required on all checks issued.
- 4.4.2 Shall provide a financial statement at each Board meeting; and
- 4.4.3 Shall file annual reports and present an annual budget to the Board.

4.5 Soccer Administrator

- 4.5.1 The Soccer Administrator shall be appointed by the Executive Board and shall serve a one-year term. The pay for this position will be set by the Executive Board, subject to the approval of the Board. The duties of the Soccer Administrator will include:
- 4.5.2 Shall act as WSSL registrar, with responsibility for authenticating team rosters, collecting fees from each club, and forwarding rosters and fees to MSYSA within the prescribed timeframes;
- 4.5.3 Shall assist the Coach and Player Committee in developing and distributing season schedules;
- 4.5.4 Shall distribute minutes and other pertinent information to Board members prior to Board meetings;
- 4.5.5 Shall distribute game protests and penalty information, received at the WSSL Office, to the Referee-in-Chief, and distribute mail to the proper Board members; and
- 4.5.6 Shall be designated as a signatory for all checks issued.

5. REGISTRATION AND FEE GUIDELINES

5.1 Roster Information

Each team roster submitted to the WSSL Office for a soccer season shall include the following information:

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| a. | Name of Player | f. | Gender of Player |
| b. | Address | g. | Date of Birth |
| c. | City | h. | Team Name |
| d. | Zip Code | i. | Age Group |
| e. | Telephone Number | | |

Note: Should a parent not include this information, a letter to that effect must be attached to the roster.

New Players and coaches must be identified on the roster with an “N” for the Spring Season.

Protected players must be identified on the roster with an asterisk for the Fall Season.

5.2 Club Requirements

5.2.1 Clubs which are pre-registered with MSYSA must provide the following information, forms and fees when submitting rosters to the WSSL office:

- a. Proof of MSYSA payments required, including insurance fee per team; player registration fees; and coach registration fees;
- b. Three copies of each team roster in legible form;
- c. Three copies of “Member League Registration Form;”
- d. Three copies of “League Affiliation Application Form;” and
- e. WSSL team assessment fee

5.2.2 Clubs which are not pre-registered with MSYSA must provide the following information, forms and fees when submitting rosters to the WSSL Office:

- a. State fees, including insurance fees, player registration fees, and coach registration fees; and
- b. The forms and fees listed in “d” and “e”, in paragraph 5.2.1, above.

5.3 Registration Dates

Registration dates and fees will be set by the WSSL Executive Board and this information will be made known to the member clubs at least three months prior to the starting date for the upcoming season.

5.4 Fall and Spring Season Registration Dates

Team Rosters and fees are payable to the WSSL Office for the Fall season the first week in August and for the Spring season the first week in March. (Specific dates published in annual calendar).

6. SEASONS AND AGE GROUPS

6.1 Seasons

The soccer year shall start August 1 and ending July 31, also referred to as year. Each year shall be divided into two seasons: Fall season – that shall start in September – and Spring season – that shall start in April. Due to calendar year variation, the Executive Board may change the starting date of a season.

6.2 Age Groups

Age groups shall be comprised of teams with players who are, on the first day of August of the current year:

Under 19 years old

Under 16 years old

Under 14 years old

Under 13 years old

Under 12 years old

Under 11 years old

Under 10 years old

Under 9 years old

6.2.1 A player who is eligible to play in an age group in the Fall Season shall be eligible to play in the same age group in the Spring season.

6.2.2 A player may play in any age group that they have not attained the limiting age.

6.2.3 While WSSL maintains and encourages separate age groups for boys and girls, both genders may play on the same team.

6.2.4 Any team that has one or more male players shall be placed in a boys age group.

6.2.5 At the beginning of each year the Executive Board shall designate a year of birth that is analogous to the limit of each age group.

7. PLAYERS

7.1 Registration

A registered player is one who is listed on the official team roster that is on file with the WSSL Office and meets the following requirements:

7.1.1 A player shall be a resident of the clubs jurisdiction in which the player is registered

7.1.2 A player shall be registered on one team in WSSL and shall not be permitted to play or register for any other league or team. Dual registration shall cause the player to be ineligible for WSSL registration.

7.1.3 A registered player shall be considered a competing player, whether played or not.

7.2 Late Registration

7.2.1 The WSSL Board will establish the deadline dates for Regular Registration and Late Registration for each season.

7.2.2 Registrations turned in prior to and including Regular Registration date will pay the standard fee charged by the league

7.2.3 All players registered after the regular registration date – up to the date for Late Registration – will pay a total fee of \$25 per player (this includes the regular registration fee)

- 7.2.4 No registration will be permitted after the late registration deadline.
- 7.2.5 As an exception to these guidelines, teams will be permitted to add players during late registration *without incurring a late fee* if they have not reached a minimum number of players during regular registration, as specified below:
 - For 11 vs. 11 teams (U11 and older age groups), a minimum of 15 players
 - For 8 vs. 8 teams (U9 and U10 age groups), a minimum of 11 players

7.3. Transfer

A player who resides in a WSSL club's jurisdiction is the exclusive property of the club, and the property of a team within that club jurisdiction for a period of one year, although the player shall have a conditional right to transfer.

- 7.3.1. A player shall not be removed from a team to make room for another player
- 7.3.2. A player shall not transfer between clubs or teams during the current season.
- 7.3.3. A player may voluntarily transfer from a team to a player pool in the club's jurisdiction prior to the start of a season.
- 7.3.4. A player desiring to register with a club, whose jurisdiction is where the player is not a resident, shall request that the new club secure a waiver to transfer from the club of rightful jurisdiction. In the event a dispute occurs, both clubs shall petition the Coach and Player Committee for a judgment. The judgment shall be made against any club that does not participate in the proceedings. All waiver to transfer and waiver disputes shall be reconciled by the first calendar day of the third calendar week before the start of the first scheduled game of the season.
- 7.3.5. A player who has played with a waiver to transfer or has participated in intra-club activities for two or more consecutive seasons shall be considered the property of said club. If continuity is broken for any reason, the player shall become the property of the club whose jurisdiction the player resides in. Non-soccer sports and indoor soccer are not considered intra-club activities.
- 7.3.6. A player has to be permitted to voluntarily return to a club's jurisdiction in which a player resides without dispute.
- 7.3.7. Players may not transfer from one WSSL Select team to another WSSL select team during the seasonal year that they have signed a player contract for.

7.4. Releases

- 7.4.1. Consistent with MSPSP guidelines, a registered player shall be committed to a WSSL Select team for the entire seasonal year. Once registered, a player should remain with his/her team until June 30 of that seasonal year
- 7.4.2. However, any player wishing a RELEASE shall be granted one
- 7.4.3. Any player wishing a release must complete the MSYSA release form and must submit same, and the appropriate fee, to the MSYSA Registrar and the WSSL Executive Board who shall process the release
- 7.4.4. Should any team suspend operation for the remainder of a seasonal year, that team shall process the release papers to all players who had registered with that team for the current or following seasonal year.

7.5 Eligibility

An individual who conforms to the By-Laws shall be considered a registered player, who is eligible to play on a team in WSSL.

8. **TEAM**

8.1 General

All teams competing in WSSL shall be entered for competition by a WSSL club. The club shall be responsible for the conformity of the teams in their jurisdiction to the WSSL By-Laws.

- 8.1.1 A team is composed of the eligible individuals listed on the official team roster that is on file with the WSSL Registrar.
- 8.1.2 For age groups under 11 and above, a team shall not have less than seven players and one coach, nor shall a team have more than eighteen players, one coach and one assistant coach. For age groups under 10 and below, a team shall not have less than five players and one coach, nor shall a team have more than fourteen players, one coach and one assistant coach.
- 8.1.3 Guest and ineligible players shall not be permitted to play.
- 8.1.4 A club that enters more than one team to compete in a specific age group, shall assure that there is an equal distribution of players by year of birth across the teams that the club enters. Distribution is based on the number of eligible players that a club registers for a specific age group. A player is eligible to play in an age group, but is registered in a higher age group, shall be counted among the youngest registered for that age group.
- 8.1.5 Teams shall not have a player that is older than the limiting age of the age group in which the team competes.
- 8.1.6 A team that is registered with WSSL shall not participate in any other competitive league.

8.2 Fall Season

New Teams shall be formed at the beginning of each seasonal year – the Fall Season.

- 8.2.1 Select teams must be formed in accordance with MSYSA directives regarding publicizing and holding tryouts for tryout teams.
- 8.2.2 Recreation teams must be formed in accordance with the practice of their sponsoring community, using a method that does not intentionally attempt to group stronger players into a stronger team or teams, to the disadvantage of other players or teams. While it is inevitable that some teams will perform better than others, recreation soccer is designed for the enjoyment of all, and as such there is no place for intentionally “stacking” a recreation team.
- 8.2.3 Member communities should be prepared to define the method they use for recreation team formation, and should be prepared to explain this method in the event that challenges are raised by other member communities regarding the compliance with the spirit of the guideline outlined in 8.2.2. WSSL reserves the right to discipline the member communities and/or teams that violate the provisions of By-law 8.2.2, as determined by a vote of the Executive Committee members in accordance with WSSL’s standard voting procedures.
- 8.2.4 Select teams will be placed in divisions according to the WSSL Select Guidelines. Recreation teams are placed in a playing division, by the Administrator with the support of the Executive Board, using a random draw unless the individual club requests that their teams be placed in a higher level division.

8.3. Spring Season

The teams from the previous Fall Season shall remain intact, unless the team disbands, players transfer, or a change in registration occurs.

8.3.1 Rosters and participants on Select teams may change from fall to spring of a seasonal year in accordance with the WSSL Select Guidelines. No transfers of players from one WSSL select team to another WSSL select team shall be permitted.

8.3.2 Recreation team rosters can be modified to reflect the results of player registrations changing from Fall to Spring season. Again, member communities should not make any effort to intentionally group stronger recreation players to form stronger teams for the Spring season.

8.3.3 WSSL reserves the right to discipline the member communities and/or teams that violate the providing of By-law 8.3.2 as determined by a vote of the Executive Committee members in accordance with WSSL's standard voting procedures.

8.3.4 All players that were not registered in the fall season shall be noted with an "N" next to the player's name on the official roster on file with the WSSL registrar.

8.3.5 Select teams are placed in a playing division according to WSSL Select Guidelines. Recreation teams are placed in a playing division by the League Administrator based on the team's standing in the Fall season, with the teams with better records being placed in the higher divisions. New teams will be placed in the lowest possible division, unless the individual club requests they be placed in a higher level division.

8.4 Eligibility

A team that is placed in competition by a WSSL club and conforms to the By-Laws shall be eligible to play in the WSSL.

8.5 Penalties

Failure of a team to conform to the By-Law shall result in a forfeiture of all games in the season prior to and including the time when the infringement is discovered by the Coach and Player Committee. Flagrant infringement of the By-Law shall result in the offending individual, team or club being expelled from the WSSL.

8.6 If a team is unable to compete or is disbanded prior to the completion of the season, no points or goals for or against shall be awarded to any team included in their schedule.

9. RULES

9.1 Postponed or Abandoned Games

All games shall be played on the scheduled date, time and field. Refusal to play a scheduled game shall result in forfeiture by the offending team, unless the game is postponed or abandoned.

9.1.1 Games that are to be rescheduled, shall be rescheduled by the home team coach and player representative. The game shall be rescheduled for a date, time, and place that is agreed upon by both teams. The game shall be rescheduled in no more than three days after the game has been postponed or abandoned, and played within twenty-one days, or before the last scheduled game of the season, whichever occurs first. The WSSL Coach and Player-in-Chief shall be notified of any game that is postponed, abandoned, or rescheduled.

9.1.2 A coach and player representative may postpone a game up to three days prior to the scheduled game, when a conflict or error is discovered.

9.1.3 A referee may abandon a game for the following reasons, but is not limited to these reasons:

- a. If, one hour or less before the scheduled game time, a tornado or severe weather warning is in effect, the game shall be abandoned and rescheduled. If the warning is canceled during the one-hour period, before the scheduled game time, the game shall still be abandoned.
- b. Lightning and/or thunder in the local area shall be cause for stoppage of the game as determined by any of the assigned officials or any of the respective coaches. If after a maximum waiting period of up to 30 minutes, the weather conditions persist, the game shall be abandoned. The safety and welfare of the participants is of prime concern.
- c. If ordered by a public service official.
- d. If the game is stopped by the intrusion of irreconcilable forces.
- e. Flagrant misconduct of spectators or participants.

9.1.4 The referee shall notify the club referee and rules representative of the abandoned game and the home coach shall notify the home coach and player representative to reschedule the game if applicable.

- a. If a game is abandoned prior to the start of the second half, the game shall be void and not counted as a game played, although the penalties for fouls and misconduct given during the game shall not be voided. The game shall be rescheduled, unless both coaches agree that circumstances prevent a reschedule, and thus will be counted as a game played.
- b. If a game is abandoned after the start of the second half, the game is counted as a game played and the score at the time of abandonment is the official score. The game shall not be rescheduled.

- 9.1.5 In the event that the visiting team arrives at the game location and failed to receive advance notice from the home team that a game must be cancelled due to:
- a. Referees will not be available for the match;
 - b. The referees are a no-show and an alternate referee cannot be agreed upon;
 - c. There are no appropriately-sized fields available at the location within ½ hour of the originally scheduled game time; then
- The visiting team has the option to reschedule the game at their facilities with the original home team responsible for paying the referee fees at the original visiting team's pay rate.
- 9.2 Unless otherwise notified by an authorized WSSL or club official, a team must arrive ready to play with the appropriate number of players no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled game time on the field assigned or will be subject to a forfeit of the game regardless of field or weather conditions.
- 9.3 Pre-game Rules
- 9.3.1 Coaching from the sidelines shall be conducted in a restrained and reasonable manner, and shall only occur between the eighteen yard lines, limited to own side of the field. No coach, substitute player or spectator shall be allowed beyond the eighteen yard lines, or at either end of the field, while play is in progress.
 - 9.3.2 Where possible, teams must take opposite sides of the field for their bench, unless mutually agreed otherwise by both coaches. In the event that both teams must share one side of the field, each team shall limit their bench and sideline activities between the halfway line and one eighteen yard line. In each case the home coach has first choice.
 - 9.3.3 No mechanical, electrical devices, or no radio-controlled devices, shall be allowed for coaching purposes during the game.
 - 9.3.4 The home team shall be responsible for the condition of the field. Field markings and proper equipment such as goal nets and corner flags are considered necessary for a WSSL-sponsored game, but it shall be at the discretion of the referee to commence or continue a game in the absence of such equipment. Under no circumstances shall a game be played without goal posts and cross bars. The home team shall provide the game ball.
 - 9.3.5 Verbal criticism of the referee during the game by coaches, spectators, or players, will not be allowed. The coach shall be deemed responsible for the actions of their team, assistant coaches and spectators.
 - 9.3.6 Each club shall provide each coach copies of the roster, containing all required WSSL information. Two copies of each teams' game report shall be made available to the referees before each game. Game reports shall include a space for the listing of penalties issued, game score, comments and referee signatures.
 - 9.3.7 Each player reporting to a team who is present at the start of the game shall play at least one-half of the game unless injured, or suspended by the home club or WSSL.
 - 9.3.8 Both teams, including coaches, shall be required to exchange handshakes in the middle of the field preceding the beginning of the game. The referee shall report any offending team, player, or coach to the Referee and Rules Committee. Failure to comply with this rule shall be interpreted as unsportsmanlike conduct.

9.4 Post Game Rules

9.4.1 After the game, the referee will return one copy of each teams' game report to the winning coach. The winning coach must mail the game reports to the League Scorekeeper within 72 hours of the game. In case of a tie, the home coach mails in the game reports. The home coach supplies the envelope. Failure to mail the game reports within the time frame shall result in the winning team receiving a forfeit.

9.5 Laws of the Game

WSSL clubs shall play in accordance to the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA and the modifications made by WSSL.

9.6 Mercy Rule for Recreation Play

9.6.1 In recreation play in any age group, teams that achieve a goal differential of greater than four over an opponent will be required to remove players to prevent further "running up the score."

9.6.2 When the goal differential reaches 5, the team with the scoring advantage must remove one player.

9.6.3 When the goal differential reaches 6, the team with the scoring advantage must remove an additional player.

9.6.4 If the differential continues to grow, the team with the scoring advantage must continue to remove players until the minimum permitted to play is remaining on the field (7 players, including goalie, for 11 vs. 11 play and 5 players for 8 vs. 8 play).

9.6.5 If the goal differential is reduced, players may be added back, as appropriate.

10 PROTESTS

The procedure for filing a protest is as follows:

- 10.1 Protest forms may be obtained from the Referee and Rules Committee representative in each club.
- 10.2 The coach protesting a game must do so within 48 hours of the game. The protest form and \$50 fee (made payable to WSSL) must be submitted in writing to his/her club's Referee and Rules (R&R) representative. The \$50 fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.
 - 10.2.1 Within the next 24 hours the R&R representative must make a reasonable attempt to contact:
 - a. The opposing coach if from the same community, or
 - b. The opposing team's R&R representative if from another community. The opposing coach will then be notified by his/her R&R representative.
 - c. The WSSL Referee-in-Chief must be notified. Contacting the opposing coach shall be considered a courtesy. Failure to make contact with the coach will not nullify the protest.
 - 10.2.2 If the opposing coach wishes to contest the protest, he/she must notify his/her R&R representative at that time, and must submit any supporting documentation in writing to his/her R&R representative within the next 24 hours.
 - 10.2.3 The R&R representative of the home team will contact the referee(s) or other persons as needed in order to acquire appropriate information.
 - 10.2.4 If there is a conflict between the coach's report and that of the referee, the referee's report will prevail.
- 10.3 The protest will be presented at the next scheduled Referee and Rules Committee meeting unless timing is such that an immediate decision must be made. In this case, a special hearing may be scheduled either by meeting or by phone. The results of the meeting will be presented to the coaches involved by their respective R&R representatives.
 - 10.3.1 If either team's R&R representative cannot be contacted within the allotted time, the above information may be presented to another club official.
 - 10.3.2 If the parties concerned cannot be reached, it will be at the discretion of the Referee and Rules Committee to proceed with the hearing.
- 10.4 After a player or coach has initiated a protest, to either the Referee and Rules Committee, the Coach and Player Committee or the Advanced Player Committee, and has received a response deemed unsatisfactory:
 - 10.4.1 The grievant may appeal the decision to the WSSL Appeals Board, which shall be comprised of four (4) members, from clubs holding a minimum of ten (10) votes, and the WSSL President, who shall chair the Board, but would only vote in the case of a tie vote. Should the decision of the Appeals Board be unsatisfactory to the grievant, then
 - 10.4.2 The grievant may appeal the decision to the MSYSA District Committee for its consideration.
- 10.5 WSSL Letter of protest form is attached.
- 10.6 The referee's judgment, with regards to the physical condition of the field and its acceptability for play, the actual happenings and occurrences related to the conduct of the game and those prerogatives granted by the "Laws of the Game" published by FIFA and WSSL modifications shall not be challenged.

11. **SELECT DIVISION**

11.1 Authority

The Executive Board shall establish a Select division when there is sufficient interest in a higher level of competition. The Executive Board shall empower the Advanced Player committee to enforce the WSSL By-Laws in the select division in lieu of the Coach and Player Committee. In the case that the Select division By-Laws are in conflict with other WSSL By-Laws, the Law of the Select Division shall prevail.

11.2 Player Selection

The participating member shall have an advertised open tryout for the players in their jurisdiction. Tryouts shall be conducted after June 15 for teams that will compete in the following soccer year. Article VI – Teams – applies.

11.2.1 As part of Select registration, all Select players are required to sign a WSSL player contract for a seasonal year.

11.3 Player Placement

Applies to any player that plays in or out of their rightful jurisdiction, or is placed on or released from a team.

11.3.1 A player may transfer out of a club's jurisdiction in which they may reside if there are not enough players for a tryout, or the player does not qualify for a team.

11.3.2 The three player rule – USYSA 2103C – shall be enforced.

11.3.3 Each season, a statement signed and dated by the player, player's guardian, and player's coach must be filed with the league. The statement shall contain the reason for the placement release of a player from a team and that all parties involved concur. Any disputes or irregularities shall be adjudicated by the Advanced Player committee and then reviewed by the Executive Board.

11.3.4 Players who are released from a team that competed during the current Fall season, shall be placed on another select team or enter the player pool for the Spring season.

11.3.5 A team that elects to suspend competition in the Select division shall be disbanded and the players entered into the player pool. Select team players cannot be part of a protected player block.

11.4 Age Groups

Age Groups shall be comprised of a minimum of four teams with players who are on the first day of August of the current year:

Under 14 years

Under 13 years

Under 12 years

Under 11 years

Under 10 years

12. **DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TROPHIES**

12.1 Champions and Co-Champions

At the conclusion of a season, if two or more teams are tied for the championship in a division, co-champions shall be declared.

12.2 Forfeits and Championships

In order to be declared a champion or co-champion in a division, the team must play all of the games on its schedule. A team may not forfeit any games and still retain first place. The team with the next best record will be declared the winner of the division.

12.3 Trophies

At the conclusion of the season, all scores and standings will be verified and the Coach and Player representative from the club having the divisional champion or co-champion, will be notified as to where and when the clubs may pick-up trophies for their teams.

12.4 The WSSL, starting with the Fall 1998 season, no longer records scores, standings, or award trophies for the Under 9 and Under 10 Boys and Girls Recreation divisions. Participation awards for each player shall be the responsibility of each player's home club. The WSSL team fee shall be \$25 per team, per season, for these divisions.