

WEST LONDON SOCCER LEAGUE MANUAL

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Our purpose is to organize and provide Recreational Soccer for our Youth to promote health, fitness and fair play.

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www.fifa.com/worldfootball/lawofthegame.html

LEAGUE RULES

1. GAME DURATION and BALL SIZES

- 12 & Under: Two 30 minute halves Size 4 ball
- 14 & Under: Two 35 minute halves Size 5 ball
- 16 & Under: Two 45 minute halves Size 5 ball
- 18 & Under: Two 45 minute halves Size 5 ball

Above times apply provided the game starts on time. In the event of a late start, each half will be one half of the time remaining to the curfew, after allowing for a 5 minute break.

The game time is changed starting as of August 1st to 6:00p.m. Please always check schedule for proper game times due to changes.

2.HAND SHAKES Shaking of hands will take place at the start of each game at the center line.

3. FORFEITED GAMES

Forfeited games will go into the record book as a 1-0 loss, and will not be rescheduled.

- Not enough players less than 7.
- Improper uniform (refer to 15)
- Team is no show
- Pinnies /bibs in conflict of colors (Away team must provide)
- No nets provided by home team.

4. TERMINATED GAMES

A game may be terminated BY THE REFEREE and or Field Proprietors for the following reasons:

- Severe weather conditions which prevent the safe playing of the game
- Loss of control of the game by the Referee due to the conduct of the players, coaches, or spectators.
- Field proprietors can cancel games due to field condition and legalities

Games terminated for darkness or inclement weather will be decided as follows:

- more than 3/4 of the game played - the score will stand
- less than 3/4 of the game played - the game will be rescheduled

Other terminated games will be awarded or rescheduled as decided by the League Scheduler (see Rule 17 in regard to rescheduling games).

5. PLAYER EXCHANGES (SUBSTITUTIONS) as per FiFa

Player Exchanges may be made with the Referee's permission:

- after a goal is scored
- when a goal kick has been awarded
- at a throw-in, provided the team awarded the throw-in elects to substitute
- when a player has been injured (the injured player only may be substituted)
- Players who have been issued a yellow card will automatically be substituted off the field (refer to Rule 8. Complaints/Protest.)

To avoid being called for too many players on the field, you must obtain the Referee's permission before making a substitution thru centre pitch.

6. ASSISTANT REFEREES (Formerly LINESMEN)

Each team will be required to provide one person to act as linesman, unless linesmen are provided as part of the refereeing contingent. Their sole duty, unless otherwise assigned by the Referee, will be to flag for ball out of play. The Referee will be the sole judge by whom the ball will be thrown-in. In addition, the Referee will be the sole authority on offside.

7. MINIMUM TEAM

A minimum team consists of seven (7) players, including the goalkeeper. If within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time, one of the teams cannot field the minimum number of players; the game will be declared a forfeit.

NOTE: There is No summer league rule. (That means that if one team has 7 players, but the other team fields 11 players, then the 11 are entitled to play against the 7.) Coaches must make every effort to use call-up players during vacation periods.

8. NO REFEREE

If a Referee fails to arrive within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time for U12 to U16, the Home Team's coach will choose a person, acceptable to the visiting team's coach, to act as Referee. If such a person is not acceptable, or cannot be agreed upon, then the Home team's coach will act as a Referee for the first half of the game, and the visiting coach for the second half. No disputes will be allowed in this situation.

If the choice of referee is unacceptable to both coaches then the game is rescheduled. The scheduler will reschedule the game.

For U18 Boys and U18 Girls, if there is no qualified referee for that game, then the game will be rescheduled.

9. COMPLAINTS /PROTEST

A complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction, resentment, or an accusation of unfairness. In W.L.S.L., the Discipline Committee will review all complaints and take action if necessary. This means if it is a League Issue the Discipline Committee will handle it, if it is a Club Issue the Discipline Committee will ask the Club representative to deal with the Complaint.

A protest is an objection of a rule violation or conditions prior to the competition. All disputes will be directed to your home club representative, who has the option of calling the Appeal Committee. The Appeals Committee decision will be final.

If a dispute has merit the Club Representative can contact by email the Appeal Committee Chair.

All disputes to the Appeals Committee will post \$50.00. Payable by club cheque at time of protest.

No disputes will be reported within 24 hours and not later than 72 hours.

Before 24 hours and after 72 hours the dispute is voided.

10. VIOLATIONS

Under no circumstances are Referees to be badgered or otherwise abused by coaches, spectators or players. If, in the opinion of the Referee, the game is out of control, he/she may terminate the game and report to the Referee Club Convenor, who will report to Club Representative, who will report to Appeals Committee, who will make the final decision as to whether the game will be forfeited or replayed.

All Yellow and Red card violations will be written directly on the completed Game Sheet by the referee only. Both coaches are to email the red and yellow cards of the game within 48 hours with the player's first and last name, age division, reason for the card and which club they play for to the following Email address wslscores@hotmail.com

i. Yellow card violations require the immediate substitution of the player charged with the infraction. The carded player may return to the game at the next opportunity for a player exchange.

ii. Any player receiving two Red Cards in a Season will be reviewed before the next game played.

4Yellow Cards =2 Red Cards he/she will be under review until further notice. No cards can be Disputed/Protested.

11. PLAYER TO PLAYER INCIDENT: All red card offenses between players will result in an automatic one game suspension. The game for which the suspension will be in effect is to be the next regular League or Playoff game. This is an automatic ruling supported by all member clubs of West London Interlocking League and Western Counties Soccer Association.

12. COACH /TEAM REPRESENTATIVE TO OFFICIAL INCIDENT:

In the event that an Official is abused in any way by a member of the Coaching staff and /or the Referee asks for the removal of a Coach/Team Representative and/ or terminates the game as a direct result of verbal and/or physical abuse from coaches there will be an immediate 1 Game suspension. If the severity of the incident warrants a formal review by the Appeals Committee, there may be further sanctions.

13. APPEAL COMMITTEE

The Appeal committee will be made up of three volunteer members selected from the WLSL Executive Committee.

Appeals will be initiated when the individual presents his/her Club Representative with a concise written statement of the facts involved in the disputed rule. (Refer to number 8)

The Club Representative for the individual wishing to make an appeal will arrange to convene the Appeals Committee in a timely and practical manner. In the cases when the Club Convenor involved in the dispute is also a member of the Appeal Committee, then another Executive Committee member will be needed to decide on the appeal. Rule violations which require a player's or a coach's' suspension remain in effect until an alternate decision is rendered by the Appeals Committee.

It is the Club Representative's responsibility to collect and submit information to the Appeals Committee. Then the Appeals Committee can make a proper and informed decision.

Once the decision is communicated to the Club Representatives the decision is final.

14. SPECTATOR CONDUCT

Each Coach is responsible for the conduct of his /her spectators. The Referee expects the support of each Coach in maintaining order throughout the game. The Referee can stop play of the game and request the Coach to address disruptive behavior from Players and spectators. The Referee has the authority to request removal of spectators or coaches from the field and vicinity. Failure to do so can result in any or all of the following:

- Banishment of Problem Spectators from future Games
- Termination and Forfeiture of the game
- Suspension of Coach

15. CALL-UPS

Teams are permitted to call-up players from a younger age division house league team only. These players must be registered with the Home club and each team may call up players to field a maximum of 14 players. A player called up may play only one age division higher. For example: (Under 12→ Under14)
No call-ups are permitted during the challenge cup Playoffs
All call-ups must be clearly marked on the game sheet with CU.

16. UNIFORMS

Players including call-ups must wear their entire soccer uniform: shirt with a number, shorts, socks, shin guards and proper footwear at all times. Failure to do so can result in the removal of the offending player until the uniform problem has been corrected to the satisfaction of the Referee.

In the event of a colour clash, the Away team will be responsible for changing to an alternate colour or wearing bibs/pinnies

17. JEWELLERY

FIFA rules applies

No jewellery allowed. Using tape to cover up jeweler is not allowed

Except only Medical Alert Bracelets are allowed. They must be fully taped to the referee's satisfaction.

Referees are also prohibited from wearing jewellery (except for a watch or similar device for timing the match).

18. SCORING and STANDINGS

The league will keep a complete record of scores and standings - WIN = 3 points TIE = 1 point.

It is the responsibility of each team's coach to update the score of his/her game within 48 hours of the game, failure to do so by a coach the accepted score will stand Regardless. All rain out games must be reported by both coaches to the Scheduler as per 18.

Each team should have access to the W.L.S.L. statistical website (www.westlondonsoccer.com/) through their coach or team representative to enter the game score. Assistance to set it up can be obtained by Emailing statistician wlscores@hotmail.com. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of points. If a tie exists between two or more teams, the final standings will be determined using the following tie-breaking formula:

- Total number of wins
- Games versus each other
- Lowest Goals Against
- Highest Number of Shutouts

19. RESCHEDULED GAMES

NOTE: ONLY THE WEST LONDON SCHEDULER OR DESIGNATE CAN GRANT A RESCHEDULING.

Rescheduling of games is **STRONGLY DISCOURAGED**. The organizing committee feels strongly that rescheduling causes too many problems. Shortages of players due to VACATIONS will NOT be accepted as a valid reason due to the call-up rules.

The scheduler /reschedules the game.

The Scheduler must be notified as soon as possible and reschedule the game as team and field availability warrants.

20. COACHES AREA

Coaches/Team Representatives and players are to stay 1 meter, behind the sidelines and remain between the penalty box and 1 meter, of their side of center. In addition, Coaches/Team Representatives and players are to be on the opposite side of the spectators. The Referee does not have to start the game until satisfied that all participants have complied with this rule.

21. REGISTRATIONS AND GAME SHEETS

Players registered in a competitive youth soccer League are NOT permitted to play in the

West London Soccer League. All players must be registered with their respective clubs. A game sheet is to be supplied by the Home team (no photocopies permitted). This must be completed by the Home and Visiting Coaches and made available to the Referee PRIOR to the start of every game. The Referee MUST sign the Game Sheet at the completion of the game legibly and print name clearly

- white copy is sent by the Referee to his/her Convenor
- yellow copy is kept by the visiting Coach
- pink copy is kept by the Home Coach

It is the responsibility of the Home team's Referee to report yellow and red card violations to their Referee Convenor. (Refer to 9 Violations)

A late player must receive the Referee's permission and be listed on the Game Sheet before he/she can enter the game.

22.GOAL NETS

The use of goal nets is mandatory.

If you are the Home Team on any pitch you are responsible to mount goal nets by game time.

The home team defaults if nets are not mounted. (15 minute grace period from start or scheduled time.)

23. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY and PLAYER DISCIPLINE

Players must be registered with a club that belongs with WLSL up until and including June 1st (of the registration year). In addition, the player cannot have played/registered with any INTERMEDIATE and COMPETATIVE in the same season. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of games where an ineligible player was used, suspension of coach, season suspension of the player. If a player receives a yellow/red during their very last game of the season, these will be carried forward and applied to the following year.

24.CHALLENGE CUP PLAYOFFS

The playoff format is as follows... All games are single elimination and the tie breaking formula to be used is as follows.

1. 2 X 10 minute Extra-time periods using Sudden Death/Victory procedure (GOLDEN BALL)
2. Penalty-kicks using FIFA format. No Player substitution is allowed before or during the penalty kicks.

25. TEAM APPLICATIONS

All teams registered to play in the West London Soccer League must be submitted by March 1st of the NEW SOCCER YEAR. Once the schedule has been created, there will be no new team applications accepted. No additions as of April 1st of the new soccer year.