

WEST MICHIGAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Policy Document 03



WMYSA Substitution Guidelines

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1.0 OBJECTIVE

This Policy Document 03 provides guidance to the referees working WMYSA game(s) and/or the referee associations who assign games for WMYSA, WMYSA coaches, and the WMYSA Disciplinary Committee regarding the procedure for substitutions in games played at WMYSA venues.

2.0 SCOPE

The scope of this policy is limited to WMYSA regular division games at all age groups, U9 through U19. It defines the league's guidelines on the actual substitution procedure, noting where the league has set guidance which differs from the procedure found in Law 3 of the Laws of the Game.

This policy is not applicable to games played by WMYSA-based teams in other leagues (e.g. MSPSP or GVSA/CASL elite) or competitions (e.g., State Cup, sanctioned tournaments, etc.)

3.0 POLICY

3.1.1 Substitution Procedure for Small Sided WMYSA Regular Division Games (U9 through U12 age groups)

3.1.1.1 Substitutions can occur at any stoppage and are unlimited, provided the referee is informed before any proposed substitution is made and the referee signals that substitutions may occur.

3.1.1.2 Once a substitution has been allowed by the referee, a substitute may enter the field of play prior to the player being replaced leaving the field of play.

3.1.1.3 A substitute only enters the field of play at the halfway line and during a stoppage in the match.

3.1.1.4 The substitution is completed when the substitute enters the field of play, regardless of the position of the player to be substituted. From that moment, the substitute becomes a player and the player who has been replaced ceases to be a player and becomes a substitute again, eligible to re-enter again and become a player unless sent off.

3.1.2 Misconduct in a Small Sided Game during the Substitution Procedure

3.1.2.1 Because there may be multiple substitutes entering the field by one or both teams and it may not be immediately apparent which player is being replaced, if misconduct occurs resulting in the send off of one or more on-field players/substitutes, the center referee has final authority to determine who is a player and who is a substitute for the purposes of determining if one or both teams must play short.

3.1.3 Substitution Procedure for Full Field Games (U13 through U19 age groups) AND U12 Elite Division Games played at WMYSA Home Fields¹

3.1.3.1 In accordance with MSYSA Rule 4.5, Substitutions may be made by either team at the following times:

¹ Elite division games played at venues in GVSA or CASL are subject to any substitution policy used at that venue.

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- 3.1.3.1.1 Prior to a throw-in, with the following exception: If the team taking the throw-in does not substitute then substitution is prohibited.
- 3.1.3.1.2 Prior to a goal kick.
- 3.1.3.1.3 After a goal is scored.
- 3.1.3.1.4 After an injury, when the referee stops play.
- 3.1.3.1.5 At half time.
- 3.1.3.1.6 After a Caution (a Yellow card), the carded player(s) may be substituted, and if substituted, the opposing team may substitute a like number of players.
- 3.1.3.2 Once a substitution has been allowed by the referee, the normal substitution procedure found in Law 3 should be followed, except as noted in 3.1.3.3 below.
- 3.1.3.3 The substitution is completed when the substitute enters the field of play. From that moment, the substitute becomes a player and the player who has been replaced ceases to be a player and becomes a substitute again, eligible to re-enter again and become a player unless sent off.

4.0 DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE(S)

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1. Initial issue, August 2010	Initial Issue