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## GENERAL WMYSA INFORMATION

1. Paperwork to bring and give to the referee prior to the start of the game:
  - a. Pass cards
  - b. **all teams are responsible for printing and bringing a WMYSA Game Day Report sheet with the preprinted roster to the game.**
  - c. **all teams are responsible for bringing a copy of the supplied Whisper Campaign**
  - d. Home team is responsible for referee payment
  - e. Home team is responsible to give the mailing envelope to the referee prior to the start of the game.
  
2. **Score Reporting:** the winning team (or home in case of a tie) is required to report the scores in GotSoccer. For Elite teams, they will be responsible for entering all games in the WMYSA – GotSoccer database as well as the GVSA website. Any scores not reported will be left as an unplayed match.
  
3. **Concussion Law** – as a reminder all players/parents should have signed the State of Michigan agreement and if a player has a (suspected) concussion, they must sit out all practices and games until a Return to Play form is submitted to the club and WMYSA.
  
4. **Pass Card System** – No changes. Each team must identify no more than 3 pass players in a game. The players must have their player card presented to the referee in order to play in the game.
  
5. **Inclement Weather** – Know what to do should inclement weather happen prior to or during a game/practice. Coaches may not cancel for general inclement weather.
  
6. **Contact ~ Administrator/Scheduling:**
  - Dana Pope**
  - [Dana.Pope@wmys.org](mailto:Dana.Pope@wmys.org)
  - 269 743-7177 home**
  - 269 389-9517 Google Voice (all Admin Staff receives message)**



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## 2018 Policy Update Reminder

### Weather Cancellations

It is estimated WMYSA pays approximately \$12,000 annually to the referee associations in order to assign match officials to our games. While these costs are figured into the fee we charge clubs, it does not include rescheduling. This past fall season, Mother nature was not very cooperative with us. As a result, the rescheduling of games cost WMYSA an additional \$1,434.

To offset this moving forward we have established a new process. When games are canceled due to weather; the teams have two options. First, they can leave the game as not played and no fee will be assessed. If they agree to reschedule the game, then a \$15 fee will be split by the two teams and assessed as \$7.50/team to reschedule. It should be noted that a game can only be cancelled due to weather by the game official or the league. This is not a decision two coaches can make. If two coaches cancel a game on their own it is subject to associated forfeiture fees.

### Risk Management

The renewal of risk management has become problematic. If a risk management card expires during the season, GotSoccer automatically pulls that coach/manager from the roster. The problem is that many teams are printing game day sheets at the beginning of the season; not just prior to the game as required. As a result, the coach whose risk management card has expired still shows on the sheet. Please note, if risk management has expired they are not allowed on the bench nor should they be participating in practices etc. Adults are responsible for monitoring their own risk management. The card has an expiration date and they receive reminder emails from the state office.

The new policy states if Coach/Manager's Risk Management approval expires during the season and is not properly renewed with the coach/manager relinked to the team for games, then the following fines will be imposed: first game \$25; second game \$50 and third offense will result in a Disciplinary Hearing.

### Bench Rules

Rule's that were in place for the Fall 2017 season specifies the following. During the game, only carded players and coaches/managers (up to 3) are allowed to be on the team bench touchline/sideline. Anyone in this bench area must be listed as a member on the Teams Official



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Roster. The only exception is the allowed (three) pass players which must possess their current primary team card and be listed on the Game Report Sheet.

Unfortunately, we have experienced an increase in coaches and parent not on the team roster sitting on the bench. Sometimes it's because the coach was not available. This is a violation of WMYSA rules. Until recently we just issued a warning. This has not proven to be affective.

What we are now doing:

1. Expanded the club official card from one to two. These officials can sit on any team bench as long as they do not exceed the maximum limit of three.
2. Unregistered Coaches/Managers on Bench during games shall now be a fine of \$25 for the first offense to the head coach listed on the roster; a fine of \$50 for the second offense to the head coach listed on the roster and the third offense will result in a Disciplinary Hearing.

## Score Reporting

The winning team is responsible for reporting game scores. In the event of a tie game, the home team is responsible for reporting the score. In the event no score is reported, it will now be left as unreported. WMYSA will not go in and record it for those teams. Game reports are mailed in by the referees. Sometimes we get them within a few days, other times it can take as long as several months later, if not at all. This makes the recording of scores by WMYSA problematic. If it is unreported, it will be viewed as if it had never been played. Those teams will show one game less for each game that went unreported.

## Field Size Update

All venues should be using the new rule with the following:

- U9/U10 Divisions goal sizes are 6 x 12
- U11/U12 Divisions goal sizes are 6 x 18



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## Inclement Weather

A severe weather warning is defined as either a Tornado Warning, Severe Thunderstorm Warning or High Wind Warning.

If a severe weather “warning” exists in the venue’s area during game time or 2 hours prior to or 1 hour after the scheduled game time, the venue’s management or either team’s coach may reschedule the game to an alternative time and/or date without concern of forfeiture. If referees are assigned to a match that falls under these conditions, they may also be excused from officiating.

The venue management, coach or official which elects to cancel a game due to severe weather, as defined below, must contact the WMYSA Administrator Responsible for scheduling and the opposing team to inform them of their decision prior to game time. If the referee is the one making the determination they should contact WMYSA.

**A Tornado Watch** is issued when weather conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms called a Supercell capable of producing tornadoes. A tornado watch; therefore, implies it is also a severe thunderstorm watch.

**A Tornado Warning** is defined as an alert issued by national weather forecasting agencies to warn the public that severe thunderstorms with tornadoes are imminent or occurring. Immediate shelter should be sought.

**A Severe Thunderstorm Watch** does not necessarily mean that severe weather is occurring, only that atmospheric conditions have created a significant risk for severe weather to occur.

**A Severe Thunderstorm Warning** is an alert issued when trained storm spotters or a Doppler weather radar indicate that a thunderstorm is producing or will soon produce dangerously large hail or high winds, capable of causing significant damage. Immediate shelter should be sought.

**A high wind warning** is issued when either sustained winds of 40 mph or higher exist for one hour or more or wind gusts are 58 mph or higher for any duration. Immediate shelter should be sought.



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## Game Day Procedures

Every team is required to print their WMYSA Game Report Sheet and turn into the Referee at all 8 games. This should be printed within a day of the game to ensure current roster information is being submitted.

The forms are found with your schedule in the GotSoccer Team Account. You need to hand write up to 3 Pass Players at the bottom of the list as well as crossing out the absent players. You will need to let both the opponent and referee know if you have Pass Players. *This includes teams playing in Elite.*

### Logging In

1. Go to [www.GotSoccer.com](http://www.GotSoccer.com)
2. At the top right is a login button which then opens to a screen with multiple account type logins.
3. Click on Team Login (Left side)
4. Enter **TEAM** account user ID and password in the login screen

### Finding & Printing the Game Report Sheet

5. Click on Event Name (2018 Fall Schedule WMYSA)

Event Registration History

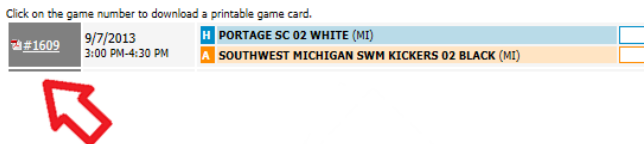
Items 1 - 8 of 8

Name/Date	Type	Status	Applied	Accepted	Paid	Roster	Schedule	eTravel	Support
WMYSA Seasonal Year 2013 2014 Team Registration 8/1/2013 - 7/31/2014	League	Pending	08/10/2013	No	No	Frozen (11)	TBA	Request	Request
2013 Fall Schedule WMYSA 9/6/2013 - 11/1/2013	League	Accepted	07/19/2013	Yes	No	Default	View	Request	Request

6. Click on *Schedule Tab* in middle



7. Click on the Game # to the left of game sheet needed



8. Game sheet will download in PDF

9. Print





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Make sure you give the referee the WMYSA Game Report sheet. **CROSS OUT THE NAMES OF PLAYERS AND COACHES WHO ARE NOT PRESENT!** This is especially important in U13 and older age groups, as teams may register up to 22 players, but only 18 may dress for a game. It is also to ensure suspended players and coaches are not participating. If a name is not crossed out, *then the Player/Coach participated in the game.* If you have any Pass Players, they must be written at the bottom of the list. You must notify the opposing coach as well as the Center Referee of the use of Pass Players.

All adults present on the sideline (a maximum of 3 on the bench side) must be in possession a WMYSA Pass Card showing their Risk Management information. The Risk Management cannot be expired. If an adult does not have this, he/she will not be allowed to participate under any circumstance. There must be at least one adult coach present during the game. If not, the game shall not be played, the Refs will be paid and the absence of a Coach reported to WMYSA.

If a player is not listed on your official GotSoccer roster, then they are not a legal player for your team. This is the roster which is in the document tab of your team account and has Gil Urban's signature (league registrar/administrator). The names of all legally rostered players will also show up on the Game Day Report sheet.

At the end of the game, when signing the Game Report sheet - make sure the goals scored are correct, as well as the final score and any cards issued *before* signing it. Since the game report is the only official documentation for the game, any suspensions for Red or Yellow cards as well as the official score are based on this.

Each team's coach is responsible for making sure all player suspensions are served. While we try to notify each club of all suspensions it is the responsibility of each coach to know the rules and enforce them!

After the game, post the result at once on the website:

- ✓ The winning (home team in event of tie) coach / manager must report the game score to the statistician through the WMYSA GotSoccer reporting procedure.
- ✓ **Elite teams** should report scores in GotSoccer for all of their games since GVSA & CASL teams do not have the Event ID and PIN to enter scores. You will also report the score as a winner in GVSA on their website at [www.GVSoccer.org](http://www.GVSoccer.org).
- ✓ *Any game score not reported will be left as an unplayed game in GotSoccer.*



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## Payment for officials as follows

<u>Age Bracket</u>	<u>Fees (1 referee)</u>	<u>Fees (3 referees)</u>
U9	\$30.00	n/a
U10	\$30.00	n/a
U11, U12	\$40.00	\$30.00 / \$25.00 / \$25.00
U13	\$50.00	\$40.00 / \$30.00 / \$30.00
U15	\$55.00	\$45.00 / \$35.00 / \$35.00
U17, U19	\$60.00	\$50.00 / \$40.00 / \$40.00

If one of the assistant referees does not show, the center official does not receive additional compensation. If neither assistant referee shows, the center official should be paid at the rate of the single official listed above. Also, if one of the assistant referees does not show, use a club assistant referee or club linesman, with the single assistant referee calling offside on one end and the center referee calling offside on the end with the club assistant referee or club linesman. Referees should be paid prior to the start of the game.

**DO NOT USE THE TWO-MAN SYSTEM TO REFEREE WMYSA GAMES!**

## Format & Length of Game

### U9 & U10 Format

7 v 7 format  
25 Minute Halves  
Goal Size: 6 x 12

### U11 & U12 Format

9 v 9 format  
30 Minute Halves  
Goal Size: 6 x 18

### U13 Format

11 v 11 format  
35 Minute Halves  
Goal Size: 8 x 24

### U14 Format

11 x 11 format  
35 Minute Halves  
Goal Size: 8 x 24

### U15 Format

11 v 11 format  
40 Minute Halves  
Goal Size: 8 x 24

### High School Format

11 v 11 format  
45 Minute Halves  
Goal Size: 8 x 24



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## Entering Scores: Smart Phone or Computer

You can enter scores from your smart phone or home computer:

- A. Go to [www.GotSoccer.com](http://www.GotSoccer.com)
- B. Click on the Scoring link



C. Enter your event id and pin from your game card, just as you would for the phone in service.

- 1. Event ID: **67725**
- 2. Pin: **1234**

D. Click **Go**



E. Enter your game number and press **Go**

- F. Next click on the **Home** team box
- G. Enter the score
- H. Click on the **Away** team box
- I. Enter the score
- J. Press **Save**



## Entering Scores Using Telephone

- A. Dial: 904 758-0875
- B. Press 1 to update records
- C. Enter Event ID: **67725#**
- D. Enter Pin: **1234#**
- E. Enter Game plus #
- F. To enter Scores, press 1
- G. Enter home team score, press #
- H. Enter away team score, press #
- I. To Save scores press 1 or to Cancel press 2
- J. Once you press 1: message ~ thank you game records have been updated.





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## Rescheduling

### When should I be rescheduling/canceling a game?

If you have a conflict and would like to change a scheduled league game, you will need to complete the procedures below with a current season reschedule form. The WMYSA Rescheduling fees are based on a time frame, the sooner it is completed, the lower the cost. Also, both teams should understand that when changes are made, the effect may be no referees will be available for the new date/time and WMYSA cannot guarantee the Referee Associations will have referees available.

### What if there is severe weather?

WMYSA policy states: If a severe weather “warning” or a tornado “warning” exists in the venue’s area during game time or 2 hours prior to or 1 hour after the scheduled game time, the venue’s management or either team’s coach may reschedule the game to an alternative time and/or date without concern of forfeiture. If referees are assigned to a match under these conditions, they may also be excused from officiating. **The venue management, coach or official which elects to cancel a game due to severe weather or tornado “warnings” must contact all other parties to inform of the decision prior to game time. This includes WMYSA Scheduler and opposing team.** Inclement weather in general does not allow for coaches to cancel a game, general inclement weather must be canceled by the league or the referees at the field. The home team should then initiate the Rescheduling process. Under the reasons, it should indicate if the game was started and abandoned prior to the half or if it was canceled prior to a start and weather related.

### What if we have an emergency?

On rare occasions, emergencies occur within a 48 hour window of a game and a team will need to reschedule. In this instance, the opposing team and WMYSA Scheduler should be contacted immediately to make sure everyone is aware. Afterwards, the canceling team should work to reschedule as quickly as possible.

### How do we know the fields are available?

The home team should be aware of any restrictions for availability. Many of the larger complexes are used by recreational leagues and not always available for WMYSA games. [I.E. River Oaks, Kalamazoo & Portage complexes are not available on Saturday prior to 3:00.] If you are not sure contact your board to find out if there are any restrictions. Some complexes have field coordinators who can check and the WMYSA scheduler can also help look into the availability. There is also a Field Schedule link which lets you look at what WMYSA games have been scheduled on the fields. Here is the link (note, games outside of WMYSA will not show up on this link): <http://events.gotsport.com/events/fields.aspx?EventID=64166&FieldID=>

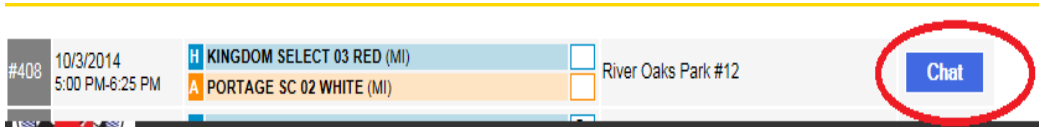


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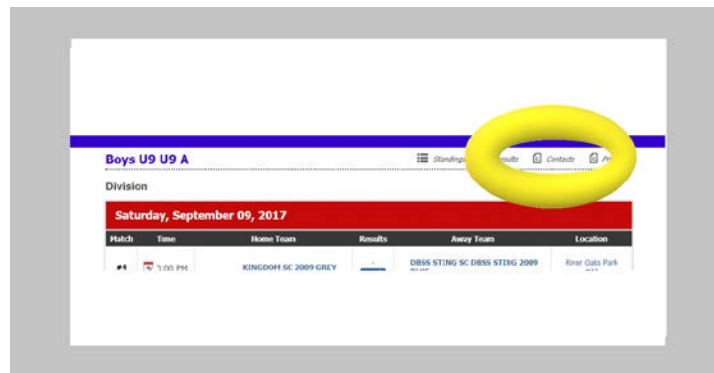
## Steps to Reschedule a WMYSA League Game

Please note, there also is no guarantee with a game change referees will be available for the new date/time.

1. Contact the opposing team.
  - a. Coaches/Managers can be found by using the Chat in the Event Schedule tab. This will keep a running log of your conversation completely in GotSoccer.



- b. On the Schedule page at the top right of each division is a list of Team Contact Info. This will give you the coach/manager contact email and phone information to make contact outside of GotSoccer.



2. Once you have an agreed date/time fill out the Reschedule Form. Both teams need to sign the form and the Requesting Club need to sign the form for verification everyone is aware of the requesting change.

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Spring 2018 Game Reschedule Request

Submission Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Game # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Team Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Away Team Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Game Schedule

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location/Field: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Requesting Change: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Reschedule: \_\_\_\_\_

Request Change to: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of coach requesting change: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of opposing coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature by Club Administration of Requesting Team: \_\_\_\_\_

*Fee for Rescheduled games based on Submission Date			
Less than 10 days prior	\$25	From 10 to 14 days prior	\$50
15 to 29 days prior	\$50	From 30 to 35 days prior	\$75
More than 35 days prior	\$75	From 36 to 45 days prior	\$100
More than 45 days prior	\$100	From 46 to 60 days prior	\$125
More than 60 days prior	\$150	From 61 to 90 days prior	\$200
More than 90 days prior	\$250	From 91 to 120 days prior	\$300
More than 120 days prior	\$350	From 121 to 150 days prior	\$400
More than 150 days prior	\$450	From 151 to 180 days prior	\$500
More than 180 days prior	\$550	From 181 to 210 days prior	\$600
More than 210 days prior	\$650	From 211 to 240 days prior	\$700
More than 240 days prior	\$750	From 241 to 270 days prior	\$800
More than 270 days prior	\$850	From 271 to 300 days prior	\$900
More than 300 days prior	\$950	From 301 to 330 days prior	\$1000
More than 330 days prior	\$1050	From 331 to 360 days prior	\$1100
More than 360 days prior	\$1150	From 361 to 390 days prior	\$1200
More than 390 days prior	\$1250	From 391 to 420 days prior	\$1300
More than 420 days prior	\$1350	From 421 to 450 days prior	\$1400
More than 450 days prior	\$1450	From 451 to 480 days prior	\$1500
More than 480 days prior	\$1550	From 481 to 510 days prior	\$1600
More than 510 days prior	\$1650	From 511 to 540 days prior	\$1700
More than 540 days prior	\$1750	From 541 to 570 days prior	\$1800
More than 570 days prior	\$1850	From 571 to 600 days prior	\$1900
More than 600 days prior	\$1950	From 601 to 630 days prior	\$2000
More than 630 days prior	\$2050	From 631 to 660 days prior	\$2100
More than 660 days prior	\$2150	From 661 to 690 days prior	\$2200
More than 690 days prior	\$2250	From 691 to 720 days prior	\$2300
More than 720 days prior	\$2350	From 721 to 750 days prior	\$2400
More than 750 days prior	\$2450	From 751 to 780 days prior	\$2500
More than 780 days prior	\$2550	From 781 to 810 days prior	\$2600
More than 810 days prior	\$2650	From 811 to 840 days prior	\$2700
More than 840 days prior	\$2750	From 841 to 870 days prior	\$2800
More than 870 days prior	\$2850	From 871 to 900 days prior	\$2900
More than 900 days prior	\$2950	From 901 to 930 days prior	\$3000
More than 930 days prior	\$3050	From 931 to 960 days prior	\$3100
More than 960 days prior	\$3150	From 961 to 990 days prior	\$3200
More than 990 days prior	\$3250	From 991 to 1020 days prior	\$3300
More than 1020 days prior	\$3350	From 1021 to 1050 days prior	\$3400
More than 1050 days prior	\$3450	From 1051 to 1080 days prior	\$3500
More than 1080 days prior	\$3550	From 1081 to 1110 days prior	\$3600
More than 1110 days prior	\$3650	From 1111 to 1140 days prior	\$3700
More than 1140 days prior	\$3750	From 1141 to 1170 days prior	\$3800
More than 1170 days prior	\$3850	From 1171 to 1200 days prior	\$3900
More than 1200 days prior	\$3950	From 1201 to 1230 days prior	\$4000
More than 1230 days prior	\$4050	From 1231 to 1260 days prior	\$4100
More than 1260 days prior	\$4150	From 1261 to 1290 days prior	\$4200
More than 1290 days prior	\$4250	From 1291 to 1320 days prior	\$4300
More than 1320 days prior	\$4350	From 1321 to 1350 days prior	\$4400
More than 1350 days prior	\$4450	From 1351 to 1380 days prior	\$4500
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More than 1410 days prior	\$4650	From 1411 to 1440 days prior	\$4700
More than 1440 days prior	\$4750	From 1441 to 1470 days prior	\$4800
More than 1470 days prior	\$4850	From 1471 to 1500 days prior	\$4900
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More than 1530 days prior	\$5050	From 1531 to 1560 days prior	\$5100
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More than 1590 days prior	\$5250	From 1591 to 1620 days prior	\$5300
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More than 1710 days prior	\$5650	From 1711 to 1740 days prior	\$5700
More than 1740 days prior	\$5750	From 1741 to 1770 days prior	\$5800
More than 1770 days prior	\$5850	From 1771 to 1800 days prior	\$5900
More than 1800 days prior	\$5950	From 1801 to 1830 days prior	\$6000
More than 1830 days prior	\$6050	From 1831 to 1860 days prior	\$6100
More than 1860 days prior	\$6150	From 1861 to 1890 days prior	\$6200
More than 1890 days prior	\$6250	From 1891 to 1920 days prior	\$6300
More than 1920 days prior	\$6350	From 1921 to 1950 days prior	\$6400
More than 1950 days prior	\$6450	From 1951 to 1980 days prior	\$6500
More than 1980 days prior	\$6550	From 1981 to 2010 days prior	\$6600
More than 2010 days prior	\$6650	From 2011 to 2040 days prior	\$6700
More than 2040 days prior	\$6750	From 2041 to 2070 days prior	\$6800
More than 2070 days prior	\$6850	From 2071 to 2100 days prior	\$6900
More than 2100 days prior	\$6950	From 2101 to 2130 days prior	\$7000
More than 2130 days prior	\$7050	From 2131 to 2160 days prior	\$7100
More than 2160 days prior	\$7150	From 2161 to 2190 days prior	\$7200
More than 2190 days prior	\$7250	From 2191 to 2220 days prior	\$7300
More than 2220 days prior	\$7350	From 2221 to 2250 days prior	\$7400
More than 2250 days prior	\$7450	From 2251 to 2280 days prior	\$7500
More than 2280 days prior	\$7550	From 2281 to 2310 days prior	\$7600
More than 2310 days prior	\$7650	From 2311 to 2340 days prior	\$7700
More than 2340 days prior	\$7750	From 2341 to 2370 days prior	\$7800
More than 2370 days prior	\$7850	From 2371 to 2400 days prior	\$7900
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More than 2880 days prior	\$9550	From 2881 to 2910 days prior	\$9600
More than 2910 days prior	\$9650	From 2911 to 2940 days prior	\$9700
More than 2940 days prior	\$9750	From 2941 to 2970 days prior	\$9800
More than 2970 days prior	\$9850	From 2971 to 3000 days prior	\$9900
More than 3000 days prior	\$9950	From 3001 to 3030 days prior	\$10000



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3. Submit form to WMYSA
4. Check GotSoccer for change. Once the change is made, typically you will receive an autogenerated email letting you know that the request has been completed. Until it shows up in GotSoccer, the change has not been implemented.
5. Payments are made to/thru the club.

## Tournaments

### 1. General Information

- a. The only tournament services WMYSA will provide is sanctioning. WMYSA no longer provides rosters for tournament teams or guest player card services.
- b. Clubs or teams wishing to establish a tournament specific roster can do so by going to the Tournament Center.
- c. Guest Player card services is a process reserved exclusively by the State Office. For instructions on how to go about getting tournament team rosters or a guest player card, click on the instruction links below.

[Tournament Team Instructions](#)   [Guest Player Card Instructions](#)

### 2. Locating a Tournament

- a. There are several ways to find a tournament which is right for your team. First and most effective is by word of mouth.
- b. Don't be afraid to ask around. See what experiences other coaches and parents have had.
- c. What's worse than going to a tournament which is run poorly? Finding out by paying the fees and attending a tournament no one in our area would recommend.
- d. Items to ask for consideration:
  1. What was the level of competition
  2. How many teams in a bracket
  3. How many fields do they use
  4. What is the distance between venues
  5. How do they deal with bad weather (stoppages)
  6. What else is there to do in the area and how are the hotels
- e. In addition to word of mouth you can go online and search sites and forums to get feedback about others' experiences.



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1. One of the best ways to find a tournament to begin to research in a particular area or date by going to The Tournament Center's Find a [Tournament page](#).
2. This will list all state sanctioned tournaments in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

## f. Current Pre-Approved WMYSA Sanctioned Tournaments

Club	Tournament Name	Start Date	End Date
Portage Soccer Club	Celery Cup	August 24, 2018	August 26, 2018
Kingdom Soccer Club	Kingdom Cup	September 21, 2018	September 23, 2018



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## WMYSA Officials Code of Conduct

For this policy, an Official is defined as a league or club board member(s), coaches, assistant coaches, managers, paid employees of the league or a club and volunteers who work with youth associated with WMYSA.

### **Responsibility to Players**

- Officials shall not place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
- Officials shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching unsporting behavior to players.
- Officials shall not encourage players to violate any Law of the Game or any rule of competition established by WMYSA (West Michigan Youth Soccer Association).

### **Responsibility to Opponents**

- Officials shall not encourage, condone or permit any player to engage in conduct with the intent of causing an injury to an opponent.
- Officials shall not engage in any physical or verbal confrontation with an opposing player, coach or supporter.

### **Responsibility to the Game**

- Officials shall be aware of the laws of the game and shall adhere to the spirit of the laws of the game.
- Officials shall accept responsibilities of team leadership and shall be accountable for the conduct of the players, team officials and spectators affiliated with their teams.

### **Responsibility to Officials**

- Officials shall extend respect and courtesy to match and competition officials.
- Officials shall not incite players, team officials, or spectators into conduct towards officials that is contrary to the rules of the game.
- Officials shall employ only methods authorized by WMYSA or the rules of the competition, to pursue review of decisions by match or competition officials.

### **Responsibility to WMYSA and other Member Organizations**

- Officials shall become aware with and comply with the rules, policies and procedures established by WMYSA and the governing organization(s).
- Officials shall refer disputes, appeals, and disciplinary reports to proper authorities as designed by WMYSA and the governing organization(s).

### **Responsibility Regarding Player Communication**

- Officials shall comply with rules and policies pertaining to registration and player recruitment.



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- Officials shall not engage in any recruiting activity at any event sponsored by MSYSA until tryouts begin and up until July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Officials shall not allow any surrogate to engage in recruiting activities prohibited by WMYSA.
- Officials shall not solicit or encourage the transfer of any player currently registered to another member organization.
- When Officials are sharing social media content with players, that information shall not contain material that is deemed inappropriate where it offends, intimidates, humiliates or bullies another person.
- When communicating through social media, officials shall not have private dialog with youth players.
- Officials shall not promise or provoke any compensation to a player as an inducement to register or play with a particular team or member organization
- Officials shall not knowingly, recklessly or negligently misrepresent or defame programs associated with a particular coach, team or member organization.

**I have read this Officials Code of Conduct and understand its requirements and agree to abide by the letter and spirit of this Code of Conduct.**



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## WMYSA Whisper Campaign Parent Expectations

As a parent of a youth player, I suspect you would be outraged if another parent said anything negative about how your child was playing. After all, aren't they trying, don't they have feelings and don't you as a parent have protective instincts which would make you outraged? News Flash, referees are human also, no different than your own child and they do sometimes have parents who are in attendance and within earshot of what you are saying. So why are we subjecting them to the same unwanted behavior we just denounced for our own children? The simple reason is we get caught up in the moment.

Why is it we all know right from wrong, yet we still let emotions control our behavior? The reason is we are all creatures of habit with an internal need to belong. As the swing of the game moves in your favor, chemical reactions in your body make you feel good. Likewise, as things go against you, they make you feel dejected and negative. These mood swings alter behavior and make you more susceptible to what is called "contagion theory." This is where we do things we normally wouldn't. When we are in large groups our brains cognitive functions tend to switch making self-reflection more difficult. This allows people to do things they normally wouldn't. Examples are rioting after a Michigan State Game or verbally abusing or chasing after a youth soccer referee.

If you want an official to be better at their job, then give them the room to learn. Heckling them splits their attention and makes it even more difficult to make well informed calls. This is a slippery slope since the more nervous they get, the more debatable their calls become which riles up the parents and coaches that much more.

If you have a complaint about an official, speak to your coach or a club official about your concerns. There is an established process they may use to bring this concern to the league's attention. WMYSA does not tolerate abusive behavior. You should realize during the game the officials will hold your coach responsible for your conduct. Your' coach can be cautioned and even removed from matches as a result of parental behavior. When parents can be identified for these actions, the league can and will impose sanctions on them, the coach or even the entire fan base as well. Only you can prevent this from getting that far!

To address the ongoing issue WMYSA is launching its *Whisper Campaign* starting this fall. This campaign will be broken down in two phases centered around the three principles of Respect, Recognition and Restraint. Respect should be given to the officials, players and spectators at all times. Recognize when you or others begin to show frustration. Restrain yourself and help others to do the same when frustration sets in by whispering.



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- NEVER throw things at an official or touch them.
- NEVER follow an official off the field after a match regardless of the reason.
- NEVER enter the field to speak with a referee.
- NEVER publicly question the referee's judgment or their honesty.
- NEVER yell at the referee(s), including criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation or feedback of any kind before, during or after the game.
- Parents and spectators shall not make remarks to the referee(s) or advise the referee(s) to watch certain players or attend to rough play.
- The only time a parent should address an official during a match is to draw their attention to an injured player.
- Parents and Fans should not yell instructions to players from the sideline and allow coaches to properly instruct.
- Don't make negative comments about players on either team. This can set other parents off and be detrimental to the players who hear the comments.
- Parents and fans should recognize effort, good play and sportsmanship by cheering for both teams.
- Parents and fans should remind yourself and others about *Whisper Weekends* before the game and as you begin to see frustration building. It is your job to help deescalate each other so the game can go on without interruption.
- Understand officials are in control of the game. They have the authority to remove parents, coaches even the entire sidelines if behavior is deemed unacceptable. When this occurs WMYSA will investigate the situation and apply further sanctions as deemed appropriate,

**WMYSA Whisper Campaign Parent Expectations Signature Sheet**







# Whisper Campaign



• Respect • Recognize • Restraint



Game #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Official: \_\_\_\_\_

### Team Sportsmanship Scores

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Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Poor = 1, Excellent = 5

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Players	1	2	3	4	5
Coaches	1	2	3	4	5
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### Comments




## Academy Schedule & Information

**Ron Warners, Academy Director**

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**Phone:     269-998-6726**

**Dana Pope, help Co-ordinate smaller clubs to participate**

**Email:     Dana.Pope@wmysa.org**

## Dates

September 9 <sup>th</sup> :	Kalamazoo Complex
September 16 <sup>th</sup> :	Kalamazoo Complex
September 30 <sup>th</sup> :	Kalamazoo Complex
October 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Lakeshore Youth Soccer Complex (Rockey Weed)

## Academy Rules/Regulations

1. Start time for the Jamboree is 2:30 pm for each of the 4 Sunday dates.
2. U8 age appropriate players can be registered on U9 team or the Academy but not both. The U8 players in the Academy may Player Pass play on U9 or U10 Divisions.
3. U7 age appropriate players can only participate in the Academy. No “play-up” requests will be allowed and no player pass is allowed.
4. No U6 players allowed in academy.
5. Clubs will provide at minimum a colored tee-shirt or scrimmage pennies (no requirement for full uniforms in academy play and numbers are not required on uniform)
6. Girls and boys should practice/train together there is no separate academy for boys and girls.



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7. All clubs should supply the Academy Director with a copy of the WMYSA Official Roster with the names of participants prior to the start of each Jamboree. Any player not on the list should be written at the bottom of the sheet. Any players not participating in the jamboree should be crossed off.
8. Jamborees will be on Sunday only. (This will allow academy members to continue to participate in local recreational soccer leagues if they desire or to player pass on a match on Saturday)
9. Playing Format 4v4 without keepers.
10. Minimum Academy Size: 6 players
11. If you don't have at least 6 players, WMSYA can work with you to join clubs together
12. Maximum Academy Size: No limit to number of players
13. Practice Limitations: No more than two per week
14. Club academy coach must be experienced
15. No league standings/statistics kept/published.

## Jamboree Format

1. All academy teams play round-robin on small sized fields
2. Number of games (play 2 or 3 20-minute games with 5-10 min break to switch fields/teams)
3. Restart for ball out of bounds - Throw-In
4. No keepers. Size 3 ball.
5. Fouls - USYSA Small Sided Games guidance available - all kicks are direct free kicks
6. Restarts - USYSA Small Sided Games guidance available - normal policy per USYSA
7. Substitutions - USYSA Small Sided Games guidance available - Unlimited at any stoppage.
8. Field size will be approximately 30 x 25 yards. We need to get 4 fields per one full sized field. We will use small size goals.



## WMYSA Recommendations

1. There should be at least two licensed coaches when the academy size is greater than 9 players.
2. Each academy only has one practice a week, but no more than twice per week.
3. Parent education about the Academy concept, player development, parent behavior provided by club. WMYSA may assist in developing package which all clubs could use.
4. Clubs may set up additional academy vs. academy matches if desired. This would be coordinated by clubs, not WMYSA.

## Severe Weather Policy

A severe weather warning is defined as either a Tornado Warning, Severe Thunderstorm Warning or High Wind Warning.

If a severe weather “warning” exists in the venue’s area during game time or 2 hours prior to or 1 hour after the scheduled game time, the venue’s management or either team’s coach may reschedule the game to an alternative time and/or date without concern of forfeiture. If referees are assigned to a match that falls under these conditions, they may also be excused from officiating.

The venue management, coach or official which elects to cancel a game due to severe weather must contact the WMYSA Administrator Responsible for scheduling and the opposing team to inform them of their decision prior to game time. If the referee is the one making the determination they should contact WMYSA.

### A Tornado Watch

is issued when weather conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms called a Supercell capable of producing tornadoes. A tornado watch; therefore, implies it is also a severe thunderstorm watch.

### A Tornado Warning

is defined as an alert issued by national weather forecasting agencies to warn the public that severe thunderstorms with tornadoes are imminent or occurring. Immediate shelter should be sought.



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## A Severe Thunderstorm Watch

does not necessarily mean that severe weather is occurring, only that atmospheric conditions have created a significant risk for severe weather to occur.

## A Severe Thunderstorm Warning

is an alert issued when trained storm spotters or a Doppler weather radar indicate that a thunderstorm is producing or will soon produce dangerously large hail or high winds, capable of causing significant damage. Immediate shelter should be sought.

## A high wind warning

is issued when either sustained winds of 40 mph or higher exist for one hour or more or wind gusts are 58 mph or higher for any duration. Immediate shelter should be sought.

## Current Clubs

Athletic Jaier FC

Marshall SC

BC Fire SC

Michiana Storm

DBSS-Sting SC

Midwest United FC - Kalamazoo

Force SC

Portage SC

Kalamazoo SC

Red Arrow SC

Kingdom Select SC

Southwest Michigan Kickers SC

For clubs with less than 6 players who would like to participate in the Jamborees, please contact Dana Pope: [Dana.Pope@wmysa.org](mailto:Dana.Pope@wmysa.org) with the number of players and WMYSA will coordinate to have teams combine to allow everyone to come join.