

WASA High School (HSSA) Guidelines*

Number of Players	<p>11 players, (10 plus the goal keeper)</p> <p>Teams may field no more than 8 boys and at least three girls. During the game, the following adjustments may be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If 3 girls on the field, may play 8 boys. Total players = 11 - If 2 girls on the field, may play 8 boys. Total players = 10 - If 1 girl on the field, may play 8 boys. Total players = 9 - If 0 girls on the field, may play 8 boys. Total players = 8 <p>Each player should play at least ½ of each game.</p>
Mercy Rule	<p>A team that falls behind by 3 goals may field one additional player, either M or F. <i>(This is the only exception to the 8 boy maximum limit.)</i></p> <p>If the lead is reduced to 2 goals, the extra player must come off the field and the 8 boy limit is in effect again.</p> <p>If the lead becomes 5 goals, the winning team must remove one male player from the field. If the lead is reduced to 4 goals, the player may return.</p>
Match Length	35 minute halves. The game clock does not stop.
Substitutions	Open substitution. Teams may sub: on their own throw-in, on the opponent's throw-in if the opponent also has a sub, before a goal kick for either team, after a goal or for an injury.
Ball Size	Size 5
Referees	A two referee system is permitted. Both referees should be adults.
Slide Tackling	<p>Slide tackling is NOT permitted in this age group. However, a foul is called only if a player from both teams is within playing distance of the ball.</p> <p>Violations are penalized with a DIRECT free kick. If it occurs in the penalty area, a Penalty Kick is awarded.</p> <p>The following warnings are issued for violations of the no slide tackle rule by the same player.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First occurrence - verbal warning Second occurrence - yellow card caution Third occurrence - red card send-off
Season Schedule	Determined by the High School Soccer Association (HSSA). Teams play home games at WASA fields and away games at other locations.
Tournaments & Trophies	None

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