

B.A.S.A. Rules and Procedures

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Communication and Conduct for Soccer Coach's

- Communicate to Players and Parents the practice and game schedule times and dates.
- Schedule all practice times and locations with the Fields Scheduling Coordinator, Dawn Michalski, phone (412-882-0148 prior to the start of the season. Any changes in practice times will need to be confirmed and will be subject to field availability.
- Advise Parents to remain in stands during practices and games unless they are assisting in coaching and have been insured with PA West.
- Following practice and games the goals must be removed from the (Stadium) playing field and returned to the side of the field by the woods. Each team involved in the final game/practice of the day will designate at least two parents each week to assist with this chore.
- Please advise Players and Parents to pick up snack wrappers and drink containers following practices and games.
- Coaches must demonstrate a positive supporting attitude towards all Players and refrain from using improper language.
- **Coaches should make every effort to play all players equally and rotate players into different positions.**
- **Coaches and players are required to stand on the opposite side of the field from the fans and parents watching the game.**

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Game Cancellations

- Game Cancellations –should only apply to poor weather conditions. Games are normally cancelled by age group, and only by the age group Coordinator. Your age group coordinator to ensure the availability of the fields and referees must approve all rescheduled games.
- Games that are cancelled must be communicated to players and parents at least 45 minutes prior to game time. Note, the age group coordinator must contact the coaches at least 1-hour prior game time.
- Games may also be cancelled closer to game time, or terminated in progress at the referee's sole discretion, subject to changing weather and field conditions.

Game Forfeits

- A team that does not have a full compliment of players to begin a game may choose to play a **maximum of 2 players short handed. If agreed upon at the draft a team can call up a player from a younger age group to play up. The coach must contact their Age Group Coordinator and a player will be selected from a pool of players interested in playing up. The Coordinator will select the next player available to play up from the pool of names. If a coach is unable to call up a player due to time restraints and does not have enough players to start the game, then a forfeit will be taken and reflected on the team's season record.**
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- Under no circumstances is a player from an older age bracket, permitted to play down.
- **Note, as a courtesy, opposing coaches should play the same compliment but this is not mandatory.**

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Player Draft Rules

- All participants must recognize the sole purpose of the draft is to ensure equitable distribution of talent on all teams. This will provide for evenly matched teams and a competitive environment all players and parents will enjoy. The ideal results will be good games with everyone having fun, and everyone improving their playing/coaching skills.
- All age group coordinators and coaches should make every effort to attend the draft.
- The coaches on a scale of 1-5 will rate all players collectively. Players, who are new and not known, will not be given a rating.
- The coaches draft order will be determined by randomly selecting a number from a hat. The draft will proceed first to last, last to first, as follows: 1-2-3-4-5-6, 6-5-4-3-2-1, 1-2-3, etc.
- The highest rated players must be drafted first then, move to the next level.
- No considerations for team, teammate or coach preference will not be considered, except by mutual and unanimous consent of all coaches, in accordance with all other rules.
- If a coach desires to coach their child, then the child must be the first selection in their skills level rating. (Example, Coach Jones son is rated a #3 skills level. Therefore, during the #3 skills level draft, Coach Jones must first select his son/daughter.
- All coaches shall record the names and phone numbers of the players they have selected. The coaches should contact all their players within 2 days following the draft and introduce themselves and provide information regarding the first practice. Note, when some players are called much later than others, people start thinking they are left out.
- The age group coordinator shall retain the draft order of the final round of picks, so that any supplemental draft can proceed in the same order.
- Final Draft results will be provided to the registrar within 1 day, so that final rosters and schedules can be prepared.

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- A player that has registered late, will be assigned to a team by the age group coordinator or a Supplemental Draft will be held.
The assignment will take place a few days before the teams begin their first practice.
Note, if there are many kids to be assigned then, a supplemental draft will take place with all coaches.
- The results of the late registrants assignment/supplemental draft will be provided to the Registration Committee.
- The age group coordinator or Coaching Committee shall resolve any complaints about the draft process before the start of the season.

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Age Group Championship Cup (Playoffs Format)

- The Championship/Playoff schedule will be drafted and posted following the completion of the regular season.
- If 2 or more teams have the same regular season records then, the tie will be broken by results of their head-to-head games, head-to-head goals against each other, and coin flip in that order, to determine their ranking for the playoff format.
- All teams will be included in the end of season Championship Cup. The team with the best regular season record will be matched up against the team with the worst record. (Example: (1st vs. 6th), (2nd vs. 5th) and (3rd vs. 4th).
- Single game elimination applies unless there is a 6-team format. When there is a **6-team format**, the losing team with the best regular season record in round one, will be permitted to continue play into the 2nd round of the playoffs. They will be matched up against the winning team from round one with the best regular season record. The winning teams from the 2nd round games will then meet each other for the Championship.
- **Only during playoff games will Overtime be played. One 10 minutes Sudden Death period will be played followed by a Shoot Out if necessary. The Shoot Out will consist of 5 players that played during the course of the game. Each team will alternate during the Shoot Out.**

Note, the Shoot Out rule will only apply to age groups 9 years of age and older.

- The teams that win the Championship/Playoffs will be crowned the season champs.

Suggestions for Revisions and Improvements to Rules

- Any suggestions to revise and improve the soccer organizations rules and procedures can be conveyed to B.A.S.A Board of Directors.

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PA West Small-Sided Games Guidelines (Effective 9/1/2003)

Age Group	Team Size	Recommended Field Dimensions	Ball Size	Match Length
U6	No more than 4v4 (No goalkeepers)	30 yards long x 20 yards wide	Size 3	40 minutes (Quarters are recommended)
U8	No more than 5v5 4v4 without goalkeepers highly recommended	40 yards long x 30 yards wide	Size 3	48 minutes (2-24 minute halves are recommended)
U10	No more than 7v7 with keeper, 3 defenders and 3 attackers highly recommended	55-60 yards long by 40-45 yards wide	Size 4	Two 30 minute halves
U11	9v9 with keeper	70-80 yards long x 50 yards wide	Size 4	Two 30 minute halves

Other Playing Rules:

- U6, U8, U10 age groups please refer to US Youth Soccer Modified rules for those age groups. These rules can be found in the US Youth Soccer Official's Handbook for Small Sided Games.
- U11 age group FIFA playing rules apply except for number of players, field size including 8-yard center circle and 14-yard penalty area.

Note:

The team size and field dimensions may be reduced or increased according to the player registration numbers.