

RULES AND PROCEDURES of WSYSA District 1

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1. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF COMPETITION

- 1.1 Any team who withdraws from District I play after September 1 of current playing year, shall be fined, in addition to forfeiting entry fee. The fine will be determined by the District 1 Board of Directors, and documented by the schedule for fees and fines (section 8.0).
- 1.2 District I will follow the WSYSA rules except where specifically stated otherwise.
- 1.3 Both coaches must submit a proper roster (three part roster supplied to the team) to the referee prior to each game. Rosters must include the player's name, date of birth, and jersey number.
- 1.4 If a referee fails to show up, teams will select an alternate or call the game at which time the game will be rescheduled. If an alternate referee is selected both coaches shall sign the game sheet indicating their approval of the referee prior to the start of the game. Both coaches must notify the scheduler within 24 hours of the day of the game if the game is not played.
- 1.5 All league games will be played on the day and time scheduled. If the field and / or time are not listed or changed it is the responsibility of the home team coach to notify the opponents 72 hours before the day of the game or as soon as they are notified.

All league games shall be scheduled per WSYSA Rule 305.13 (d) (1), restated below for convenience.

305.13 Scheduling of Games

(d) The Home team determines field location and kick-off time. Teams must provide their Member Association Representatives with home game and requested kick-off time information:

(1) League games should be scheduled to begin no earlier than 10:00 AM and no later than 4:00 PM, unless agreed to by the visiting team in writing (includes fax and E-mail) at least two (2) weeks prior to the game.

There will not be games scheduled after third week in December without prior approval. You may have 1 or 2 weekends with double games. Be sure to make your field and referee assignors aware of these games.

1.6 Rescheduling

- 1.6.1. Voluntary rescheduling of District 1 league games shall be allowed with the written consent of both teams, the hosting club, and the District 1 Director of Competition (or designated representative).
Note: Reasons for game reschedule requests can be quite varied, and in the spirit of competition, teams and clubs are encouraged to accommodate these requests when practical, but it must be understood by all that this will not always be possible.
 - 1.6.2. All non-sanctioned rescheduled games shall be played within 21 days of the original date unless approved by the Director of Competition.
 - 1.6.3. Any games rescheduled by Disciplinary Committee shall be played within 21 days of the hearing but not sooner than the appeal process.
 - 1.6.4. Any games that must be rescheduled to determine 1st and 2nd place standings will be scheduled by the scheduler and will be played at that time and place regardless of who was the home team. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- 1.7 Scores should be reported within **72 hours** of the game to be recorded. If neither team reports the game score, both teams will be given a loss. Standings will be posted to the District I website identified below. Any correction to the standings must be brought to the attention of the scorekeeper, IN WRITING, within 7 days of the postmark. No scores will be accepted after December 31, unless the game is a rescheduled game.

Note: Game scores should be reported through the District 1 website at <http://www.wsysad1.com/>.

Winner of each division is determined by total points:

- 3-points for a win
- 1-points for a tie
- 0-points for a loss

In the event of a tie for first **or second** place, the following tie breaking rules apply:

- a. Head to Head
- b. Fewest goals against
- c. Best goal differential: All games with a maximum differential of 5 goals per game.
- d. Flip of coin.

For leagues that provide an uneven number of games, standings will be based on the ratio of achieved points to maximum points teams may obtain (e.g., Team A has 27 of possible 30 points = .900 versus Team B has 27 of possible 33 points = .818).

1.9 Recognition of winning teams will be accomplished through the presentation of awards, budget permitting. Awards may be in the form of individual trophies, medallions, and/or team trophies.

1.10 The following are the responsibility of the HOME team:

- a. Marking the field of play.
- b. Providing a proper game ball.
- c. Providing a referee.
- d. Providing the following information to the opposing team 72 hours prior to the game:
 - 1) Adequate directions for the opposing team to the field.
 - 2) Home club sideline assignment policy for teams and spectators.

1.11 Fields and Referees:

1.11.1 District I does not assign referees or fields. This is the responsibility of the home association, club or team.

1.11.2 Always contact the opposing coach to verify the game field and time. Associations are forced to change fields and times frequently. It is the responsibility of the home team to notify their opponent of any changes.

1.11.3 Addresses of fields must be obtained from the opposing coach.

1.11.4 Where local sideline assignment policy provides for teams and spectators to be on opposite sides of the field:

- a. The home team shall choose the half of the sideline it's team officials and players will occupy. The 'coaching area' for each team shall be defined as 2 yards behind the touch line, from mid-field to 18 yards from the corner of the field.
- b. The coach of each team shall ensure that their team's spectators occupy the half of the sideline directly opposite their team.

Note: The home club is encouraged to provide field marshals where this policy is in place.

2. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

2.1 Disciplinary Authorities.

- a. The WSYSA District 1 Executive Board shall have the power to penalize any Member Association, player, coach, parent, or member thereof, whose actions have willfully violated the Bylaws, or Operating Procedures of the WSYSA, or are detrimental to the purposes of the WSYSA District 1. Penalties may consist of warnings, temporary or permanent exclusion from the activities of the WSYSA District 1.
- b. The WSYSA District 1 Executive Board will be responsible for considering and determining all petitions pertaining to WSYSA District I Bylaws, Operating Procedures and other rules, regulations and policies. It will not consider petitions it deems frivolous.
- c. The WSYSA District 1 Executive Board shall establish a District 1 Disciplinary Committee which will adjudicate misconduct reports relating to District 1-administered leagues and events and have the power to penalize any player, coach, or person who can be identified as having an affiliation with a team, any of whose actions have willfully violated the Bylaws, Operating Procedures, District 1-administered league rules or District 1-administered event rules. The District 1 Disciplinary Committee shall provide support for association league disciplinary committees. In addition, the Committee shall review reports from all USSF-, US Youth Soccer- and District 1-sanctioned events to ascertain if any further action is required. Penalties or further actions taken may consist of warnings, and/or temporary or permanent exclusion from any activity associated with USSF, US Youth Soccer and WSYSA. The WSYSA District I Disciplinary Committee shall hear protests.

2.2 The WSYSA District 1 Executive Board shall approve a Disciplinary Committee Chair who shall form a Disciplinary Committee. This Committee shall review each week, written reports submitted by referees for any misconduct at District 1 League games played the weekend previous to the meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the coach, or listed alternate, to contact the District 1 office or Disciplinary Committee Chair to obtain notification of action taken.

2.2.1 Any decision made by a Disciplinary Committee shall be honored by succeeding Disciplinary Committees.

2.3 The District 1 Disciplinary Committee shall follow the guidelines of the WSYSA "Disciplinary Penalty Code" defined in WSYSA Rule 605 for reported infractions.

2.4 Players/coaches that accumulate three yellow cards/cautions during the league season will be ineligible to compete in the next regularly scheduled league match. The player/coach will sit out one additional game for each additional yellow card/caution received unless that yellow card/caution is canceled by disciplinary action.- Yellow card totals will not be carried over from the league season to WSYSA-administered or WSYSA-sanctioned tournaments.

2.5 Players/coaches receiving a red card/ejection in the case of a coach will be ineligible to compete in the next regularly scheduled match after the next regularly scheduled disciplinary hearing unless the red card/ejection is canceled or reduced to a yellow card/caution by a Disciplinary Committee. A more severe penalty may be applied by the District 1 Disciplinary Committee (see Rule 605). Players/coaches that accumulate three red cards/ejections in a seasonal year (September 1 through August 31) will be suspended and be required to petition the District 1 Disciplinary Committee for reinstatement of their eligibility to compete on any team or coach within WSYSA District 1. Upon reinstatement, the District 1 Disciplinary Committee will set the terms of probation. Failure to comply will cause those players/coaches to be suspended for the remainder of the seasonal year.

2.6 The coach of a team that has four players who received red cards during the seasonal year (September 1 through August 31) will be required to appear before the Disciplinary Committee within seven calendar days from the receipt of written notice from the Committee. The Disciplinary Committee will then set the terms of probation for that coach. Failure of the coach to appear at the next scheduled disciplinary meeting after date of notification will cause the coach to be suspended and required to petition for reinstatement of his/her eligibility to coach this or any team.

2.7 All petitions for reinstatement must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee (money order or cashier's check). The fee will be determined by the District 1 Board of Directors, and documented by the schedule for fees and fines (section 8.0).

2.8 Penalty points will be accumulated over the seasonal year. Yellow cards will be accumulated at one (1) point each, red cards at three (3) points each.

2.9 Players that accumulate seven (7) points from red and/or yellow card accumulation during the seasonal year, will be suspended and be required to petition the District 1 Disciplinary Committee for reinstatement of eligibility to compete on any District 1 team. Upon reinstatement, the District 1 Disciplinary Committee will set the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of probation may cause those player(s) to be suspended for the remainder of the seasonal year.

2.10 A coach of a team receiving fifteen (15) points accumulated from red and/or yellow cards during the seasonal year will be required to appear before the District 1 Disciplinary Committee, which will determine appropriate action. Failure of the coach to appear after notification will cause the coach to be suspended, and require written petition to the District 1 Disciplinary Committee for reinstatement of eligibility to coach this or any District 1 team.

2.11 All petitions for reinstatement must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee (money order or cashier's check). The fee will be determined by the District 1 Board of Directors, and documented by the schedule for fees and fines (section 8.0).

2.12 Referees are expected to submit misconduct report(s) by 4:00 pm on the Tuesday following the game. No cards will be adjudicated for misconduct report(s) not received by the Disciplinary Committee by second Disciplinary Committee hearing after the game of incident. Extenuating circumstances may overrule this deadline, with the approval of the Disciplinary Committee Chair.

2.13 Any person required to sit out a game shall have an official report (supplied by the Disciplinary Committee) signed by the referee at the next sanctioned game stating that the person sat out the game, for each game suspension. Failure to receive this report will not constitute an appeal of an official report. An accepted report in lieu of an official game report shall be a copy of the game sheet signed by the referee and opponent coach stating that the person sat out the game.

2.14 District 1 Disciplinary Committee hearings will normally be conducted on Thursday evening will be held at the District 1 office.

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2418 California St. Suite B
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 252-2099

Note: Persons wishing to participate in the disciplinary hearing should contact the District 1 office for an appointment prior to the hearing to ensure the misconduct will be heard and to facilitate the efficiency of the meeting.

2.15 Abandoned games shall be adjudicated by the District that is sponsoring the league and all parties concerned shall appear before that host District Disciplinary Committee.

2.15.1 Any District 1 league game abandoned by the referee due to the actions of the coach, players, spectators or any combination thereof, the Disciplinary Committee will decide if the game is to be played. Further, if the game is not to be replayed, the official game results shall be as follows:

- a. The opposing team is ahead at the time of abandonment, the score at that time will be the final score.
- b. The team causing the abandonment is ahead, the game shall be considered forfeited and a score of 1-0 in favor of the opposing team will be awarded.
- c. The score is tied, the game shall be considered forfeit and a score of 1-0 in favor of the opposing team will be awarded.
- d. If both teams have caused the abandonment the game shall be considered forfeited by both teams and they shall each receive a score 0-1.

2.15.2 The Disciplinary Committee may impose further game suspensions on the team or teams causing the abandonment, if deemed appropriate due to the circumstances of the game abandonment.

2.16 If a player or coach wishes to the penalty resulting from a red or yellow card that they received, they must appear before the Disciplinary Committee at the meeting held the week following the game in which the player or coach received the red or yellow card. It is the responsibility of the person receiving a card to notify the Disciplinary Committee by 6:00 pm Wednesday following the game of incident if they intend to dispute the penalty. **(You will not be notified of the hearing)**. It is recommended that all players or coaches call the Disciplinary Committee hearing location by 5pm Thursday to verify that their case will be adjudicated that night. The Disciplinary Committee must notify the player, coach, and Association of any decisions.

2.17 Protests

2.17.1 Only protests regarding violations or misapplications of the Laws of the Game may be entertained. No matters regarding any judgment calls by the referee will be considered.

2.17.2 The protesting coach shall advise the opposing coach and the referee of the decision at the game site within fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the game.

2.17.3 All games protests must be submitted in writing, accompanied by a protest fee (money order or cashier's check) and post-marked within 48-hours of the game. The fee will be determined by the District 1 Board of Directors, and documented by the schedule for fees and fines (section 8.0). The fee is refundable if the protest is upheld. The protest and fee must be sent to the District 1 office:

WSYSA District 1 Disciplinary
PO Box 2844
Everett, WA 98213

2.17.4 All protests shall be in writing and submitted in accordance with Rule 214.1 of the WSYSA Administrative Handbook. A protest, appeal, or allegation of misconduct must be filed in writing, and shall include:

- a. The nature and specifics of the complaint.
- b. A listing of the rules or procedures which have been violated, including rule number.
- c. A statement of the desired resolution.
- d. Proper filing fee.

2.17.5 There will be a 10-minute time limit to present the argument as to why the protest should be granted.

2.17.6 Referees shall submit their written game reports to the WSYSA District 1 office by 4:00 pm on the Tuesday following the game.

2.18 Right of Appeal

Appeals of rulings awarded by the District 1 Disciplinary Committee must be directed to WSYSA, following the procedures of WSYSA Rule 603.

3. SCHOLARSHIPS

3.1 Eligibility Requirements:

3.1.1 District 1 sponsored scholarships are open to soccer players registered through WSYSA, who currently reside in District 1, and who are currently rostered to a team in District 1.

3.1.2 District 1 sponsored scholarships are open to referees currently registered through USSF, 18-years or younger, who currently reside in District 1, and who are actively refereeing through a referee chapter/association in District 1.

3.1.3 Scholarship(s) will be awarded for academic achievement and individual must be accepted by Community college, 4-year college, or Technology school.

3.1.4 Applicant must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.2. Courses listed as 'Incomplete' will be treated the same as a grade of 0.0.

3.2 Procedures:

3.2.1 Applicant must provide proof of graduation in order for funds to be disbursed. During the application process a letter from the high school counselor will satisfy this requirement. A transcript must be provided along with the application and as proof of graduation.

3.2.2 Applications must state the number of years played, identify the clubs (associations) played in, and identify any special soccer awards received. Information provided as part of the applications should address the following, or similar, questions.

- a. Has applicant been an active referee - if so how many years?
- b. Has applicant helped coach a team? What age(s)?
- c. What extra curricular activities has applicant been involved with outside of the world of soccer?

3.2.3 Applications must include letters of personal recommendation.

- a. at least one from soccer world (coach, referee assignor, etc.) may not be relative
- b. at least one from academic world (teacher, counselor)
- c. at least one character reference , other than parent (association or club officer or referee chapter officer would be an asset)

3.2.4 Applications will be made available to associations for distribution through U-19 coaches, high schools.

3.2.5 Applications must received at the District 1 office from February through April of the year scholarship is granted.

3.2.6 Scholarship(s) will be awarded by a vote on by District 1 Board at the May meeting. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee appointed by the District 1 Commissioner at the April meeting-

3.2.7 Scholarships will only be awarded when an applicant meets the requirements of 3.1. Scholarship award(s) will be made to 1 boy and 1 girl.

3.2.8 Awarded scholarships will be disbursed directly to the schools for use by the recipients.

4. MINI-LPT

Deleted.

5. TOURNAMENTS/JAMBOREES

5.1. WSYSA District 1 shall approve the formation and operation of District 1 tournaments, except such tournaments conducted by Member Associations for their membership only, as provided for in WSYSA By-Laws Article XIV, Section 2 (b). A jamboree is considered a specific type of tournament that do not involve team standings or trophies. Jamborees follow the same sanctioning procedure defined for tournaments.

5.1.1 District 1 tournament applications will be evaluated with the following considerations (but not limited to these):

- a. The types of teams (e.g., recreational, select, premier, small-sided teams, etc.) being solicited for this tournament;
- b. The geographic proximity to other tournaments;

- c. The referee pool available to support the requested tournament – especially if another tournament is scheduled for the same weekend;
- d. Timely submission of tournament reports and tournament misconduct reports (for previously sanctioned tournaments);
- e. if two tournaments request the same weekend, purpose for which tournament profits will be used (e.g., note priority given to purposes for youth).

5.2. District 1 tournaments are defined to be all tournaments formed and operated by Member Associations and their Member Clubs, regardless of where the tournament is operated, and all tournaments formed and operated by other entities within District 1 boundaries open to participation of WSYSA-registered players.

5.2.1 Tournament applications must have approval from the hosting Association (e.g., home Association of a Club) prior to submission to District 1. For tournaments held outside the boundaries of the hosting Association, the submitted Tournament Application Packet must include a letter of understanding from the Association in which the tournament will be held.

5.2.2 District 1-approved tournaments open to teams from outside District 1 shall be submitted to WSYSA for approval. Written notification of District 1 approval shall be provided to the Tournament Director. Failure to obtain WSYSA approval prior to holding the tournament shall impose the following restrictions:

- a. All teams from outside District 1 shall be prohibited from participation, and all such teams shall be provided a full refund of tournament fees.
- b. The tournament may proceed for all District 1 teams.
- c. The Tournament Director shall provide notification to the District 1 Director of Competition and description of the steps taken to ensure compliance to these restrictions.

5.2.3 Applicants that fail to obtain the appropriate approval for their tournament prior to operating the tournament shall be subject to review and disciplinary action by District 1, and may include fines, restriction or suspension to an organization's ability to gain future tournament approval, and/or referral to the WSYSA Ethics Committee.

5.2.4 Tournament Directors are required to submit a copy of the end of tournament report to District 1. Original shall be directed to WSYSA. Failure to submit this report may result in delay of District 1 approval of future tournament applications by the organization.

5.2.5 Tournament Directors are required to submit a tournament misconduct summary within 72 hours of the final tournament game, identifying the team, player or coach, misconduct type, disciplinary determination, suspensions awarded, and suspensions served during the tournament (if applicable).

5.3 Changes to a District/WSYSA sanctioned tournament shall follow the same process as initial sanctioning. The Club shall be the first entity notified and approve the changes, then the Association, then the District. The State will be notified as the final recipient. These changes will include types of teams being invited, entry fee, operating dates, and Tournament Director. Other changes should also be reported but do not require the full sanctioning process. Changes must be approved prior to the initial team entry deadline defined in the original sanctioning.

5.4 In the event a red card is issued to any, player, or ejection to coach or team official of any team participating in the tournament, any disciplinary sanction levied against such person requiring disallowing participation in any future game(s), such sanction shall continue and be carried over first to all District 1 sanctioned tournament games, and then to any District 1 regular league or post season games until such sanction has been served and is satisfied in full.

5.5 Tournament rules shall include the following provisions:

- a. A clearly stated cancellation policy, both of age, and gender brackets, and the entire tournament.
- b. A clear reference to WSYSA Rule 605, Disciplinary Penalty Code, as the basis for adjudication of infractions.
- c. A clearly stated responsibility for coaches to notify tournament officials of any coach(es) and/or player(s) who have suspensions remaining, and that they will complete the suspension in the next immediate

match(es). Tournament officials will coordinate the tournament referee assignor to support completion of the suspension(s).

- d. An informative note that completion of suspensions awarded during the tournament to player(s) 'guesting' for a team may carry over to the team to which they are officially rostered.

5.6 District 1 will accept Disciplinary Determination/Notification Forms signed-off during any WSYSA sanctioned tournament or league play. The tracking/accountability policy is for District 1 sanctioned tournament and league play only.

6. DISTRICT LEAGUE FORMATION

6.1 District 1 will offer Competitive leagues for U11 through U19 age groups.

6.1.1 Leagues for the oldest age groups will always be formed to allow U19 play in order to accommodate the limited number of teams available at that age group (e.g., U18/19 league).

6.2 The following restrictions apply to U11 Competitive leagues:

6.2.1 Clubs will be limited to 3 teams per gender; excludes PDL teams. It shall be the general policy of District 1 for players U10 and younger to play "age appropriate". District 1 recognizes that there may be individual player situations where, for legitimate circumstances, 100% compliance with this policy would cause hardships. Therefore, a maximum of five (5) exceptions to this rule shall apply. Any U-11 team with more than five (5) younger age players will not be accepted for District 1 league play.

6.2.2 Based on the number of teams available, the goal is to provide a 12-game season.

6.2.3 Divisions will be formed based on information provided by the Member Club regarding team formation and strength. The goal is to form competitively balanced leagues for U11.

6.2.4 U11 teams will only play in age appropriate leagues within District 1. Exception: Clubs eligible to participate in the inter-district Player Development League will be allowed to place teams in inter-district leagues with the approval of the District 1 Commissioner.

6.2.5 U11 teams shall provide a roster verified and signed by the Association Registrar at the time of applying for District League.

6.3 U12 teams will only play within District 1 leagues. Exception: Clubs eligible to participate in the inter-district Player Development League will be allowed to place teams in inter-district leagues with the approval of the District 1 Commissioner.

6.4 Team Placement for Fall Leagues.

It shall be the policy of WSYSA District 1 to provide fall leagues for District 1 Select teams, Association-approved Recreational teams seeking competitive play, and out-of-district teams having the approval of their home district, subject to availability. The goal is to form competitively balanced leagues for U12 through U19 with a 14-game season.

6.4.1 The District 1 Director of Competition will be responsible for the placement of District 1 applicants in competitive leagues; coordination with other districts for the placement of District 1 teams their leagues, and the placement of other district's teams in District 1 leagues.

6.4.2 The procedure used to form District 1 competitive leagues involves shared responsibility by the District 1 Board, Member Associations, their Member Clubs, and the applicant teams. Due to differences in the way District 1 Member Associations are organized, the Association responsibilities defined in 6.4.4 may be shared or delegated with the member Clubs.

6.4.3 District responsibilities.

A Scheduling Committee may be formed; comprising the Director of Competition (chair), the Commissioner, and at least one designated Board member identified by the May District 1 Board meeting. The Scheduling Committee members will establish a working schedule (e.g., meetings vs. email, Committee due dates) to review and discuss team league applications, proposed team placements, and prepare a recommendation for league schedules for the July scheduling meeting. This committee would be a working committee from July 1 until September 1.

6.4.3.1 The District 1 Director of Competition shall:

- a. Evaluate league play applications based on the considerations below, and generate proposed team placements within 5 days of the District 1 league application deadline.
- b. Evaluate District 1 team requests for out-of-district league placement with the Scheduling Committee to support coordination with other districts, based on committee concurrence. Approval by District 1 and the host district are required per WSYSA Rule 307.
- c. *(Note: Early evaluation is necessary due to the application deadlines of other districts. League applications involving out-of-district requests should be submitted by July 1.)*
- d. Provide proposed team placements to Associations one week prior to the July District Board meeting by email.
- e. Hold a scheduling meeting concurrent with July District 1 Board Meeting to review and approve team placement.
- f. Provide revised team placements to Associations within three days of scheduling meeting.
- g. Provide league schedules to Associations two weeks prior to start of fall season.

6.4.3.2 The Director of Competition will accept no placement requests without Club and Association approval.

6.4.3.3 Considerations for District 1 League team placement.

- a. Number of teams at requested age and level – play supports minimum 12 game schedules (U11 excluded). Age groups may be combined if deemed appropriate by the Board.
- b. Level of play and record from previous two (2) seasons.
- c. WSYSA state tournament record, limited to President's Cup, Challenge Cup, Commissioner's Cup, Championship Cup, and current year LPT.
- d. Relegation based on previous season's record and current year roster changes.
- e. Teams will be relegated to a higher division or older age group if the total losses during the prior season account for 25 percent or less of the total games played.
- f. Teams will be relegated to a lower division, or returned to age appropriate division if playing up, if the total non-losses (wins and ties) during the prior season account for 25 percent or less of the total games played.

Team placement in other district's leagues (for U-13 and above) will be based on the following considerations:

- 1) Availability of adequate level of play in District 1;
- 2) Team placement in out-of-district league enhances the competitive balance of the affected District 1 league;
- 3) Availability of requested level of play in hosting district;
- 4) Commitment of hosting district to ensure all teams will travel to away games;
- 5) Team record for previous season satisfies relegation criteria to move up.
- 6) Consent of team and commitment to travel to away games;
- 7) Approval by District 1 Board at the Scheduling Meeting.

6.4.4 Association responsibility.

- a. Associations shall provide two or more contacts with knowledge of team strengths that will be available between July 1 and September 1 in support of the District 1 league placement and scheduling activities.

- b. Associations shall review and approve team District 1 League Play applications prior to submitting to District. Any additional information deemed pertinent to team placement may be attached to the application, either supporting or contradicting the team request.
- c. Associations shall review each team's proposed placement (accounting for the defined placement criteria) and provide concurrence or proposed changes to the District 1 Director of Competition within three days of receipt.
- d. Do the above for each correction.

6.4.5 Club Responsibility.

- a. Clubs shall review and approve team District 1 League Play applications prior to submitting to their Association. Any additional information deemed pertinent to team placement may be attached to the application, either supporting or contradicting the team request. At a minimum, information must be provided addressing the stability of the team roster from the previous season.
- b. Team District 1 League Play applications must be approved by the Association prior to submission to the Association.

(Note that Association due date will be earlier than the District 1 due date for application.)

- c. Clubs shall coordinate with their Association for representation at the Scheduling Meeting.

6.4.6 Team Responsibility.

- a. Team District 1 League Play applications must be approved by their Club and submitted through the Association prior to acceptance by the District 1 Director of Competition.

(Note that Club and Association due dates will be earlier than the District 1 due date for application. Applications involving out-of-district league requests should be submitted to District 1 by July 1 to support the placement process.)

- b. Teams shall provide supporting rationale (not to exceed one (1) paragraph) for placement request such as last year's record, WSYSA- sanctioned tournament play results (including current year LPT), how the team was established (e.g., player/coach turnover, merging two teams, etc.)
- c. All placement requests and change requests must be made with Club approval, through the designated Association representative. The District 1 Director of Competition will accept no placement requests without Club and Association approval.
- d. Teams must commit to play where placed. Teams must understand that they may be placed in a division that includes non-District 1 teams requiring travel outside of District 1 boundaries, or may be placed in a division comprising more than one age group. This typically comes up with older age groups due to the limited number of teams that are formed. Failure to play scheduled games will be subject to review and disciplinary action by District 1, and may include coach suspension and referral to WSYSA Ethics Committee.

7. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

7.1 Financial Assistance to Western Regional or the U. S. National Tournament.

7.1.1 Eligibility Requirements.

- a. District 1 sponsored financial assistance is open to teams currently registered through WSYSA in a District 1 association or club that qualify to be a WSYSA representative to the Western Regional or the U. S. National Tournament.
- b. District 1 sponsored financial assistance is open to referees, eligible to be U19 according to WSYSA registration rules, or younger, currently registered through USSF, currently reside in District 1, and qualify to be a WSYSA representative to the Western Regional or the U. S. National Tournament.

7.1.2 Procedures:

7.1.2.1 Application for assistance must be submitted in writing and include:

- a. Pertinent information regarding eligibility (see 7.1.1).
- b. For teams, approval by the team's home club or association official (prefer the President or Registrar).

7.1.2.2 The application may be submitted to the District 1 Board by mail or through a District 1 Board member or an Association Representative.

- a. Applications for financial assistance to the Western Regional Tournament must be received by the District 1 Board prior to the May meeting or before the tournament begins.
- b. Applications for financial assistance to the U. S. National Tournament must be received by the District 1 Board prior to the July meeting or before the tournament begins.

7.1.2.3 The District 1 Board will consider properly submitted applications that meet the requirements of 7.1.1.

- a. Financial assistance to the Western Regional Tournament will be considered by the District 1 Board at the May meeting.
- b. Financial assistance to the U. S. National Tournament will be considered by the District 1 Board at the July meeting.

7.1.2.4 Approval will be governed by Section 7.1.2 and the availability of funds designated for such purpose. The award will be determined individually by the District 1 Board and will also be affected by the number of applications.

7.1.2.5 Financial assistance disbursement will be made

- a. For teams, through the team official designated on the application;
- b. For referees, directly to the applicant.

Note: a letter congratulating the team/referee for being the representative to either the Regional Tournament from Washington State, or the National Tournament from Western Region and Washington State should be included with the assistance payment.

7.2 Financial Assistance to Olympic Development Program.

7.2.1 Eligibility Requirements:

- a. District 1 sponsored financial assistance is open to soccer players selected to the WSYSA ODP team that are currently registered through WSYSA, who currently reside in District 1, and who are currently rostered to a team in District 1 formed by an association or club.

7.2.2 Procedure:

7.2.2.1 Application for assistance must be submitted in writing and include:

- a. Pertinent information regarding eligibility (see 7.2.1).
- b. Approval by the team's home club or association official (prefer the President or Registrar).

7.2.2.2 The application may be submitted to the District 1 Board by mail or through a District 1 Board member or an Association Representative. Application must be made during the year that the applicant qualified for the State ODP team. The applicant is encouraged to schedule an interview with the Board Member at time of submittal.

7.2.2.3 The District 1 Board will consider properly submitted applications that meet the requirements of 7.2.1 at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

7.2.2.4 Approval will be governed by Section 7.2.1 and the availability of funds designated for such purpose. The award will be determined individually by the District 1 Board and will also be influenced by the number of applications and player need.

7.2.2.5 Financial assistance disbursement will be made to the Washington State Youth Soccer Association ODP Player Fund in applicant's name and designated for their needs.

Note: a letter congratulating the player for being selected to the WSYSA ODP team should be included with the assistance disbursement.

8. SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT 1 FEES AND FINES

8.1 The District 1 schedule for fees and fines are re-evaluated annually by the District 1 Board.

8.2 The schedule of fees and fines is defined as follows:

- a. District 1 league team applications shall be subject to a fee of \$200.00.
- b. Late applications shall be subject to a fee of \$50.00.
- c. Team withdrawal from District 1 league after scheduling meeting shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00.
- d. Team withdrawal from District 1 league after first game of the season shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00, and forfeiture of league application fee.
- e. Game protests shall be subject to a fee of \$50.00.
- f. Appeals to Disciplinary Committee rulings shall be subject to a fee of \$50.00.
- g. Petitions for reinstatement from District 1 suspension shall be subject to a fee of \$50.00.

8.3 District 1 league application fees shall be paid through the Association or Club (per Association policy) having jurisdiction over the applicable team(s).

8.4 District 1 team fines are assessed to the Associations having jurisdiction over the applicable team(s).

9.0 DISTRICT I BOUNDARIES

The area of the State of Washington is divided into seven (7) Districts as designated in the WSYSA Administrative Procedures, Rule 101, which defines District I as follows:

District I - Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, and Island Counties plus that portion of Snohomish County not included in the Northshore Youth Soccer Association, plus that portion of King County geographically comprising a WSYSA Member Association. District I WSYSA Member Associations:

North County Youth Soccer Association (NCYSA)
Seattle Youth Soccer Association (SYSA)
Skagit Valley Youth Soccer Association (SkVYSA)
Snohomish Youth Soccer Association (SnYSA)
South Snohomish County Youth Soccer Association (SSCYSA)
Whatcom County Youth Soccer Association (WCYSA)
Whidbey Island Youth Soccer Association (WIYSA)