

CWSL Fall 2020 COVID Protocols

All clubs in the Central Wisconsin Soccer League (CWSL) will adhere to the following rules that are closely aligned to Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) and U.S. Youth Soccer. For the safety of players, coaches, and families, we request strict adherence to these protocols. Failure to do so jeopardizes the continuation of the league season and could result in a team or club being asked to not participate.

Follow the [CWSL Rules and Regulations](#). The rules below are exceptions for the Fall 2020 Season due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

1. Game Management Regulations

a. Coaches

- i. Coaches must be Risk Management compliant.
- ii. Coaches must have successfully completed Safe Sport.

b. Face Masks Required

- i. Coaches will be required to wear a mask during matches and during trainings wherever possible.
- ii. *Referees* will wear masks in common areas while communicating with players before or after games. Any time a referee needs to address a player within 6 feet will be required to pull their mask up. In the flow of the game away from the play they may pull the mask down.
- iii. *Players* in bench areas are required to wear face masks
- iv. *Spectators* are required to wear face masks. Any spectator who cannot meet this requirement may observe from a vehicle and/or be absent from the fields/facility until the match is completed.

c. Field Player/Spectator Map

All Players, Spectators and Officials will follow the map below to on how to come and where they are to be during the game.



d. Social Distancing

- i. Players must meet social distance guidelines and stay 6 feet apart when on the sidelines, which will be marked by cones
- ii. Prior to, during and following a training or match there will be no handshakes, high fives, or other unnecessary contact; even within the team.
- iii. Spectators must follow social distancing guidelines with other spectators.

e. Spectators

- i. No more than 2 spectators per player at each match.
- ii. No spectators allowed at trainings/practice.
- iii. Carpooling to a match or training outside of a family unit is not recommended.

f. Attendance-will be taken at each game. Details on how attendance will be taken will follow.

- i. Measures for taking player, coach and spectator attendance at each training and match. This should include contact information (phone number and email) for each individual.

g. Drinks & Snacks

- i. Players provide their own drinks and snacks – no sharing allowed.
- ii. No team snacks allowed.

h. Uniforms

- i. All teams must come with dark and light colored shirts/jerseys as matching team colors.
 1. Regular jerseys with one dark and one light can be worn.
 2. The team can decide shirt colors – two different colors available at each game.
 3. Pinnies – each player must have their own pinnie that goes home to be washed after each game or is collected by the coach after each game to be washed. No sharing of shirts, jerseys or pinnies.

i. Equipment

- i. Ball size will be same as [regular rules](#).

j. Game Equipment/Setup

- i. Games will be small-sided games for each age.
- ii. **Hand Sanitizer:** Each child is required to bring their own sanitizer. Coach will bring the team sanitizer for equipment and any child that forgets theirs.
- iii. **Goals:** Home team must supply pugg nets for goals for U9-U12 & utilize U10 size goals for U13-U14.
- iv. **The Goal Box:** The goal box is the area marked to the sides and in front of the goal. There is no ball contact allowed within the goal box, however, a player may pass through the goal box or step into it without making contact with the ball. If the ball stops in the goal box, a goal kick or corner kick is awarded. If a defender touches the ball in the goal box on the ball's path into the goal, a goal will be awarded. A ball touched by a defender that is not on a path into the goal will result in a corner kick. A ball touched by an offensive player while in the box will result in a goal kick. ALL OF THE BALL MUST BE IN THE BOX FOR IT TO BE IN THE BOX. All of the above is under the discretion of the referee.
- v. **Field Markings:** highly recommended and if not possible then must at least have flags for boundaries.

2. Game Regulations

- a. **Kick-ins only** – No Throw-ins - The nature of a small sided match eliminates handling of the ball in any way.
- b. **Fouls:** All free kicks are indirect, except for a penalty kick.
- c. **Goal Kicks:** May be taken from any point on the goal box.

- d. **Tap-Off:** An indirect kick taken in any direction.
- e. **Penalty Kicks:** Shall be awarded, if in the referee’s opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by an infraction. A penalty kick is taken from the center of the midfield line with all players behind the mid-field line and the player taking the kick. This is a “dead-ball” kick. If a goal is not scored, the defending team is given a goal kick.
- f. **Five –Yard Rule:** In all dead ball situations, including tapoffs, defending players must stand at least five yards away from the ball. If the defensive player’s goal is closer than five yards, the ball shall be placed five yards from the goal area in line with the location of the foul.
- g. **No Slide Tackling:** Players may not make contact or attempt to make contact with another player through a slide tackle. A player may slide to intercept a ball or shoot as long no contact is made.
- h. **Substitutions:** All substitutions are on the fly, but players must get the referee’s attention to notify the referee of the substitution and enter from middle field of field on team’s designated side of the field.

3. Age Bracket Team Size & Game Times

Age	Format	Roster Size	Minutes of play	# of Referees & Fees	Offside Rule
U9/U10	4 v 4	Min 6/Max 8	15 minute halves	1 - \$20	No
U11/U12	4 v 4	Min 6/Max 8	15 minute halves	1 - \$20	No
U13/U14	6 v 6	Min 9/Max 11	20 minute halves	2 - \$20 each	Yes

** Halftime will be 5 minutes for all games

4. Field sizes

Format	Length	Width	Goal Size
4 v 4	25 to 35	15 to 25	Pugg Goals
6 v 6	55 to 65	32 to 45	U10 field size goals

These rules apply only to CWSL club play for the Fall of 2020 due to COVID-19.

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