

WBAS Men's Senior Soccer Rules and Regulations

This is a recreational league. Emotional/Physical control and good sportsmanship are expected. All players are entitled to a minimum average of a half game playing time during the season.

Home team is listed first and supplies the game ball. Players should refrain from wearing shorts or socks the color of the opposing team's jersey. Players should wear the same number jersey each week.

Effective with the Fall 1999 season, standings are based on the following points, and will be used for seeding in the playoffs: Winner = 3 points; Tie = 1 point; Loss = 0 points Forfeits will be scored 1-0. Winning team receives 3 points in the standings. Tiebreakers are decided by; head to head results, goals against. For seasons with playoffs, games ending in a tie will be decided by two 5 minute sudden death overtime periods (Golden Goal). If game is still tied after overtime, then FIFA penalty kicks will be used to decide winner.

Effective with the Fall 2005 season, Ghost games (WBAS team and the Ghost team) will no longer count goal differentials. The winning team will have the score recorded as 1-0, the losing team will be recorded as 0-1, and the results of tied games will be recorded as 1-1. Ghost games are official league games. Only registered league players can participate.

Game results should be sent to the league scorekeeper. Captains are also responsible to report any cards awarded to players on their team. Please report player name, #, and type of card. Captains who consistently fail to report game scores or cards awarded will forfeit points in the league standings. Warning will be issued first. Report of game scores and cards are due no later than the Monday following the weekend games.

Cancellations / Rainouts: Captains are responsible to contact players in the event of a rainout. There will be a recording with information regarding rainouts at 610-431-6506. The recording will be made after 12:00 on game days only. Decisions to cancel games will be made in consultation with WBYA, but may differ from the decision for youth games. Rainouts will also be posted on the website as soon as possible after it is determined to be a rainout.

Official games: If any part of a game is played, the game is official. If any game of the weekend is rained out and not made up, every other game played that weekend will not be counted in league standings.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the field or in the parking lot. Violations may result in the league losing the use of the WBYA fields.

Teams are expected to provide a minimum of one individual to participate in field work days scheduled prior to each season. Teams may also be expected to line the playing field once during each season. Consistent failure to participate in these activities will result in loss of points in the league standings after warnings.

All league players must be 40 years old, or turn 40 during the regular season. No Exceptions.

Before week two games, each new registered player needs to submit a copy of a photo ID with date of birth. Captains will need to collect these documents and make copies, one for the league, and one for their records. SS# and driver # can be blacked out if necessary.

Players who fail to produce proof of age are ineligible to play until proof is provided. Captains who use unregistered players will be removed as captain. Any team found using a player under 40 will have all games prior to this discovery counted as a 1-0 loss (if they won the game). If an opposing captain challenges the legitimacy of a player, the team captain will need to produce the copy of identification. This can be compared with copies held by the league if necessary. If identification cannot be produced, game can be played but will be forfeited if identification is not produced by the following week.

Team rosters are due by the second week of each season. Any players added during the season need to be approved by the league prior to competing. Other captains will be notified of added players. Every player is required to sign the league registration / waiver prior to the start of each season. Captains are responsible to ensure that this occurs.

Each half is 40 minutes with a 10-minute half time.

Games will be played with eleven players. A minimum number of seven players are necessary for an official game. Captains need to agree on status of each game prior to the tap. Teams must have 7 players to start, opposing team may field 11 players. Other league players are eligible to fill in for teams playing down, or with less than 7 players, with the consent of the opposing captain. These will be official games if the Captains agree prior to the start of the game. Captain fielding a full team may take the forfeit win w/o negotiation if the opposing team cannot field a team of 7 of its own registered players.

No slide tackles. When a player leaves his feet to tackle the ball an indirect restart should be given if in the opinion of the referee it has affected the play and taken away the advantage of the attacking player. The referee for this infraction may issue a caution. Anytime the player leaves his feet to tackle or play the ball from behind, a caution should be issued. In the event the offending player makes contact with the player possessing the ball prior to making contact with the ball the more serious foul should be assessed and the player will be cautioned or sent off at the referees discretion. The method of issuing cards should be tempered with the desire to keep the game safe and the flow of the game consistent, a "play on" situation may be used to then later as play slows a verbal warning or a card may be issued to the offending player. A slide tackle should be for the purpose of the West Bradford Adult league should be as follows. "When a player not in possession of the ball and in direct proximity to an opposing player leaves his feet to play the ball in direct confrontation and opposition to his opponent. The player playing the ball leaving his feet from the front view (the 180* in front of the opponent) is considered to be sliding. Any play leaving the feet attempting to play the ball from the rear view (the 180* behind the opponent) is a serious violation of the rule. This should be dealt with using a yellow card or red card depending on the severity of the foul in the opinion of the referee. Any player leaving his feet to sweep the ball in order to save it from going into touch or to control or advance the ball, is not a slide unless the above conditions apply.

A player receiving a Red card should leave the game immediately, and will also be suspended for one game the following weekend. A player receiving a Yellow card is required to sub out for a period of not less than 5 minutes (this includes goalies). Captains are responsible for enforcing these rules. Violations may result in a forfeit. If a team is already playing down a player and a player on that team receives a Red card, the opposing team need not remove a player. Red carded players can not be replaced.

Any player awarded a Red card for serious misconduct (fighting, shoving, wrestling etc.), or receives a second red card during the season, may be ejected from the league. The organizing committee and Team Captains will make this decision with input from the referee. The player will not be allowed to resume play in league games until the committee reaches a decision. Each team will have one vote when making this decision.

Only captains may initiate discussion with the referee regarding calls made on the field. Referees are being asked to keep tight control of the games, and will not tolerate verbal abuse from players.

A third yellow card for any player during the course of this season will result in a one game suspension the following week. The player will be allowed to continue playing the game in which the yellow card is received, unless an additional card is received.

Any use of a player not registered in WBAS will result in a loss for that team and a corresponding change in the standings.

Effective with the Spring 2002 season, it is each captain's responsibility to insure that team members participating in playoff games have played in at least 2 regular season games for the associated season playoffs. A player is ineligible to participate in playoffs if the required minimum of two games is not met.

Effective with the Spring 2003 season, players must sub at mid-field and be within 10 yards of the touchline before substituting player enters the field of play. Captains must inform players of this rule and enforce. Substitutions may be made on the fly.

Foul Language will not be permitted on the field, or from the touchline. Referees will issue a warning to an offending player. Second violation will result in a yellow card.

All players participating in the WBAS league agree to follow league rules and abide by the decisions made by the league organizing committee.