



# West Chester Soccer Club



## PASSER'S RULES

Here is a summation of the special rules for passers.

1. **Number of Players:**
  - a. Maximum of 7, minimum of 5, one of whom may be a goalkeeper.
2. **Players Equipment:**
  - a. Soft shoes or approved soccer shoes and shinguards are required.
  - b. Shinguards must be covered by the socks.
3. **Referee:**
  - a. As normal, except that all infractions should be briefly explained to the offending player.
4. **Offside:**
  - a. The offside rule shall **not** apply.
5. **Fouls and Misconduct:**
  - a. All fouls shall result in an Indirect Free Kick. The infraction should be explained to the player.
6. **Free Kick:**
  - a. All free kicks will be **indirect** which is signaled by the referee's arm being raised in the air.
7. **Penalty Kick:**
  - a. No penalty kicks will be taken. If a foul occurs in the penalty box, the Indirect Free Kick will be taken from the spot of the foul.
8. **Throw-in:**
  - a. When an improper throw-in is taken, the referee will stop play, explain the proper procedure to the player and allow the throw-in to be retaken.
9. **Goal Kick:**
  - a. A goal kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.
10. **Substitution:**
  - a. Substitutions are allowed for both teams:
    - i. on a goal kick
    - ii. after a goal
    - iii. during an extended time out (as for an injury)
    - iv. between periods
    - v. when the referee stops the game to issue a caution or a send-off
  - b. Throw-ins:
    - i. The team in possession of the ball on a throw-in may substitute any number of players. If the team in possession chooses to substitute, the opposing team may also substitute any number of players.
  - c. Please try to have the players at the center line for substitution so the referees can see who is ready to come into the game.
  - d. Refer to the annual SAY Rulebook.
11. After the end of **each quarter**, the teams switch ends of the field.
12. **Lopsided scores:** Just because you can doesn't mean you should run up the score!
  - a. Please **DO NOT** run up a score. Your team & parents would not want to be on the other side of the lopsided score.

## COACHES ON THE FIELD



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1. No more than **ONE** coach per team on the field.
  - Parents are not permitted to coach behind the goal.
2. When on the field, try not to go further than the top of the goal box on the defensive side of the field. A position behind or next to the goal may work just as well.
3. Coaches should remain on the defensive end of the field at all times. They are encouraged to move to mid-field with their defenders when their team has possession in the offensive half of the field. When the ball enters their defensive half of the field, they should retreat to a spot on the goal line, taking themselves out of the way of the attacking team.
4. Please do not run along the side lines with the players as this interferes with the positioning of the referees.
5. Fall Season: The last three games of the 10 game fall season will be a tournament format. Coaches will **not** be permitted on the field during these games.
6. Spring & Fall Seasons: No more than the first 4 games should be played with a coach on the field.

**Thank you for your help in keeping the game fun for the kids while they learn the sport of soccer.**

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