



NYSWYSA Policies
For
U9, U10, U11 & U12 Age Divisions

A. Outdoor Tournament Play

1. All U9 and U10 play in NYW sanctioned tournaments must be advertised/marketed and contested as “Festivals” or “Jamborees.” Format of play must be round robin with no results recorded/posted. There shall be no awards based on win/loss records for these age divisions – only participation awards for all players.
2. Teams in the U9 and U10 age divisions that travel to out of state festivals/jamborees shall only participate in events where teams play a maximum of 8 v 8, including the goalkeeper, on modified fields with modified goals, and that meet the NYSWYSA Tournament Play guidelines as stated above in section 1.
3. All play in NYW sanctioned tournaments for the U9 and U10 age divisions must be no more than 7 v 7, including the goalkeeper, on a field with maximum dimensions of approximately 60 x 40 yards, with modified goals. All tournament play for the U11 age division must be no more than 9 v 9, including the goalkeeper, on a field with maximum dimensions of approximately 80 x 55 yards, with either full sized or modified goals (modified goals are recommended).

B. Travel League Play

1. There will be no U9 or U10 competitive leagues in any of the six NYSWYSA districts, where a “competitive league” is understood to be a league where scores and records of wins and losses are kept, posted, and/or made public.
2. League play at the U9 and U10 level shall be no more than 7 v 7, including the goalkeeper, on a field with maximum dimensions of approximately 60 x 40 yards, with modified goals.
League play for the U11 age division must be no more than 9 v 9, including the goalkeeper, on a field of maximum dimensions of approximately 80 x 55 yards, with either full sized or modified goals (modified goals are recommended).
League play at the U12 level may be 11 v 11 on a full sized field with full sized goals or no more than 9 v 9, including the goalkeeper, on a field of maximum dimensions of approximately 80 x 55 yards with either full sized or modified goals (modified goals are recommended).
3. Premier League play will begin at the U12 level.

C. National Championship Series (State Cup)

The U12 age group will be the youngest division contested with play being 8 v 8, including the goalkeeper on a field of maximum dimensions of approximately 80 x 55 yards with modified goals, to be consistent with the Region I rules for the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series

D. Recommendations

1. The NYSWYSA Board strongly encourages all travel clubs to keep the U9 & U10 programs as developmental programs playing 4 v 4 or 5 v 5 games, with occasional matches against neighboring clubs by invitation to compete in small - sided games. This system will better prepare players for the travel programs beginning with the U11 age division.
2. The NYSWYSA Board highly recommends that all travel leagues conduct play at the U12 level with no more than 9 v 9, including the goalkeeper, on a field of maximum dimensions of approximately 80 x 55 yards with modified goals.