






 Festival-style Match Days create a fun, positive and development-focused environment where players get more time on the ball, more games and lasting memories!


FOCUS: FUN • DEVELOPMENT • COMMUNITY


WHAT IS A FESTIVAL-STYLE MATCH DAY?

-  Multiple teams come together at a single venue to play rather than using a traditional home-and-away league format.
-  Teams may play one or two matches, and there are no placement or elimination games.
-  Match Days rotate throughout the season, with some hosted locally by each organization and others hosted by WYSA.
-  When WYSA hosts, two or more organizations come together at a shared venue, creating a larger event atmosphere, but not on the scale of a WYSA Jamboree (a Jamboree is a WYSA-hosted Festival that brings all teams within a competition together with additional activities and amenities).
-  This Festival-style approach emphasizes fun, development, and community by having divisions play in a unified, energetic environment.

HOW THE MATCH DAY FORMAT WORKS

- 1. MULTIPLE TEAMS AT ONE VENUE**

Two or more organizations come together at a shared venue.
- 2. PLAY MATCHES**

Teams play one or two matches during the Match Day.
- 3. FESTIVAL FORMAT**

A fun, positive environment with games, teammates, and community.
- 4. ROTATING HOSTS**

Some Match Days are hosted by each organization; others are hosted by WYSA.
- 5. DEVELOPMENT & FUN FIRST**

More touches, more play, more learning – all while having fun!

 **Not on the scale of a WYSA Jamboree:**
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BENEFITS OF A FESTIVAL-STYLE MATCH DAY

-  More games for more development
-  More touches on the ball
-  Builds community and connections
-  Fun and positive atmosphere
-  Supports player growth at every level

FESTIVAL MATCH DAY FORMAT EXAMPLE (2 MATCHES)

GAME 1	 6:00 PM	25 MINUTES
GAME 2	 7:00 PM	25 MINUTES

 Each team plays two matches. Each match is 25 minutes.



HOSTING MATCH DAYS

-  **Member Organization Hosts**
You host at your local fields for your teams and visiting teams.
-  **WYSA Hosts**
Two or more organizations come together at a shared venue.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT A FESTIVAL MATCH DAY

-  Great Sportsmanship
-  Bring Essentials
-  Some Travel May Be Needed
-  One Host Organization
-  Event Atmosphere & Community Fun

CALENDAR LEGEND

-  Member Match Day
-  WYSA Match Day
-  Not a WYSA Match Day (May 10 & June 21 – Mother's Day & Father's Day)
-  No WYSA Match Day (May 28, 31 & June 28)

HOW WYSA FESTIVAL MATCH DAYS WORK

ONE VENUE. MORE TEAMS. MORE FUN.

WHAT IS A FESTIVAL-STYLE MATCH DAY?

A Festival-style Match Day brings multiple teams together at one venue to play a fun, development-focused event.

-  Multiple teams from two or more organizations gather at the same venue.
-  Teams play one or two matches – no standings, placement or elimination games.
-  Match Days rotate throughout the season – some hosted locally by each organization and others hosted by WYSA.
-  When WYSA hosts, two or more organizations come together at a shared venue, creating a larger event atmosphere.
-  Not as large as a WYSA Jamboree – Jamborees bring all teams in a competition together with extra activities and amenities.
-  Focus on fun, development and community in a unified, energetic environment.

HOW IT WORKS (STEP-BY-STEP)



VISUAL EXAMPLE – WHAT A FESTIVAL MATCH DAY LOOKS LIKE



WHO HOSTS?

-  **LOCAL ORGANIZATION HOST**
Each organization hosts Match Days for visiting teams at their home venue.
-  **WYSA HOST**
WYSA brings two or more organizations together at a shared venue for a Festival Match Day.

NOT A JAMBOREE

A WYSA Jamboree is a larger event where all teams in a competition come together with extra activities, skills challenges, food trucks, entertainment and more.



REMEMBER

- ✓ No standings
- ✓ No playoffs
- ✓ No elimination
- ✓ Everyone plays
- ✓ Everyone improves
- ✓ Everyone has fun!

TOGETHER WE GROW THE GAME!

MATCH DAY FORMAT (FESTIVAL FORMAT)



KEY BENEFITS

-  More games in a great atmosphere
-  More touches, more development
-  Positive experience for players & families
-  Builds community across organizations
-  Focus on fun, not standings

