

## WYSA GRASSROOTS PROGRAM – COMPETITION INFORMATION

**Match Days:** U9 on Tuesdays, U10 on Thursdays, U8 on Sundays (or Saturdays).

**Block 1 Member Match Days:** May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Block 1 WYSA Match Days:** May 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Match Day Notes:

- May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother’s Day and June 21<sup>st</sup> is Father’s Day, however these are not holidays and WYSA does schedule matches on these days. While neither are WYSA Match Days, it will be up to the Member Organizations to schedule matches on these days for the U8s.
- No WYSA Match Day on May 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Victoria Day Long Weekend. This WYSA Match Day will be played on May 10<sup>th</sup> instead.

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>May</b>						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						
<b>June</b>		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30				

- No WYSA Match Days will be scheduled on May 28<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> due to the Boston Pizza Players Tournament. Registration will be open to groups who wish to participate. These will be played on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respectively.
- No WYSA Match Day will be scheduled on June 28<sup>th</sup> due to the U8 – U12 Recreational Jamboree taking place that weekend where each team will receive 2 matches. WYSA’s Jamboree events are large-scale festivals with hundred of matches throughout the weekend, various skills challenges, food trucks, and more!

**WYSA Match Day Format:** WYSA Match Days will follow a festival format with teams playing two games each: one at 6:00 PM and another at 7:00 PM. Each match will last 25 minutes.

**WYSA Match Day Groupings:** Groups can expect to be scheduled to play with groups from areas further away than they may normally expect to play, with one group serving as the host or home group. As there is some expectation that Organizations may decide to work together for Member Match Days, the WYSA Match Days will pair Organizations together who may not be the ‘closest neighbour’. Scheduling will be done with geographic considerations, however we understand that there are certain areas with higher and lower densities of membership, so there may be some expectations of travel above 5km.

**Field Allocation:** WYSA will be scheduling matches at venues large enough to support multiple concurrent matches, with field space to be divided accordingly with temporary markings to support the grassroots initiative.

**Field Notes:** U8 and U9 matches will be scheduled on existing 3/4 Fields and Full Fields. An illustration has been prepared which illustrates the practical implementation of these fields by using portable pop-up nets and cones to create the field boundaries. A Full Field that meets the minimum criteria for size can easily support multiple U8 – U9 Grassroots matches, and a Full Field that meets the maximum criteria for size can easily support several concurrent U8 – U9 Grassroots matches.



**Guest Players:** U10 Grassroots Players may play as a Guest Player for a U11 Team in the WYSA Single Season or Recreational Season. To do this, they must be a registered U10 player in the Grassroots Program and the requesting team must be from the same Member Organization. The U10 player must also be in compliance with the Guest Player criteria as per section 3.10.3 of the WYSA Rules and Regulations document. U11 Developmental Players require ID Cards, so a photo must be uploaded to RAMP and cropped as needed.

To print these cards, please create a new team and call it [ORG] Guest Player ID Cards. The WYSA office can connect this team to our website and distribute access so that the ID Cards can be printed as required. Please contact the WYSA Office for assistance with this process and to ensure the system is fully synchronized with the registration data and photos.

**Match Day Standards:** Below are the standards that will appear in the forthcoming Grassroots Rules and Regulations document.

<b>GRASSROOTS PROGRAM STANDARDS</b>						
<b>AGE</b>	<b># OF PLAYERS</b>	<b>MATCH DURATION</b>	<b>FIELD SIZE</b>	<b>BALL SIZE</b>	<b>SUBS</b>	<b>RETREAT LINE</b>
<b>U8</b>	5v5 (4+1 GK) Max: 12	25 min	W: 25-30m L: 30-36m	3 or 4	Unlimited On The Fly	Halfway Line
<b>U9</b>	5v5 (4+1 GK) Max: 12	25 min	W: 25-30m L: 30-36m	3 or 4	Unlimited On The Fly	Halfway Line
<b>U10</b>	7v7 (6+1 GK) Max: 14	25 min	W: 30-36m L: 40-55m	4	Unlimited Any Stoppage	1/3 Line

<b>GRASSROOTS PROGRAM STANDARDS</b>					
<b>AGE</b>	<b>OFFICIAL</b>	<b>MAXIMUM GOAL SIZE</b>	<b>RESTARTS</b>	<b>OFFSIDES</b>	<b>PLAYING TIME &amp; REST TIME</b>
<b>U8</b>	Game Leader	5ft x 8ft	Dribble-in and Pass-in	No	Max Play: 80 min/day Min Rest: 1 match
<b>U9</b>	Game Leader	5ft x 8ft	Dribble-in and Pass-in	No	Max Play: 80 min/day Min Rest: 1 match
<b>U10</b>	Game Leader	6ft x 16ft	Dribble-in and Pass-in	No	Max Play: 100 min/day Min Rest: 1 match