WYS Rule Modifications for 2023-2024

The following leagues have aligned to adopt the WYS Rule Modifications for small-sided games cited below:

- North Puget Sound League (NPSL)
- Regional Club League (RCL)
- South Sound United League (SSUL)

And the following in-house leagues have also decided to adopt these modifications for small-sided games:

- Pierce County Soccer Association (PCSA) Home League
- Seattle Youth Soccer Association (SYSA)

For league play not listed above, referees should confirm any rule modifications with league organizers or their assignor.

WYS Rule Modifications for 2023-2024:
- Heading, Punting, Build-Out Line, and Offside Line
  - Consensus to adopt a No Heading Policy at the U12 Age Group.
  - Rule modifications are the same for U9 & U10 (7v7) and U11 & U12 (9v9) play, including:
    - No heading
    - No punting
    - Yes build-out line
    - Offside line at midfield
  - Please see the chart below which highlights heading, punting, and build-out and offside line rule modifications per age group.

### HEADING, PUNTING, & BUILD-OUT LINE | RULE MODIFICATIONS

Rule modification recommendations for WYS-sanctioned league play in 2023-2024

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WYS Rule Modifications for 2023-2024 continued:

- Air Quality Index
  - Consensus to align around the following process:
    - Home Team makes the decision to play or postpone the match.
    - Decision can be made any time prior to kickoff.
    - AirNow is the gold standard measurement tool.
  - Link to AirNow
    - Match postponed at reading of 150 or higher.
    - Once a game starts, the decision to continue play or cancel will be made on-field based on player safety.
    - Below please find a chart which highlights the information above.

AIR QUALITY INDEX | BENCHMARKS & ALIGNMENT

Rule recommendations for WYS-sanctioned league play in 2023-2024

Decision-Maker?
- Home Team (best information)

Decision Window?
- Any time prior to kickoff

Measurement Source?
- AirNow

Postponement?
- Postpone if AQI reaches 150 or above
- In-game decisions made on-field (based on player safety)

Website: https://www.airnow.gov/

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