





**WMSC SPRING 2016
TRAVEL COACHES MEETING**

Managing the Chaos



U.S. Soccer Player Development Initiative

- ★ Mandated by U.S. Soccer
- ★ Goal is to develop world class players by increasing touches on the ball and aligning our development structure with other “soccer nations”
- ★ ALL CLUBS in the U.S. have to abide by these changes by August 2017
- ★ All clubs in New Jersey appear to be adopting the changes for Fall 2016
- ★ Changes will likely apply to all New Jersey tournaments starting Aug 2016



What are the major changes?

- ★ Teams will be formed by birth year, rather than school year
- ★ Changes in goal sizes
- ★ Changes in field sizes
- ★ Changes in roster sizes
- ★ Build out lines and application of offsides



Changes to U8 Soccer

- ★ 4 v 4
- ★ No goalies
- ★ Game day rosters of 14 players (max of 20)
- ★ Field size: 30 x 20 yards
- ★ Goal size: 4' x 6'
- ★ Game time: 3 periods of 15 minutes (45 min. total game time)
- ★ No offsides



Changes to U9 - U10 Soccer

- ★ 7 v 7
- ★ 6 field players and a goalie
- ★ Game day rosters of 14 players (max of 20)
- ★ Field size: 47 x 30 yards
- ★ Goal size: 6.5' x 18.5'
- ★ Game time: 2 halves of 25 minutes (50 min. total game time)
- ★ No goalie punting permitted
- ★ Use of a "build out" line to allow defenders space to play the ball out of the back



Changes to U11-U12 Soccer

- ★ 9 v 9
- ★ 8 field players and a goalie
- ★ Game day rosters of 18 players (max of 24)
- ★ Field size: 75 x 47 yards
- ★ Goal size: 6.5' x 18.5'
- ★ Game time: 2 halves of 30 minutes (1 hour total game time)



Changes to U13 Soccer

- ★ 11 v 11
- ★ Game day rosters of 22 players (max of 28)
- ★ Field size: 112 x 75 yards
- ★ Goal size: 8' x 24'
- ★ Game time: 2 halves of 35 minutes (70 min. total game time)



WMSC's implementation of the changes

- ★ Teams will be formed according to the new birth year mandates
- ★ Player selection will be merit-based
- ★ Players can attempt to “play up” by trying out for their birth year and the one above their birth year
- ★ The Board is mindful of WMSC being a community-based organization



What does WMSC ask of its coaches & parents?

- ★ Ask questions directly to members of the WMSC Travel Committee:
Tim Palmer, Tom Brandt, Jesse Johansen, Fred Schoenbrodt,
Carly Melton and Eric Inglis
- ★ Communicate and share information with the kids and parents on your team
- ★ Please be tolerant and understanding of the Board as it adapts to an imperfect situation it was powerless to prevent



Thank You