



West Michigan Youth Soccer Association

Pass Requirements for Players

❖ Premier to Premier.

- Must meet **both age requirements and the division of play requirements.**
 - **Step 1: Determine Players Age Restrictions**
 - a) **League Age.** You cannot pass up more than 2 league ages from the player's league age. There are no age restrictions for players who are league age U15. Example: A player whose league age is U13 can Pass as high up to a league age U15. They would not be eligible to pass up to a league age U16. Player league age U15 can pass up thru age U19.
 - b) **Division Age.** A player is playing in an age division higher then their age division cannot pass down to an age division lower than the one they are rostered. For example: A league age U13 player is rostered on a U14 age team. They cannot pass down to any U13 age division even though they are age appropriate.
 - **Step 2: Determine Division Requirements.** You cannot pass to a division which is considered lower than they are currently rostered; even if the age is appropriate. Example Player who is playing in U15 Classic 1 cannot pass to U15 Classic 2. They can pass to U15 Premier 2 or 1.

❖ WMYSA to Premier

- Must meet **both sponsorship requirements and age of play requirements.**
 - **Step 1: Determine sponsorship:** You cannot pass from a WMYSA sponsored team into a premier team which is not sponsored by WMYSA.
 - **Step 2: Determine Players League Age.** You cannot pass up more than 2 league ages from the players league age. There are no age restrictions for players who are league age U15. Example:
 - a) Player whose league age is U13 can Pass as high up to a league age U15. They would not be eligible to pass up to a league age U16.
 - b) Player league age U15 can pass up through age U19.

Rules for the above can be found in the MSPSP Rules and Regulations Rule 7, subsection 5. Violation of these rules may include but is not limited to the following:

1. Replaying of the match. Violating team will pay all match fees including:
 - Referee fees ranging from \$200 to \$280
 - Facility costs which vary by location.
2. Match forfeiture: \$250
3. A monetary fine to the offending team, coach, or league.
4. Suspensions of the offending coach.



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❖ WMYSA to WMYSA.

- Must meet **both age requirement and division of play requirements.**
 - **Step 1: Determine Players League Age.** You cannot pass up more than 2 age division from the players league age. There are no age restrictions for players who are league age U15 or older. It should be noted in cases of combined division ages; the oldest division age is what is used for determination. Examples:
 - a) A player whose league age is U10 can Pass as high up to a team which plays in the U12 division. They would not be eligible to pass up to the U13 division.
 - b) A player league age is U12 who is primary on an U14 team would not be eligible to pass up to U15 division.
 - **Step 2: Determine Division Requirements.** You cannot pass to a division which is considered lower than they are currently rostered; even if the age is appropriate. In cases where the division is combined, such as U14 & U15, for pass purposes the division is considered a U15 division. Likewise, the HS division is considered a U19 division. For division rankings we consider Elite the top division followed by WMYSA A and then B divisions. Example:
 - a) A player who is playing in U13 A division cannot pass to U13 B division.
 - b) This also works laterally for girls wishing to pass to a boy's division. WMYSA does not differentiate between boys and girl's division. You cannot pass from a Girls team which plays U13A to a boys' team that plays in the U13A division.
 - c) A player is league age U16 and playing on a WMYSA HS team. This is considered a U19 division. Therefore, they would not be eligible to pass to a team which is playing in a U16, U17 or U18 Elite divisions. Even though they are age appropriate it is considered a downward pass from a U19 division.

❖ NLC, Premier or Directors Academy to WMYSA.

- These leagues are all considered higher than WMYSA and may not participate as pass players in WMYSA.

These rules can be found in the WMYSA Rules and Regulations Rule Section G. Violation of these rules may include but is not limited to those listed in sections B & D.