



WELCOME COACHES!



Weatherford Soccer Association Fall 2026 Season



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WSA Board Members

ALL WSA Board Members are VOLUNTEERS

Executive Committee

- Lenny Styer - **President**
- Chris Pool - **Vice President**
- Cherie Long - **Treasurer**
- Tucker Ryan - **Coaching Director**
- Shannon Welborn - **Secretary**

Board Members & Association Members

- Jon Aiken - Clayton Rhine
- Benton Kemp - Ray Welborn
- Ryan Kuhlmeier - You?
- Katlynn Long

On Game Days - All Board Members
wear a Blue T-shirt that has
"Board Member" on the back
We are here to help you!

WSA Board meetings are held the 2nd TUESDAY of
each month @ 6:30pm
As a WSA Coach or Assistant Coach
YOU HAVE A VOTE!!!!
We want to know what you think!

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WSA League Reps

- U4 – Cherie Long Cherie.Long@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U5 – Chris Pool Chris.Pool@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U6 – Jon Aiken Jon.Aiken@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U7 – Benton Kemp Benton.Kemp@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U8 – Katlynn Long Katlynn.Long@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U9 – Shannon Welborn Shannon.Welborn@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U10 – Ray Welborn Ray.Welborn@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U11 – Ryan Kuhlmeir Ryan.Kuhlmeier@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U12 and up – Clayton Rhine Clayton.Rhine@WeatherfordSoccer.org

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Communication with WSA

We want to know if you have concerns or problems...

1. FIRST contact your League Rep
2. Coaching Director – Tucker Ryan
3. Last contact WSA President – Lenny Styer
or WSA Vice President – Chris Pool

Written communication via email is best for tracking purposes.

WSA@weatherfordsoccer.org

Communication is important to make your association better!

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WSA What's Happening

- Opening Ceremonies Friday August 28th
- Opening weekend August 29th
Final Day Nov 14th *You will LIKELY have a game that weekend!*
- Team Picture Days – September 19 & 26th ; Oct 3 Make-Up Day (in studio)
- TOPS Program
- Gender Pure U7+
- Academy Teams
- WSA Soccer Tournament – BOTH U7 & U8 – Nov 7 – Nov 14
Each group will have 8 regular season games; Min of 2 tournament games

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WSA What's Happening

Potential January Pre-Season Tournament?
Feedback on 4v4?

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WSA Spring 2026 Season

- **713 players registered**
- U4-U8 - 46 teams
- U9-U19 - 26 teams

**We still need just a couple more
Head/Asst Coaches to volunteer for our various aged teams.**

U9 boys - 1
U10 boys - 1

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Game Scheduling Conflicts

- [Coaching Blackout Dates Request](#) - fill out this form **IF** you are aware of a date(s) that you cannot coach a game. HEAD COACHES are allowed to request 2 blackout dates. If you request a full weekend, both Saturday and Sunday, are your 2 blackout dates.
We are limited in the number of weekends we (11) have open to schedule games during our season.
- [Coaching Multiple Teams](#) - fill out this form **IF** you coach, or help coach, more than one WSA team.

Both forms are available on our WSA website under “**Resources for Coaches**” tab

Form submission due BY MIDNIGHT FRIDAY, Aug 14th

We try to accomodate all our coach's schedules BUT due to number of teams we have this is NOT always possible. It is important to have an Assistant Coach designated on your Team Roster just for game scheduling purposes.

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Assistant Coach

- **Why should I have an Assistant Coach?**
 - Help with Practices
 - Cover games or practices if you cannot make it or get sick
- If a Head Coach is removed during a game by the referee AND there is no Assistant Coach designated on Team Roster (and present at game) -

The Game is Forfeited!

AND if a Coach is removed from a game, the coach will have to sit out the following game as well, AND if there is no Assistant Coach designated and present: The Game is Forfeited! The kids will NOT play!

ALL Assistant Coaches must have a current Background Check AND SafeSport to be listed on Team Roster

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Team Roster Updates

PLEASE DO NOT attempt to change your team's name yourself under your GotSport coaching account. We have to change the team's name in several places in GotSport to make sure your team shows up correctly for scheduling.

- [Team Name Change Request](#) - Fill out this form **IF** you would like to request your team name be changed from what is listed on the Team Roster.

Team Name Change Form submission due by Friday, Aug 21th

- [Request to Add an Assistant Coach to Team](#) - Fill out this form **IF** you would like to request an Assistant Coach be added to your Team Roster.
- Both forms are available on our WSA website under "Resources for Coaches" tab

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WSA will NOT tolerate...

WSA will NOT tolerate the use of foul language by ANYONE.

- Include this in your welcome speech to Parents and Players
- Kids get exposed to foul language all the time - this will not be one of those places
- If the individual cannot control themselves, they will be required to leave the facility!



WSA will NOT tolerate Bullying of any kind!

WSA Bullying Definition -

Bullying is defined as conduct, gestures, or comments which are insulting, intimidating, humiliating, hurtful, malicious, degrading, or otherwise offensive to a player, group of players, and/or teammates, and which create a hostile or intimidating environment, or which negatively affects a player's physical and/or emotional well-being. Bullying is any written, verbal, or physical act, or any electronic communication, whether it is a single incident or a series of incidents that results in intentional pain and distress to the victim.

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Avoid Running up the Score No Victory Without Honor

No one likes losing... especially 16 to 0.

- Recreational soccer is a learning experience
- What can I do as a coach?
 - Pull players back to goal box during kickoff or goal kicks
 - Have players focus on passing ball a designated number of times before scoring
 - Have players focus on helping a designated player score
 - Focus on defending your side of field
 - Play down the number of players on the field
 - **Make an attempt that can be seen by the other coach or the referee that you are trying to prevent further scoring. Coaches and referees can tell when attempts are made.**

*These ideas may work better at different ages

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50% Playing Rule

No Victory Without Honor

All players are expected to play 50% of the game

NTSSA Bylaws and Rules 3.14.3 #7 - Each recreational player, when present at a game, shall be required to play a minimum of 50% of the time, unless the player's time has been reduced for medical or disciplinary reasons, in which case the coach must notify the player, and the opposing coach prior to the beginning of the game that the minimum time has been reduced (non-attendance at practice may be cause for disciplinary action).

- For disciplinary reasons, the coach may bench a player
 - Sometimes just not letting the player start the game is enough of a wake up call
- Benching a player should be a LAST resort
 - Talk to the kid first, positive encouragement
 - Talk to the parents second, inform them that if the situation does not improve you will need to bench the player for the next game
- If you have to bench a player:
 - INFORM the parent and the player
 - INFORM the opposing coach
 - INFORM the referee

For persistent player concerns, contact your League Rep

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Uniform Designs for Fall 26



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Meeting the Parents

Please contact your parents as soon as possible after receiving your Team Roster

Parents are very excited to have their kids start the season!

● Decide on practice

Days/Times/Location

- As the Coach **YOU** get to designate practice days/times.
- Please be respectful that parents may be shuffling multiple kids to different practices and locations.

If you do not know the answer to a questions, contact your League Rep

Talking to parents –

- Tell them about yourself
- Review “Parental Code of Conduct” with them
 - Have parents sign the form and hand it to you
- Have Parent’s complete Medical Waiver
 - For U9 and up Traveling Teams
- What are your goals and expectations for season
- Discuss Volunteers for Assistant Coach or a Team Parent
- Would you like parental help during practices?
- Answer their questions

Utilize a Team Communication App:

**MOJO
GroupME
InstaTeam
GameChanger**

These are excellent for group communications regarding team practices, games etc.

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Issues with Parents

Parent Code of Conduct

- At your 1st practice review the parent code of conduct and have all parents sign it.
- Explain how a parent's sideline actions affect the Coach and the Team (coach gets kicked out, game gets forfeited, etc.)
- Tell parents you will remind them of the Code of Conduct at games if needed. Let them know that after your warning if their behavior continues, a Board Member will be called to the field, and they could be asked to leave the field until they can cool off.



1st Offense

- If a parent is getting out of line during game, please take a moment to calmly talk to them about how you as the coach will be kicked out if they continue.
- Sometimes parent's emotions get the best of them and just a respectful reminder is all they need to hear.
- If the parent continues and you need assistance, please send your assistant coach to the concession stands to get a board member.
- The Board members will observe the parent and if needed will ask them to stop. This will be done away from the players and in a professional manner.



Repeat Offender

- Contact your League Rep and loop them in on the situation. We cannot help you if we do not know about an issue.
- If you feel comfortable speak to the parent with your assistant coach about their actions being against the parent code of conduct.
- If you do not feel comfortable speaking with the parent, please let your league rep know so they can speak to them and hopefully put an end to the behavior.



WSA Board Intervention

- The Board may take actions to keep our playing environment safe and positive for the youth in our association
- **Warning Issued:** Parents will be sent a formal warning that if their behavior does not cease, they will be banned from attending games for the duration of the season.
- **Formal Notice:** Parents will be issued a formal notice that they are not allowed at games for the duration of the season due to their behavior.
- **Dis-Invite Notice:** The following season if the parent returns and again continues with the same behavior they will be dis-invited, and their player will not be able to register to play for WSA.

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Practicing at Cartwright Park

- Cartwright Soccer Fields are available for team practice use upon sign-up (day/time)
- **Cartwright Park fields are currently Closed for teams until Monday August 17th.**
- Availability of practice fields will be given in following order...
 1. WSA Board Members/Coaches
 2. WSA Coaches that participate in Field Prep Days and sign up to help line fields on Friday evenings
- ALL coaches using Cartwright Park for practices will be asked to help line fields for games on Friday at least once per season. A sign-up will be provided.

**WSA Field Prep days will be Saturday, August 15th @ 10am, and
Saturday, August 22nd @ 10am**

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Other Practice Locations

- It is the Coach's responsibility to find a practice location
- Potential Locations – Many are first come, first served
 - Parks (Love Street, Marshall Park, Cherry Park, McGratton Park, Holland Lake, etc.)
 - Public schools (ask permission at High School)
 - Churches (may need to seek permission from Church)
 - Your backyard
- Be respectful and clean up after practice!
 - Let the kids do it!!
- Be Respectful if somebody tells you that you can not use the area

Need practice location ideas, contact your League Rep

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Practice Equipment

- We have practice soccer equipment available for coaches if needed
 - We hand out equipment by age group – with Coaches for U5 group going first
 - We have a separate table for our U4 Coaches
- Pop-up goals are available based on coach request.
- We ask that you sign the equipment out and return it at the end of the season
 - We hold onto Team Medals/Trophies until soccer equipment is returned
- Do not be afraid to use your own equipment

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North Texas Soccer Coaching Education



<https://www.ntxsoccer.org/coaching-resources>

Coaching Resources

Did you just get recruited to coach and not sure where to begin? Click on the links below for your age group to access lesson plans and activities to help you out.



COACHING				
COVID Activity Guide				
Coaching Education Program				
Grassroots License				
USSF D License				
USSF C License				
USSF B, A, & Pro Licenses				
Coaching Resources				

COACHING LICENSE PATHWAY				
GRASSROOTS PATHWAY				
USSF D				
USSF C				
USSF B				
USSF A				
PRO PATHWAY				
USSF D				
USSF C				
USSF B				
USSF A				

- Coaching Education
- Practice Ideas for Coaches
- Coaches Resource Center
- And More including:



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Bad Weather

- When you think that games might be cancelled

– DO NOT ASSUME GAMES ARE CANCELLED!

We use WeatherBug App to check for
Lightning
In a 10 mile area

- For games at Cartwright park
 - FOLLOW us on Facebook www.facebook.com/WeatherfordSoccer
 - Website: <https://www.weatherfordsoccer.org/>
- For NCSA & MPA games
 - Follow each Soccer Association on Facebook
 - Wait to hear from your League Rep



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Canceled Due to Weather

- Games Canceled due to weather will be rescheduled for a later date
Be aware that any rescheduled games may be scheduled during week on practice evening
- It is your responsibility, as Coach, to keep an eye on the game schedule
- If your team does not show up due to the weather and your game has not been canceled, you forfeit the game
Remember you are also affecting parents, coaches and players on the other team



If it is raining AND the fields are in good shape AND there is NO Lightning -> WE WILL PLAY GAMES

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Things to Remember for Game Day

ALL players NEED water

ALL players are wearing shin guards **under socks**

NO jewelry can be worn (watches, necklaces, earrings, etc.). NOT EVEN under band-aids

NO hair barrettes with metal can be worn

Encourage Players to Arrive Early

Plan some pregame practices to get them warmed up

Keep warm-ups exercises positive and easy

Be respectful to players, referees, and spectators, including the other team

Give positive encouragement to players during the game

COACH REQUIREMENT : ALL COACHES will need to wear their Coach Photo ID for games – Head and Assistant Coaches

COACH REQUIREMENT : **U7 and up** COACHES will be required to sign game sheets immediately following their game.

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Game Day

AT CARTWRIGHT FIELDS –

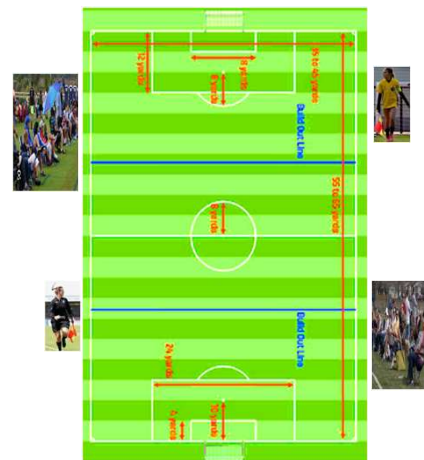
Teams are on **OPPOSITE** sides of the field with their parents and guests

****REMINDER**** - On each **TEAM** sideline, all parents, spectators and players will sit on the other half of sideline opposite of that sideline's Assistant Referee (AR)

This is not the case for other associations.

Please be respectful of other associations if your team and/or parents are asked to move so that teams are on opposite sideline to parents.

Keep control of your sideline, including when parents may be on the other side of the field.



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Coaching Concerns

LET US KNOW

- We want to know if you have coaching concerns – parents, players, etc.
- We know you are volunteering your time and energy and want this to be enjoyable experience for you and our players
- We want to help you, BUT we cannot help if we are not aware of your problems or your concerns
- If you have concerns or need help:
 - Let your League Rep know of your concern
 - Send an email with your concern to WSA@weatherfordsoccer.org and include your League Rep on the email for tracking purposes

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What if Coaching is not for you?

- We understand situations at home and work can change
- **Please DO NOT just walk away!!!**
- DO NOT assume another parent will be available to take over
- Every coach must have a completed background check and SafeSport training

Talk to a WSA Board Member

**Let us help you find a new coach for the Team AND
get the new coach setup**

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WSA Referees

Referee Director - Cherie Long

- Not all Referees or Assistant Referees (AR) will call the games the same way
 - That does not mean the Referee/AR is a bad referee, it is just their style.
 - We are working to **train for consistency**
 - All WSA referees, including AR's are US soccer certified
 - Following the FIFA rules
 - Adjustments are made for age specific games
- What is involved with becoming a Referee
 - Online classes, videos and tests
 - Field classwork and training
 - Certification by US soccer referee instructor

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WSA Referees



REFeree ABUSE PREVENTION

POLICY 531-9 PENALTY OVERVIEW / YOUTH & AMATEUR

The Penalties Matrix defines consequences associated with physical and non-physical offenses against Referees.

NON-PHYSICAL OFFENSES of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault

NON-PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Insulting, Belittling, Insinuating or Taunting Behavior Undermining Referee Authority	2	
Harassment, Intimidation, Retaliation, Abusive, or Threatening (Non Physical) Language	4	
Aggression, Attacking, Derogatory, Cyberbullying, Doxing or Threatening (Physical / Violence) Language	6	6 - 24 Months
Offensive or Discriminatory Act	10	12 - 24 Months

KEY PENALTY FACTORS

- Single offenses are at **minimum** the prescribed game penalty or time penalty for non red zone offenses
- Penalties can be **both game and time** depending on severity / circumstances
- Second time offenders receive **double punishment**
- Third time offenders receive a **lifetime ban**
- More than one offense at the same time is at **least** the punishment for the most

PHYSICAL OFFENSES of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault

PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Minor or Slight Deliberate Touching	3	1 - 6 Months
Pushing, Grabbing, Pulling, Squeezing, Pinching, Lightly Slapping, Use of Object in Non Striking Manner, or Physical Property Damage	10	6 - 24 Months
Hitting, Punching, Elbowing, Kicking, Biting, Spitting, Choking, Tackling, Throwing or Use of Object or Any Part of Body (Forearm, Knee, Head) in a Striking Manner		12 Months - Lifetime

- Offenses against minors are automatically subject to a **"minor multiplier"** resulting in **triple punishment**

- Same consequences and multiplier of 1 game penalty for any red cards given
- Optionality for 50% penalty for first offense from a minor

(*) Disclaimer: These are only a few examples of abuse – other actions or statements may also fall into this category.

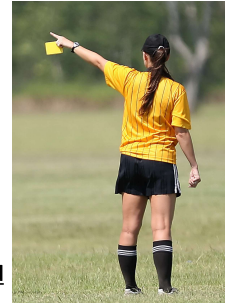
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Controlling Your Sideline

- **You, as the Coach, are responsible for your Parents on your sideline!**
 - Make sure you talk about this with parents in the first meeting
 - Have ALL your parents sign the Parent's Code of Conduct and give it back to you for keeping
- **If the referee gives you a warning, relay that warning to the parents.**
 - The referee has authority to send-off a Coach
 - The referee can not send-off a spectator
 - An Association Board Member can ask a spectator to leave
- **The same rule applies for Away Games (U9 and up Teams)**
 - Respect others -
 - Referee Crew
 - Other spectators, including spectators from the other team
 - Players, including players from the other team
 - Any representative of the other Association

Remember at most other associations if your parents are on the other side of the field you are still responsible for their actions.



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WSA Referees – Bad Calls?

- If you do not agree with the calls the referee is making?
 - Remember, Referees have a different viewpoint of the Game
 - Send a parent to find a representative of the home association
 - Make sure the individual stays calm
 - Have them explain the situation to the home association representative
 - Ask home association if someone can come monitor the game
- **Under NO Circumstances** should you tell the referee or AR they are doing a bad job
- Coaches may be warned, yellow/red carded and may be required to leave the fields; parents may be asked to leave the fields

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WSA Referees – Bad Calls?

- Many referees are new and still inexperienced (this is REC soccer); do not discourage them from improving
- Younger referees need to build up their self-esteem
- **FIRST, Question Yourself - Am I sure that I understand the soccer rule?**
- Visit a representative of the home association to ask questions about a call



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WSA Referees – Good Job!

- **TELL THEM!** Let them know they did a good job
 - Builds their confidence
 - Makes them feel more secure; Insecurity makes them feel like quitting
- Let the home association know
 - We LOVE to hear good things about our referees
 - It lets us know who can handle the job without any further assistance



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International Football Association Board (IFAB) Soccer Playing Rules

- Some rules are age specific
 - Number of players to field and game length
 - When to Substitute
 - What are Build-out Lines
- Some are NTSA or US Soccer enforced playing rules
- Some rules are called leniently by Referees in the younger age groups (U4-U6)
 - If we called everything there would be too many game stoppages for kids to get to play
 - The point is to teach the kids the game of soccer and let them have fun

Hint: Download the IFAB App
This is a great resource for Soccer Laws and Rules. It is recommended for ALL Referees.

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