



WELCOME Coaches!

Weatherford Soccer Association Spring 2026 Season





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WSA Board Members

ALL WSA Board Members are VOLUNTEERS

<p>Executive Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenny Styer - President • Chris Pool - Vice President • Cherie Long - Treasurer • Jason Callahan - Coaching Director • Tucker Ryan - Secretary 	<p>Board Members & Association Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Aiken • Jacqueline Arellano • Mark Davis • Benton Kemp • Ryan Kuhlmeier • Katlynn Long • Clayton Rhine – Field Manager • Kim Davis • Shannon Welborn • Ray Welborn • Eric Reeves
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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 – Jon Aiken Jon.Aiken@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U6 - Benton Kemp Benton.Kemp@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U7 – Katlynn Long Katlynn.Long@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U8 – Shannon Welborn Shannon.Welborn@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U9 – Kim Davis Kim.Davis@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U10 – Ryan Kuhlmeier Ryan.Kuhlmeier@WeatherfordSoccer.org
- U11 - Chris Pool Chris.Pool@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 – Jason Callahan
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

What we have planned...

- Opening Ceremonies / Parent Meeting Friday February 27th
- Opening weekend February 28th ; Season ends May 9th
- Team Picture Days – March 21st & 28th ; March 29th Make-Up Day (in studio)
Weather Make-Up date April 11th
- WSA Soccer Tournament – BOTH U7 & U8 – May 1st – May 3rd
Each group will have 8 regular season games; Min of 2 tournament games

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WSA What's Happening



4V4 TOURNAMENT 5/23/26 & 5/24/26

Recreational Teams **ONLY**

Roster limit of 7, including Max of 2 guest players

Played on small fields, with small goals

30 min games

Medals to Winners and Finalists

Registration on Website coming soon along with all Tournament Rules

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WSA Spring 2026 Season

- **772 players registered**
- **We have 54 (u4-u8) teams ready to go**
- **We have 28 (u9-u19) teams ready to go**
- **We have 105 Head and Assistant coaches signed up**

**We still need just a couple more
Head/Asst Coaches to volunteer for our various aged teams.
U16 Boys**

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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, Feb 13th

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.
- **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

Assistant Coach Form submission due by Friday, March 13th

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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 Spring 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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PARENTS



Thanks for being one of those insane parents who makes a children's soccer game worth attending.



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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 February 9th.**
- 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, February 7th @ 10am, and Saturday, February 21st @ 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

MANAGERIAL PROFILES	PROF. PATHWAY			
	B	C	B	A
LEVEL 1				
LEVEL 2				
LEVEL 3				
LEVEL 4				

- 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!
- 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

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



WeatherBug®

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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 bandaids

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 –

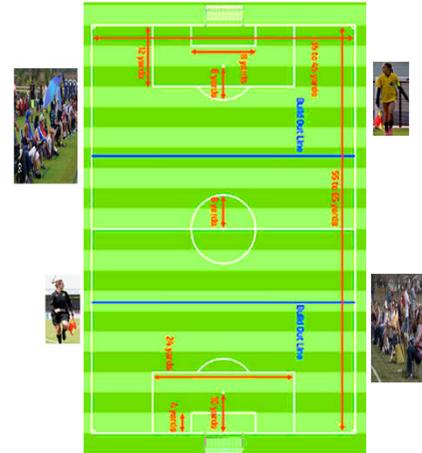
Teams are on **OPPOSITE** sides of the field with their parents and guests

****NEW**** - 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 PENALTY SCHEDULE

POLICY 5.1 OFFENSES AGAINST REFEREES & AMATEUR

The Penalties Matrix defines common offenses and the corresponding penalties for physical offenses against Referees.

NON-PHYSICAL*	TIME
Insulting, Baiting, Insinuating or Taunting Behavior <small>Referee Authority</small>	
Harassment, Intimidation, Retaliation, Abusive, or <small>(Non Physical) Language</small>	
Aggression, Attacking, Derogatory, Cyberbullying <small>Threatening (Physical / Violence) Language</small>	5
Offensive or Discriminatory Act	10

PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAME PENALTY
Minor or Slight Deliberate Touching	
Pushing, Grabbing, Pulling, Squeezing, Pulling, or <small>Use of Object in Non Striking Manner, or Physical</small>	
Hitting, Punching, Elbowing, Kicking, Biting, Spitting, <small>Tackling, Throwing or Use of Object or Any Part of Body (Hand, Arm, Knee, Head) in a Striking Manner</small>	3 Months - Lifetime

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 severe offense**

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

(*) 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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Questions?

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