

## 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

Age Group	Format	Heading	Punting	Build-Out Line	Offside Line
U8	League Rules Apply	No	No	Yes	No Offside
U9	7v7	No	No	Yes	Midfield Line
U10	7v7	No	No	Yes	Midfield Line
U11	9v9	No	No	Yes	Midfield Line
U12	9v9	No	No	Yes	Midfield Line
U13+	11v11	Yes	Yes	No	Midfield Line

**WYS Rule Modifications for 2023-2024 continued:**

- Air Quality Index
  - Consensus to align around the following process:
    - Home Team makes the decision 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?**

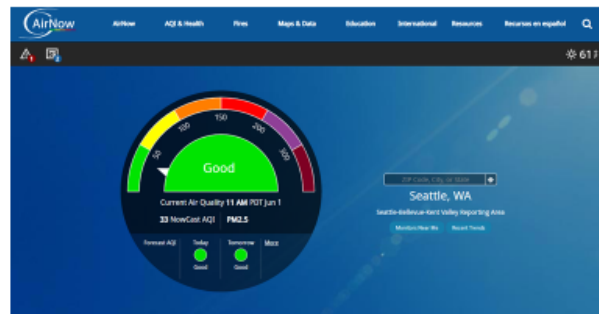
- Any time prior to kickoff

**Measurement Source?**

- AirNow

**Postponement?**

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



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