

READ AHEAD - 2026 NSYSA Fall Recreational Soccer - RTS (Ready To Schedule) Playbook

For: Club Registrars, Schedulers, and Team Admins

Scheduling Meeting: Saturday, August 22, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Silverdale Round Table Pizza, 3276 NW Plaza Rd, Ste. 101, Silverdale, WA

Format: *In-person only* - no Zoom option available



TL;DR - Key Action Items & Dates

- **By Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 5:00 PM** - All teams must be marked "Ready to Schedule" in NSYSA.
- **Saturday, August 22, 2026, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM** - In-person scheduling meeting in Silverdale.
- **Saturday, September 12, 2026** - Fall season begins.
- **Review the WYS Age Group Formation FAQ pages** ([includes USSoccer links](#)).
- **Contact:** NSYSA Director of Rec - directorREC@nsysasoccer.org ; or NSYSA Registrar - registrar@nsysasoccer.org; or NSYSA Scheduler - administrator@nsysasoccer.org

A. Pre-Scheduling Checklist

For Club VP of Rec / Scheduler

1. Team Continuity & WYS ID:

- Teams with **60% or more returning players and coaching staff** should retain the current WYS Team ID.
- New teams, or teams with **less than 40% continuity**, should request a new WYS Team ID.

2. Assess Team Placement:

- Review previous season performance, skill level, coaching, and roster composition for appropriate bracket placement.
- Evaluate any teams that played up an age group in 2025.

3. Age Group Validation:

- Use **WYS Age Group Formation** for the 2026-2027 registration cycle. Beginning August 1, 2026, WYS competitions use an **August 1 to July 31** age-group formation cycle instead of the previous January 1 to December 31 birth-year matrix.
- Refer to the [2026-2027 Season Age Chart and WYS FAQ](#). The format "U followed by age" means that age and younger.
- **2026-2027 Season Age Matrix** US Youth Soccer, WYS, and US Club Soccer have collectively decided to move to an age group player formation cycle that runs from August 1 to July 31, starting with the 2026-27 season/registration year.

Birth Year	2026/27 Seasonal Year Age Chart (Team Age Banding)											
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		U19	U19	U19	U19
2008	U19	U19	U19	U19	U19	U19	U19	U18	U18	U18	U18	U18
2009	U18	U18	U18	U18	U18	U18	U18	U17	U17	U17	U17	U17
2010	U17	U17	U17	U17	U17	U17	U17	U16	U16	U16	U16	U16
2011	U16	U16	U16	U16	U16	U16	U16	U15	U15	U15	U15	U15
2012	U15	U15	U15	U15	U15	U15	U15	U14	U14	U14	U14	U14
2013	U14	U14	U14	U14	U14	U14	U14	U13	U13	U13	U13	U13
2014	U13	U13	U13	U13	U13	U13	U13	U12	U12	U12	U12	U12
2015	U12	U12	U12	U12	U12	U12	U12	U11	U11	U11	U11	U11
2016	U11	U11	U11	U11	U11	U11	U11	U10	U10	U10	U10	U10
2017	U10	U10	U10	U10	U10	U10	U10	U9	U9	U9	U9	U9
2018	U9	U9	U9	U9	U9	U9	U9	U8	U8	U8	U8	U8
2019	U8	U8	U8	U8	U8	U8	U8	U7	U7	U7	U7	U7
2020	U7	U7	U7	U7	U7	U7	U7	U6	U6	U6	U6	U6
2021	U6	U6	U6	U6	U6	U6	U6	U5	U5	U5	U5	U5
2022	U5	U5	U5	U5	U5	U5	U5	U4	U4	U4	U4	U4
2023	U4	U4	U4	U4	U4	U4	U4	U3	U3	U3	U3	U3

Rec Banding		
U6 = U6 and U5		8/1/2020-7/31/2022
U8 = U8 and U7		8/1/2018-7/31/2020
U10 = U10 and U9		8/1/2016-7/31/2018
U12 = U12 and U11		8/1/2014-7/31/2016
U14 = U14 and U13		8/1/20012-7/31/2014
HS = U15 U16 U17 U18 U19		8/1/2007-7/31/2012

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4. Coach/Manager Info:

- Ensure each team has a clearly identified point of contact: Coach, Manager, or Assistant Coach.

5. Team Naming:

- Uniform team names must follow NSYSA naming conventions. Reference the NSYSA Registrar for guidance.

For Club Registrar

- Confirm all teams are assigned appropriate age groups and designated contacts.
- Use the Competitive Play Application (path: **Registrar > Applications > Competitive Play**) to identify U10-U18 teams seeking competitive brackets.
- Enter and annotate **critical scheduling conflicts** (for example, no Sunday play, school dances, AP/SAT/ACT tests, Rec Cup, and field limitations) in the NSYSA team **Comments** section.
- **Flag ALL coach conflicts and dual-team coaching scenarios by Wednesday, August 19.**
- **Mark teams "Ready to Schedule" in NSYSA no later than Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 5:00 PM.**

B. Scheduling Considerations

Conflicts to Note

- Coaching multiple teams. Indicate priority and that both teams have assistant coach support.
- Preferred time slots (AM/PM) or field availability.
- Known testing conflicts:
 - **SAT Test Dates:** Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5
 - **ACT Test Dates:** Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Dec. 12
- Travel time expectations, unless clearly permitted:
 - Teams traveling more than 1 hour *should not be scheduled before 10:00 AM* for away games.
 - Away matches *should* end by **6:00 PM**. (Daylight Saving Time (DST) ends Sunday, November 1, 2026)

C. Scheduling Prep Requirements

- All rosters must be balanced and assigned to teams.
- Every team must have a registered coach. A VP or Club President cannot cover multiple teams.
- Review and understand the NSYSA Schedulers Toolkit, including your club's field inventory.

D. Waivers & Roster Adjustments

- Submit [Medical Play Down Waivers and Roster Modifications](#) in advance to the [NSYSA Board](#).
- Confirm [waiver procedures online](#) before submitting requests.
- Teams must comply with all applicable roster freeze and age rules, including [WYS Age Group Formation requirements for the 2026-2027](#) registration cycle.

E. Tournament Participation

- Submit the current [Tournament Team Identifier Form](#) at the scheduling meeting for any teams seeking tournament exemptions.
- Only tournaments sanctioned by NSYSA, WYS, or USYS may interfere with league play.

F. Referee Payment Details

U11 and Above (Full-Sided)

- Refer to the current [NSYSA and Kitsap Peninsula Soccer Referee Association Agreement](#) for rates and billing.

U10 and Below (Small-Sided)

- NSYSA will pay referees directly; clubs will be billed.
- Clubs must submit monthly game reports to the NSYSA Treasurer.

G. NSYSA Scheduling Fees

- Clubs will receive monthly invoices from the NSYSA Treasurer.

- Payment is due within 30 days of the billing date.
- No payment is required at the scheduling meeting.

H. Key Events to Plan For

Soccer to the Maxx

- **Tentative Date:** Sunday, October 11, 2026
- **Location:** TBD
- Clubs should plan to host gender- and age-specific brackets.

Recreational Cup

- **Round Robin Start:** November 21 - 22, 2026, location TBD
- Each club should prepare to host specific brackets.
- Provide a Cup Director contact by the sixth week of league play.
- Teams must comply with roster freeze and age rules.

I. Fall Scheduling Meeting Agenda

Saturday, August 22, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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Time	Topic
10:00 AM	Introductions
10:10 AM	House Keeping: Tournament Team Review, Critical Scheduling Dates/Conflicts, etc.
10:20 AM	Rec Cup Dates & Hosting Requests
10:30 AM	Rec Scheduling
11:45 AM	Break
12:00 PM	Small-Sided Scheduling
1:45 PM	Soccer to the Maxx & Final Comments
2:00 PM	Adjournment

J. Next Steps: What Happens After the Fall Meeting

Date	Action
By Aug. 25	Draft schedules returned to Club Schedulers
Within 48 hours	Clubs raise unreconcilable conflicts
By Aug. 28	Final "Begin Scheduling" directive issued
By Sept. 2, 5:00 PM	Final home schedules due back to NSYSA (MINIMUM first 5-weeks Rec due)
Sept. 5	Public schedule release
Sept. 12, 2026	Season kicks off

Subsequent requests for scheduling updates and/or additions will be processed by Club Schedulers using the current NSYSA Schedulers Toolkit and related process steps.

K. 2026-2027 WYS Age Group Formation

Beginning August 1, 2026, WYS competition age groups use an August 1 to July 31 formation cycle. The table below is provided for quick reference; consult [WYS resources for the official chart and FAQ](#).

Age Group	2026-2027 Season
U6	Born between Aug. 1, 2020 - July 31, 2021
U7	Born between Aug. 1, 2019 - July 31, 2020
U8	Born between Aug. 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019
U9	Born between Aug. 1, 2017 - July 31, 2018
U10	Born between Aug. 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017
U11	Born between Aug. 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016
U12	Born between Aug. 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015
U13	Born between Aug. 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014
U14	Born between Aug. 1, 2012 - July 31, 2013
U15	Born between Aug. 1, 2011 - July 31, 2012
U16	Born between Aug. 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011
U17	Born between Aug. 1, 2009 - July 31, 2010
U18	Born between Aug. 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009
U19	Born between Aug. 1, 2007 - July 31, 2008

- For WYS competitions, U18 and U19 will continue to be combined in a U19 age group.
- For league-specific age-related requirements, check with the competition authority or league operator.

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L. Contact Info

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- **Tawnya** - registrar@nsysasoccer.org
- **Steve** - administrator@nsysasoccer.org

Thank you in advance for successfully registering players, identifying and recruiting coaches and team staff, and training a growing number of small-sided and other referees.

M. Resource Links

- [NSYSA FAQ page](#)
- [WYS Age Group Formation](#)
- [College Board SAT Dates and Deadlines](#)
- [ACT Test Dates](#)