

## State Cup Newsletter No. 4



---

## Washington State Cup Championship Substitution Rules

This rule only applies to Championship Cup matches for U15 and above. It does **NOT** apply to any Founders & Challenge Cup matches.

Look at your Affinity Game Roster Sheet as it will state what tournament the game is. In your team check in, speak with the coaches about the substitution procedures during the match to avoid any issues.

The following is from the Washington Youth Soccer (WSY) memo:

- a. For the U14 age group and below, unlimited substitutions shall be allowed; and
- b. For all other age groups, a maximum of 7 substitutions for each team shall be allowed in each game during each half of play and during overtime play. After leaving the game during a half of play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game during that same half of play. After leaving the game during overtime play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game.

This is the suggested mechanics to use during the match. AR1 will have a lot of work to do. Make sure you keep each team's member passes in different pockets; you don't want to mix them up!

The referee will instruct teams on the proper procedure for substitutions. The referees will check-in all players before the game and keep only the passes of the starting 11. When a substitute player checks-in at midfield, he or she should then present their pass to the Assistant Referee. At the completion of the first half, the Assistant Referee will provide all passes back to the coach or team manager and repeat the same procedure for the second half and overtime (if applicable).

If a player is substituted in any of the OT periods they may **NOT** take part in KftPM if the match is still tied at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> OT period. Overtime and KftPM only apply if the match needs a winner, preliminary group play matches do not need a winner.

Please ask that ALL bench substitutes to wear a scrimmage vest to avoid any confusion during the entire match. Be proactive to avoid any issues later on.

Don't be concern about the 7 player limit per period, there can only be 18 players on the active roster anyway.

In the real world and since this is the first time for applying the rule in all matches, there will be some challenges to getting the teams, etc., doing things correctly. Just be patient with them. The substitutions will burn time; therefore center officials should keep a good estimate about time lost.

*Columbia SRA - James*