

WESTERN ONTARIO INDER-DISTRICT SOCCER LEAGUE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Management

1. The Board of Directors will conduct the affairs of the League.

2. Code of Conduct

1. Administrators and Team Officials must conduct themselves in such a manner as to set an example when followed, would enable every player to be a credit to the game.
2. Clubs are responsible for teams registered in WOISL. Teams, players or officials contravening rules and regulations will be subject to discipline.
3. The proposed playing schedule will be as follows if Clubs makes fields available.

Day

Friday: U13

The only exception will be for extreme long distance travel. These games will be scheduled on the weekends at the discretion of the League. (150 km or more)

3. League Fees

1. The WOISL Board will determine the annual League fees.
2. For League fee structure, see Appendix "A".

4. Team Registration

1. All team registrations must be received by January 15th. All registrations are due with Entry fees as per Appendix "A".
2. Each U13 team may register a maximum of 18 players.
3. Each team must add the respective team officials to the web site and the League will remove a team official upon request. Each Club must make the appropriate changes to the Club section of the website.
4. A minimum of eleven (11) players must be registered by April 15th of each year.
5. Each team must play in its own age level unless otherwise approved by the League Board of Directors and it must comply with the Ontario Soccer Policies and Procedures.
6. There are no restrictions on the number of times a District Registered U13 Player can play up in WOISL League games.
7. Each team is allowed a maximum of three non-roster (guest) players for any one game. This is any player not registered to your team.

5. Team Regulations

1. All players registered on a team will be so in accordance with the League Constitution and Rules and Regulations and any procedures of the District Association with which they are affiliated.
2. All players on a team must be in possession of a current valid Ontario Soccer ID to be eligible to play. The current valid Ontario Soccer ID must be checked by the opposing team official(s) fifteen (15) minutes prior to the kick-off. If Player(s) are not in possession of or are unable to present their current valid Ontario Soccer ID, the Player is not eligible to play. Where an Ontario Soccer ID Booklet or a Player arrives late, the player will be allowed to play upon presentation of his current valid Ontario Soccer ID to the opposing team official. Valid Ontario Soccer ID will be a book stamped by the registering district for the current playing season or an Ontario Soccer player's card accompanied with a team roster stamped by the registering district for the current playing season.
3. Teams who are participating in the WOISL will abide by Ontario Soccer Policies and Procedures regarding players except as noted in WOISL Rules and Regulations.
4. The WOISL team roster must be entered onto the league web site prior to each team's first KOC game. Changes to the team roster must be reported prior to each team's next League game. No changes to the WOISL Roster will be permitted after July 31.
5. If no current valid Ontario Soccer ID's are available for entire team, the game will not be played and the team will lose the game by default and will be fined as per Appendix A.
6. Teams from the same club playing in the same division may not interchange players.
7. Retreat line: The retreat line is at the 1/3 mark and the other players must wait until the keeper kicks the ball before they can attack the team with the ball. This only applies to Goal Kicks and Free Kicks from within the Defensive Penalty Area.

6. Team Officials

Any team official that does not comply with Rules 6.3 to 6.5 will be fined as per Appendix "A".

1. All Team Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches must have taken the Soccer for Life Course, Respect in Soccer (RIS), Making Head Way in Soccer (MHW) and Making Ethical Decisions (MED).
2. A maximum of four (4) carded officials shall be permitted to sit on the bench.
3. All Team Officials must be registered with their District Association and their current valid Ontario Soccer ID must be presented to the opposing coach and referee before the start of the game. If the current valid Ontario Soccer ID's are not available the Official(s) Name will not be entered on the game sheet and the official(s) will not be allowed to sit on the player bench. A Team Official arriving late will be allowed to sit on player's bench upon presentation of their current valid Ontario Soccer ID to the opposing coach and referee and name entered, and signed on game sheet. A team official is deemed to have attended a game where their name is printed and signed on the game sheet.
4. Team Officials will not be allowed to smoke while coaching their teams.

5. "Team Official" shall mean Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager or Assistant Manager who will be registered and carded by district association.

7. Team Responsibility

Any Team not complying with Rules 7.1 to 7.10 will be fined as per Appendix "A"

1. Anyone on the bench entering the field of play without consent of the Referee during an altercation will be subject to disciplinary action depending on League Discipline Committee findings.
2. Teams failing to comply with League Rules and Regulations are subject to fines and/or disciplinary action. Team and Club Officials will be notified in writing of any fines levied and/or disciplinary action.
3. Team officials will coach within one meter of their bench and are not permitted to walk up and down the sideline or obstruct and/or obscure the view of the assistant referee.
4. A team must field at least seven (7) registered players for a game and if not, disciplinary action shall be taken.
5. If any team fails to appear at a scheduled League game or Kick Off Cup game, they shall be fined as per Appendix "A" and the team will forfeit the game. Fines must be paid within 21 days of notice.
6. Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their players, officials, and spectators on and off the field of play during a game scheduled by the League.
7. A maximum of eighteen (18) registered players may sit on the bench. All players entered on the game sheet, are deemed to have played. (Players under suspension shall not be entered on the game sheet and will not be at Player's Bench.)
8. Any Coach and/or team official withdrawing a Team from a game will be subject to disciplinary action.
9. Both team officials must report the game result by 11:59 PM of the day following the game. If not reported within the period of time stipulated, the club will be fined as per Appendix A.
10. Player substitution shall be permitted with the consent of the referee during a stoppage of play for the following:
 - Goal Kick
 - Scoring of a goal
 - Teams' own throw-in and opposing team's throw-in if opposing team makes a substitution
 - Injury of a player
 - Halftime
 - Start of an Over-Time Period or at half time of an Over-Time Period

12. Additional requirements when substituting a player:

No Substitution Is Allowed for Any Player(s) Ejected
All Substitutions must enter the field at the halfway line.
All substituted players must leave the field without delay.

FIFA law #3 for 2019/2020 states a substituted player must exit the field by the nearest point on the touchline or goal line. We not make this change unless specifically mandated to. The safety and security of a minor player can be at risk if they have to exit the field away from their player bench area and possibly into a hostile area. Such action would also put more burden on the team officials to monitor the substituted player while they move around the pitch to return to their bench. Especially when more than one player is being substituted.

8. Home Club Responsibility

1. Home clubs will be responsible for the provision of:

Field Markings
Goal Nets
Corner Flags
Two properly inflated game balls
Change Rooms (If Available)
Field Lights (When Required)

9. Uniforms

1. All players shall wear regulation soccer equipment as outlined by FIFA and Ontario Soccer Rules.
2. All Teams must play all their WOISL games in their primary registered team colors.
3. All Players, including goalies, must be identified by a different number, minimum size 6" on the back of their shirt and such number will be recorded against the players' name on the game sheet. All numbers must be legible
4. The away team shall change to an alternate strip if team colors conflict.
5. Goalkeepers' uniforms must not conflict with that of the game officials or opposing team.

10. Match Officials

1. The home team is responsible for the payment of match officials in cash, fifteen (15) minutes prior to kick off.
2. All games will be assigned three officials, the match official and two assistant officials.
3. Match Officials Fee Schedule & Half Game Fee details; see Appendix "B".
4. The League or its designate will assign registered officials to games.

5. All Referees must have obtained their appropriate grade level and assigned as per the Ontario Soccer Game assigning protocol.
6. Officiating complaints will only be acknowledged if received in writing by the League. Progress report will be sent within 21 days. For cases of alleged violence, assaults and brawls the WOISL shall conduct a hearing as per Ontario Soccer Operating Procedures. (Complaints received at the league office are sent to the district association in which the referee is registered for review. The league is not authorized to discipline referees.)
7. The match official is responsible for providing the teams with the completed game sheets within 15 minutes of the end of the game and for mailing game sheets to the League within forty-eight (48) hours of a game being completed. All non-compliance will be reported to their district association for disciplinary action.
8. All discipline reports must be submitted along with the game sheet within forty-eight (48) hours of game completion to the WOISL office by the Match Official or Assistant Referee. Match Official Assaults must be reported within forty-eight (48) hours, but will have seven days to submit the actual report.
9. All match officials must sign all game sheets. All non-compliance will be reported to their district association for disciplinary action.

11. Game Start Time

1. The match official will endeavor to start each game at the scheduled time designated by the League. An allowance of not more than fifteen (15) minutes from the scheduled time shall be made if either team has less than seven (7) players in attendance.
2. Weekday games must commence no earlier than 6:30 p.m. and no later than 9:00 p.m. if the field is available. Only the League can assign other times at their discretion or as required.
3. Weekend games must commence no earlier than 10:00 a.m. and no later than 3:00 p.m. if the field is available. Only the League can assign other times at their discretion or as required.
4. Games cannot be scheduled or played within the same calendar day.

12. Game Duration

1. The length of games will be:

U-13: Two (2) forty (40) minute halves

13. Game Sheets

1. Official game sheets must be completed by the teams in full and given to the Referee fifteen (15) minutes prior to kick-off.
2. All players and team officials must be identified on the game sheet. All names and Ontario Soccer registrant numbers must be legible at all times. All non-roster players, (guest players and players on permits, any player not registered to your team) must be clearly indicated on game sheet. Suspended Player(s) will be automatically listed in the respective area on the game sheet.

3. Only players listed on the game sheet are eligible to play and all are deemed to have played. A team official(s) must sign all team sheets; the signature shall verify the eligibility of players on his team.
4. Players are not required to sign the game sheet.
5. Completed game sheets accompanied by any Disciplinary Reports, Trial Registration Permits or Temporary Eligibility Permits must be mailed to the League office by the game official within forty-eight (48) hours of the final whistle. Non-compliance will be reported to their district association for disciplinary action.
6. Teams using players on a Temporary Eligibility Permit or Trial Registration Permit must submit the authorized signed copy with the game sheet. WOISL and Ontario Soccer Policies and Procedures will govern all players playing for teams under Rule 13.6. Subject to fine amounts as per Appendix "A".

14. Cancellation of Games

1. The game shall begin and/or continue to be played unless, in the opinion of the referee, the safety of the players and/or the quality of the field is in jeopardy.
2. The game will be replayed in full if less than 75% of the game has been played, after which time the results of the match at the time of the stoppage shall stand. The referee shall be the sole judge of time elapsed and this must be recorded on both sets of game sheets. In the event the game has not reached the 75% mark and both coaches are in agreement that the game should stand as played, it will be recorded as such.
3. When Fields are closed due to weather conditions, the league will notify affected teams of any cancellations as soon as notification has been received in the league office. Rules for rescheduling will be used when rescheduling games.

15. Rescheduling of Games

1. The League Convenors must approve all changes made after the final schedule is completed. No game will be postponed or rescheduled unless the respective Convenor has received a Game Change request as submitted through the E2E website.
2. The two coaches must agree upon a new time, date and location before submitting a Game Change Request on the web site. The coach who submits the original request must indicate which team is requesting the change.

The second coach will confirm the new time, date and location on the web site. Once confirmed, these entries will complete a database for the appropriate Convenor to review and authorization. Once confirmed by the Convenor, an email will be processed to both teams advising of the approved change. This entry will also update the League Schedule.

3. The Game Change Function is meant for changes to fixtures greater than five days. Any change required within this time frame must be called into the Division Convenor for authorization and entry of the game change.

4. ALL authorized game changes made after May 31 will cost the requesting team as per Appendix "A".
5. Game cancellations as noted in Rule 14. The two coaches must submit entry into the WOISL score system as a cancellation. The two coaches will then reschedule this cancelled game using section 15.2 as noted above. The rescheduling of any postponed game or any game being moved from the original or agreed schedule must be submitted within ten (10) days of the identified game. Failure to provide the required information will result in the game being scheduled by the League with both teams being charged an administration fee as per Appendix "A".
6. Weather and Field related problems will not incur the Game Change Fee as per Appendix "A".
7. All games will be scheduled to be completed by the end of August, where possible; rescheduled games must be completed by the 14th day of September, unless stipulated and approved by the League.
8. Unless twenty-four (24) hours prior notice is given to the visiting team, only the referee can determine if unplayable conditions exist. Should a private club or City Parks and Recreation determine that unplayable conditions exist within less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice the postponed game will be rescheduled.
9. Only the WOISL scheduler and WOISL Convener or their delegates are authorized to schedule or reschedule games for the League.
10. Any game(s) scheduled or rescheduled by team officials, clubs or persons not authorized per Rule 15.9 will be declared null and void. Teams participating in a game not authorized by the League will default all points from the game.

16. League Standings

1. The League Champion shall be the team that accumulates the greatest number of points, based on the formula of three (3) points for a win and one (1) point for a tie, in all games provided for by the WOISL schedule of that age group.
 - (1) Head to Head Results
 - (2) Most Wins
 - (3) Goal Difference – League Standings
 - (4) Least goals against – League Standings
 - (5) Coin Toss

17. Promotion/Relegation

1. The WOISL is a stand-alone League and your position in the standings does not provide a guarantee of moving into the Western Region Soccer League in the following season. The intent shall be to provide your team with capable competition to prepare your players to compete in the Regional League.

18. Discipline

Disciplinary action shall be taken in accordance with the OSA Published Rules and the WOISL Discipline Procedures. The following guidelines will apply:

1. In cases where Ontario Soccer Published Policies provide for Discipline by Review (DBR), the accused player or Team/Club Official does not have to appear for a hearing. If the accused person does not request a hearing within seventy-two (72) hours of the game where the offence occurred, not including weekends or statutory holidays, he/she will be found guilty and the applicable penalties and/or fines, established by Ontario Soccer for the offence for which he/she has been charged shall apply.
2. In the event the suspension is a Carry Over Suspension from one Outdoor Season to another or from Indoor Season to another, the OSA ID Booklet must be taken a second time to the appropriate District Office to have the specified games recorded. These game numbers will be provided by the league once the appropriate new schedule is posted.
3. Any request for a hearing shall be submitted on the appropriate form and accompanied by a Hearing Fee as per Appendix "A". The hearing fee shall be reimbursed only if the Discipline Panel finds the accused not guilty. An accused that has requested a hearing and fails to appear for the hearing shall forfeit the Hearing Fee.
(This form is available on the web site.)
4. Where Ontario Soccer procedures provide for Discipline by Hearing (DBH), and where the League Management Committee has delegated to the WRSL the authority to handle all discipline pertaining to league activities, except where the offence was directed at a game official, the WRSL Board of Directors shall appoint a Discipline Committee or Panel to hold a hearing and deal with the alleged infractions. Calendar Dates will be posted on the WRSL web site. The WRSL Discipline Panel will handle all WOISL cases.
5. Where disciplinary action results in a suspension, the suspension shall not commence prior to seven (7) calendar days from the issue of the notice of discipline. For example, a player issued with a suspension notice on Friday would serve the suspension for the game(s) SPECIFIED BY THE LEAGUE on or after the following Friday. This period will be reduced to one (1) day in August & September in an effort to reduce the number of carry over suspensions.
6. All suspensions including those from the Kick Off Cup and other Tournaments are not in effect until officially notified.
7. Failure of an accused player or Team Official to appear at a Disciplinary Hearing will result in the immediate suspension of the accused and fines as per APPENDIX A. The suspension will continue to be in effect until the accused appears before the Disciplinary Committee.
8. All youth players attending a Disciplinary Hearing must be accompanied by an adult who shall act as an advisor, failing which the hearing will not precede and the player shall be suspended until the hearing is held.
9. Clubs shall ensure that accused players and Team/Club Officials appear for their Disciplinary Hearing. If upon being advised of the failure of the accused to appear for their hearing, the Club fails in meeting its responsibility within 30 days of the date of the original hearing, the fine specified in APPENDIX A shall be assessed against the Club.

10. Failure of a Club Representative to appear at a Disciplinary Hearing will result in a fine as specified in Appendix A.

19. Playing an Ineligible Player

1. Any club charged with playing an ineligible player in a game sanctioned by the League will be subject to a disciplinary hearing. Upon being found guilty, the team will forfeit all points in games in the league or kick off cup game in which the ineligible player participated and will be fined as per Appendix "A".

An Ineligible Player is a Player who:

- a) Playing while under suspension,
 - b) Playing without an international transfer,
 - c) Playing without having been re-instated from Professional to amateur,
 - d) Playing while not being properly registered,
 - e) Playing while not being registered to that team unless on a valid trial permit,
 - f) Playing in an age specific competition without the eligible age classification,
 - g) Playing up or playing as a guest player when ineligible to do so,
 - h) Playing after failing to produce physical Ontario Soccer Registrant Book or physical Ontario Soccer approved Identification Card when requested to do so.
2. Any team official(s) charged with playing ineligible players shall attend a discipline hearing and if found guilty shall be disciplined and fined as per Appendix "A."
 3. Any club charged with an ineligible team official in a game sanctioned by the league will be subject to a disciplinary hearing. Upon being found guilty, the team will forfeit all points in games in the League or Cup game in which the ineligible team official participated and will be fined as per Appendix "A".

An Ineligible Team Official is a Team Official who:

- i) Not registered under OSA Policies & Procedures
- ii) Registered under a false name
- iii) Under Discipline Suspension
- iv) Under a different name (Used card of another team official)
- v) Participated in a game without Ontario Soccer Registration Identification

20. Game Abandoned

1. Clubs will be held responsible if a game is abandoned because of the actions of its players, officials or spectators and will be subject to disciplinary hearing, and will be fined as per Appendix "A" if found guilty.

21. Protests

1. Protests based on decisions of the referee's interpretation of FIFA Law will not be acknowledged.
2. Protests will be handled as per WOISL Rules and Regulations. The Protest must be submitted in writing to the League Convener and to the opposing Club/Team within 72 hours of the game being terminated. A fee of \$250.00 in cash or club cheque must be mailed with 7 (seven) days. Protests can only be heard if any rules of the WOISL or Ontario Soccer have been violated.

3. The WOISL will review protest and send response within 14 days (including weekends)

- i) If protest is ruled out of order – fee will be returned minus admin fee of \$75.00
- ii) Hearing scheduled, if protest upheld fee will be returned
- iii) Hearing scheduled, if protest denied fee will be forfeited

22. Appeals

1. Any Discipline Hearing decisions of the League may be appealed to the OSA League Management Committee at the following address along with a cheque for \$750.00 appeal fee.

OSA LEAGUE MANAGEMENT
Ontario Soccer Association
c/o Discipline and Appeals
7601 Martin Grove Rd.
Vaughan, Ontario L4L 9E4

2. Persons appealing a decision of the League Discipline Committee are subject to the decision rendered until the appeal has been disposed of.

23. Annual Meetings

Annual General Meeting

- 1. The WOISL Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the WRSL Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will be held each year after December 1st.
- 2. Each Club is required to attend the WOISL AGM; non-attendance will result in a fine as per Appendix A. A person can be the Club Representative for the WOISL & WRSL teams at the same meeting.
- 3. All proposed amendments must be received by the WOISL / WRSL in writing not less than forty-five days prior to the Annual General Meeting and/or a Special General Meeting.

Annual Coaches Meeting

- 1. The WOISL / WRSL Annual Coaches Meeting will be held prior to the season. Club Contacts will be sent the details 30 days prior to meeting and details will be posted on website. Each Club is required to have a representative attend the meeting. Each Team is required to have a representative attend the meeting. Each team must have a separate representative. Non-attendance will result in a fine as per Appendix "A".

Other Provisions

- 1. The office staff is not authorized to interpret League Rules and Regulations or to waive disciplinary fines for contravention of League Rules and Regulations without the consent of the Board of Directors. Excuses for non-compliance with League Rights and Responsibilities, including failure to appear for scheduled discipline hearings, will not be accepted unless previously authorized in writing by the Board of Directors.

2. The Executive of the WOISL at their Executive Meeting may modify, add or delete any Rules or Regulations for the betterment of the League. The clubs will be notified within 14 days of any changes.
3. Any matter not covered by the League Constitution and/or Rules and Regulations, shall be governed by the provisions of the Ontario Soccer Operating Procedures.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Each club will post a bond of Three hundred dollars (300.00) at the time League fees are due. The bond will be returned minus any outstanding charges when a Club is no longer a member of the League. At the present time where a Club has teams in the WOISL and the WRSL they will only require one bond amount.
2. The Board may request an additional bond from any clubs who have had excessive amounts of Discipline in the previous season.
3. WOISL reserves the right to hold a hearing, for any Club, Team Officials or Player who does not abide by the WOISL Rules & Regulations and the Ontario Soccer Operating Procedures.

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APPENDIX "A" - 2020 FEE STRUCTURE

League Fees:

Per Team	\$600.00
Bond per Club	\$300.00
Payable to League on or before January 15 th	

Late Registration Fee:

Applicable per team for Regional after January 15 th will incur a late fee.	\$600.00
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Discipline Fees:

First League Game No Show by Team (Rule 7.5)	\$300.00
Second League Game No Show by Team (Rule 7.5)	\$500.00

Any team missing a second game will be removed from the League and all games played by this team will be null and void.

Ejection	\$50.00
Three Cautions	\$25.00
Team Official Removal	\$100.00

Game Protest Fee:	\$250.00
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Hearing Fees:

Request of Discipline by Hearing	\$50.00
Request of Hearing for No Show *(All)	\$75.00
*Non-refundable	

Request to reschedule a Hearing	\$75.00
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Fines:

Failure to follow published rules Ontario Soccer Discipline Section 12

- Code of Conduct
- WRSL rules

Home Club Responsibility (Rule 8)	\$75.00
Team Responsibility (Rule 7.1 to 7.8 except 7.5)	\$200.00
Team Regulations (Rule 5.2, 5.5 & 5.6)	\$200.00
Game Abandoned (Rule 20)	\$200.00
Club Representative no show	\$200.00
Game Result not reported (Rule 7.9)	\$50.00
Team Officials (Rule 6.3, 6.4 & 6.5)	\$50.00
Non-attendance at Annual or Special General Meeting	\$200.00
Non-attendance at Coaches Meeting	\$200.00
Game Change (15.4 & 15.5)	\$100.00
Non-Payment of Accounts within stipulated time	\$100.00
Game Reschedule (15.6)	\$100.00

All payments must be cash, club cheque or money order, payable to the WRSL
(WRSL will handle all financial aspects of the WOISL)

All payable to the League within 21 Days:

Accumulation of Cards:

In the event a team accumulates a total of:

1. Four (4) Dismissals (Red Cards); or
2. Eight (8) Cautions (Yellow Cards); Or
3. A Combination of Ten Discipline Reports (Red or Yellow Cards)

The Management of that team may be required to attend a discipline hearing of the league. If brought before the League there will be an appearance fee charge payable by the team, and the team may be subject to further discipline.

In the event a team withdraws from the League:

1. Club registering a team and pulling the team from the league prior to March 1 will forfeit the League fee.
2. Pulling a team from March 1 to May 15, such clubs will forfeit its League fee and will be subject to a fine of \$ 300.00
3. After May 16th, the club will forfeit the League fee and will be subject to a fine of \$1,000.00

All Payments must be cash, club cheque or money order, payable to the WRSL
(WRSL will handle all financial aspects of the WOISL)

All Fees and Fines are due within 21 days. Clubs are responsible for all fees and fines. Clubs not paying fees or fines within the stipulated time will be declared not in good standing and their District Association and OSA will be notified.

Game Officials Fees:

Age Division	Referee	Assistant Referee (x2)
U-13	\$50	\$40

The home team must pay the game fees to the official prior to the start of the game.
The home team must provide the referee with a WOISL addressed envelope.

APPENDIX “B” - GAME OFFICIALS FEES

Referee fees for scheduled games where kick-off does not take place.

The referee and assistant referees shall be paid a half-game fee for games that are not started due to the following situations:

The field, in referee’s discretion, is unplayable.

The town’s parks department closes the field prior to kick-off.

The District Referee Coordinator or the DRC designate did NOT personally contact the referee at least one hour prior to scheduled kick-off of the game.

One or both teams do not show up after the grace period has lapsed.

One or both teams have less than the minimum number of players required to start the game.

The home team will pay the half fee.

The half-game fee noted above shall be paid only if:

1. The referee collects and completes the game sheet(s) and provides a short-written report explaining why the game did not start.
2. The appointed referee and assistant referees, who were present at the field, shall include their names, OSA Registrant Number and signature(s) in the space provided on the game sheet(s).
3. Hand a fully completed and signed copy of the game sheet(s) to the coach/manager of the team(s) that is/are present.
4. Forward the fully completed and signed original to the WOISL / WRSL office within 48 hours.

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