



# PLAYING TIME POLICY

## Divisional

Should playing time become an issue, coaches have the responsibility to justify why a player has been played less than the below noted policies. Only injuries, sickness, unaccepted absences from training and/or games at coach's discretion or documented disciplinary action will be accepted as reasons for not meeting these requirements. The coaches must give written notice of disciplinary action to the player, coordinator, and manager at the time of the incident(s) or as soon as possible thereafter.

Playing time in Cup play is based on the discretion of the coach but must meet the adjusted criteria listed below. Should playing time become less than or more than the required times, coaches have the responsibility to justify the reason(s).

Division - Exhibition	League & Tournament Games
U8-U10 Mini Program	Equal Time
U11 & U12	Equal Time
U11 & U12	Development Minimum 50% of each game
U13-U18 Divisions 1, 2 &3	Minimum 50% of each game
U13-U18 Metro	Minimum 50% of each game

NOTE: "Equal Time" means all players should get approximately the same amount of play time with some circumstances where players could play less minutes one game and more in another over the course of the season. "Minimum 50% of each game" means all players play at least half where others may play more.

As teams enter District Cup, Coastal Cup and Provincial Cup play, it is recognized results become more important. An adjustment of the playing time policy reflects this increased focus. A team which participates in District Cup, Coastal Cup or Provincial Cup play **can expect the play time per player may be reduced to a minimum 30% of each game.**

Should a team have two goalkeepers assigned to it, the coach can either alternate keepers for full games or play each goalkeeper one half of each game during regular league, exhibition & tournament games. When a team advances to District Cup, Coastal Cup or Provincial Cup play, the coach has the discretion to play one goalkeeper for the duration of the Cup tournament. The policy for goalkeeper playtime is adjusted due to the critical role and (sometimes) pressure that is placed on a keeper.

## BSCPL

Playing time is earned and not given, over the course of the season which includes January – June and August – November, **30% playing time is minimum.** This can change due to long term injuries. Playing time is monitored for all exhibition, tournament, and league games through January – November by a team official.

