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## RYSL Match Goal Differential Policy

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1. The RYSL is a Recreation Youth Soccer League which allows existing teams to return each Season. This lends to a disparity in the “competitiveness” in each age group between the newly created teams and the teams that have played together for multiple Seasons.
2. That said, the RYSL has teamed up with the UNLV Men’s Head Soccer Coach to develop programs to help the Coaches in the RYSL (competitive minded versus recreation minded and new coaches) gain a greater understanding of the Game of Soccer so that they can help in “player development” and in turn, close that “competitive” gap.
3. The RYSL believes that the “seasoned” teams (teams that have been together for multiple Seasons) can help develop the “newer” teams in the way they play their Matches. Good ball movement through proper positioning and understanding how the Game is played with the attitude that we are all in this “together”.
4. The RYSL also wants to make sure that the players who participate on both “types” of teams are getting the full realization of what this League is all about; “...**fun soccer experience to every child who wants to play...**” The RYSL Mission Statement.
5. “The RYSL expects its coaches to show restraint when playing teams that are not at the same level as their team and to use whatever means necessary to prevent the kinds of lopsided scores that would cause embarrassment and discouragement to the other teams and would bring discredit to the RYSL.” The RYSL Recreation Philosophy.
6. This “**RYSL Match Goal Differential Policy**” was implemented so the “seasoned” teams can still use the skills and Soccer knowledge they have developed and the “newer” teams don’t feel humiliated and have their “confidence” destroyed.
7. The “Match Goal Differential” was arrived at through a series of meetings that included a large representation of the Coaches in the League, U7 & older, had discussions and then voted on the number. The RYSL philosophy for U6 and below is to allow the players to score as many goals as possible without any limitations to build their confidence in their abilities to score.
8. The “Match Goal Differential” is **(9)**. That means that the most a team can beat another team by is **(9)**. So, during the Match, be aware of the Goal Differential, as there are consequences for going over this number. (The initial Policy was for **(5)** on 032912.)
9. When the final score of the Match is greater than the allowable “Goal Differential”, the team that exceeded that number will “forfeit” that match and the Coach will be “Suspended” for the teams next match for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense. The next time it happens, the team will “forfeit” that match and the Coach is “suspended” for the next **(3)** matches and the third time it happens, the team “forfeits” that match and the Coach will **NO** longer be allowed to Coach in the RYSL.