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RYSL Play Time Policy

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1. The RYSL is a Recreation Youth Soccer League with the core belief that children, who are allowed to play with a minimum amount of coaching, will ultimately become more creative players and will stay in the Game longer than those who burn out at a younger age due to over coaching.
2. That said, the RYSL has teamed up with the UNLV Men's Head Soccer Coach to use their curriculum to help our coach's work with the RYSL players. Even though our belief is for the players to learn to be creative in their play, we realize that there has to be a certain amount of instruction to understand the Game of Soccer.
3. The RYSL believes that the only way a player will improve is through playing and the places to play are at home, at any park or vacant area with space, at an indoor facility, at practice and in the match.
4. The League also wants to make sure that the players who participate in all of the activities of the team they are on, should get the most playing time. Since we are in a Recreation environment, the goal is for each player to get at least 50% playing time each match.
5. The basis for how much time the player participates in the match will depend on the time the player participates and is involved at practice. As long as the player attends practice, listens to and is respectful of the Coaches & Team Officials, does what the coach requires at the practices and participates in the team activities, or has a valid reason for not attending, and lets the Coach know that they won't be attending and why, and the Coach agrees, then the player should get a minimum of 50% playing time.
6. This does not mean that the coach can arbitrarily sit a player or not allow a player to play in the match. It simply means that the players are expected to attend and participate in practice and be a functioning member of the team and this allows the coach some leeway in match time management.
7. If a player decides not to play in a match, regardless of the reason, the Coach must honor that decision. Don't try and force a player to play in a match.