

North Vancouver Football Club

Playing time Policy

Policy re: Playing time during games, cup play and tournaments.

Purpose: To reflect the Club's objective of player development and to guide coaches in their management of playing time allocation for each player.

Definition(s): Games – any regular season game; Cup Game – any game that is part of a cup competition organized by the BCFA or a league or district; Regular Season – the time period from September through March when league games are scheduled

Background: Player development and providing a safe, fun soccer program for all players is the basis for managing time allocations during regular season games, cup play and tournaments. .

Policies: Subject to the exceptions noted below, coaches are expected to manage playing time allocation for the players on their teams as follows:

- Players at age levels U6-U12 will play equal portions of a game.
- Players at age levels U13-U18 will play a minimum of one half of each league game.
- Players at age levels U13-U18 will play a minimum of one-third of a cup game
- Players at all age levels (U6-U18) will play a minimum of half of a game during a tournament.

Exceptions:

1. Parents may request a coach to reduce their son's playing time allocation when they feel it is in their child's best interests. i.e. illness
2. The coach may reduce a player's time allocation when issues of poor attendance (without good reason), attitude and discipline arise.

Notes: All club members (specifically team coaches and parents) will be provided with a copy of this policy so there is a common understanding of the club's expectations of coaches, parents and players in this regard.

Should a coach have a concern with respect to attitude, commitment and/or discipline and how it should impact playing time (for more than one game), they are advised to contact their AGC's for assistance.

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