

REGION 795 THREE QUARTER (3/4) RULE POLICY

One of the six (6) philosophies of AYSO is that EVERYONE PLAYS. This core value is designed to ensure that every registered AYSO player gets a consistent amount of playing time each and every week regardless of whether he or she is considered one of the most talented players on the team.

The AYSO requirement for play time is 1/2 of a game; however, Section 10 requires 3/4 of a game. Region 795 is part of Area V and Area V is part of Section 10, which means Region 795 follows the 3/4 of a game policy.

Unfortunately in the past, some have lost sight of the EVERYONE PLAYS core value by refusing to allow ALL players an opportunity to play equally in each game, thereby jeopardizing our goal of a consistent amount of playing time for all AYSO athletes. Therefore, in order to better accomplish our goal, Region 795 has instituted the following Three Quarter (3/4) Rule Policy:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this Policy, every registered AYSO player in Region 795 is entitled to play in three quarters (3/4) of every game.
2. If a player arrives after the game has already started, the rules are as follows:
 - a. If the player arrives while the first quarter is being played, he/she must play at least two of the three remaining quarters;
 - b. If the player arrives while the second quarter is being played, he/she must play at least one of the remaining two quarters;
 - c. If the player arrives while the third quarter is being played, he/she need not play at all in that game, but may play one quarter at the discretion of the coach; and
 - d. If the player arrives while the fourth quarter is being played, he/she shall not play at all in that game absent circumstances that would permit him/her to enter the game in the fourth quarter (i.e. an injury to a teammate, or his/her team's playing short due to player absence), and then only at the discretion of the coach.
3. The Goalkeeper rules are as follows:
 - a. There are no goalkeepers in 5U, 6U, 7U or 8U;
 - b. In 10U, players can play no more than two (2) quarters in goal and must play at least one (1) quarter in the field;
 - d. In 12U, players can play no more than three (3) quarters in goal;
 - e. In 14U, players can play all four (4) quarters in goal so long as all other players are each allowed to play three (3) quarters of the game pursuant to this Policy; and
4. Injury, illness, and non-attendance at practice shall be handled as follows:
 - a. Any player that is injured and needs to be removed from the field for the balance of the quarter (or more), shall be credited with having played the quarter in which he/she was injured. The player coming in for the injured player shall not be credited with having played that quarter;
 - b. Any player that is injured or ill is not required to play three quarters so long as the decision not to play three quarters is made in good faith by the parents and the player, and not by the coach. The assistant referee must be informed so that he/she can note the illness or injury on the game card;
 - c. No player shall have his/her playing time in games limited because of non-attendance at practice
5. Violations of this Policy shall be handled as follows:
 - a. A violation of this Policy shall be presumed to occur whenever the game card for a 10U, 12U or 14U team reveals that:

- (i) a player did not play in three (3) quarters and there is no justification noted on the game card (i.e. player was sick, injured, asked to be removed, arrived late, etc.) and/or
 - (ii) the Goalkeeper Rules set forth in paragraph 3 were not followed;
- b. In the event of a presumed violation, the Coach Administrator or other person assigned by the Commissioner, shall contact the coach and, if necessary, the parent of the affected player, the player and/or any other person, to determine if the game card correctly recorded an actual violation, and if so, whether the coach intended to violate this Policy or whether the coach mistakenly did so;
- c. The Coach Administrator or other person assigned by the Commissioner, shall communicate his/her conclusions to the Commissioner who may accept, reject, or modify those conclusions at his sole and reasonable discretion;
- d. In the event that a mistaken violation is found to have occurred:
 - (i) The offending coach shall receive a warning and shall be placed on probation
 - (ii) If a second mistake occurs, then the offending coach's team shall forfeit any points awarded for the game in which the Policy violation occurred; and
 - (iii) The opposing team in the game in which the Policy violation occurred shall be awarded three points regardless of whether it won, lost, or tied the game, in lieu of any other points it may have earned. In the event it won the game, the final score shall stand. In the event it lost or tied the game, it shall be awarded a 1-0 forfeit victory;
- e. In the event that an intentional violation is found to have occurred:
 - (i) For the first offense, the offending coach shall be suspended for the next game. For the second offense, the offending coach shall be suspended for the next two games. For the third offense, the offending coach shall be suspended for the balance of the league season;
 - (ii) The offending coach's team shall forfeit any points awarded for the game in which the Policy violation occurred;
 - (iii) The offending coach's team shall additionally have three points deducted from their cumulative season point total unless the team does not have three total points in which case all points which the team does have shall be deducted; and
 - (iv) The opposing team in the game in which the Policy violation occurred shall be awarded three points regardless of whether it won, lost, or tied the game, in lieu of any other points it may have earned. In the event it won the game, the final score shall stand. In the event it lost or tied the game, it shall be awarded a 1-0 forfeit victory;

6. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the head coach to ensure that his/her substitutions are properly recorded on the game card by the assistant referee.

7. This Policy does not apply to the 16U/19U divisions, as those divisions adhere to the national guideline of ½ of a game play due to roster sizes.

8. Any ambiguity or omission in this Policy shall be resolved by the Region 795 Commissioner or his designee.