



MHYSC Playing Time Policy

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The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to volunteer coaches and to the age group head coaches of Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club (MHYSC) on recommended playing time for youth level players from age groups U3 - U18. This direction will assist in determining the optimum playing time per player at their respective level of play. This track for players will be in a manner that is fair, transparent, effective, and that ensures the continuing development of each player.

U3 - U18 Recreational Soccer.

MHYSC is focused on player development first. In the crucial years up to and including the U12 age group, focus must be primarily on development rather than winning in accordance with the Canadian Soccer Association Long Term Player Development Model. To this end, it is the club policy to adhere to providing equal playing time for all players, regardless of age and ability within our recreational program. Players will also have the opportunity to play in multiple positions to experience and grow within the game. If there are no specific goalkeepers on a team, all players will rotate equally as a goalkeeper throughout the season.

U8 – U12 Academy Program.

MHYSC is focused on player development first. In the crucial years up to and including the U12 age group, focus must be primarily on development rather than winning in accordance with the Canadian Soccer Association Long Term Player Development Model. All players in the Academy program will have equal playing time in all exhibitions, festivals and game days and practices. This includes Indoor and Outdoor seasons. Players will also have the opportunity to play in multiple positions to experience and grow within the game, this may include goalkeeper if the rosters do not have dedicated goalkeepers.

At the same time, discretion should be used at the u11 and u12 level, where optimal playing time may be adjusted according to common sense principles such as, injuries, extended layoffs, lack of commitment to training. If these situations occur, there will be a discussion between the coach, player, and parent as to the specific reason why playing time may be adjusted.



U13 – OWSL.

Player's optimal playing time will be determined by the level of commitment to training, attendance, fitness, and performance at the team's Head Coach discretion. Furthermore, the coach has the responsibility to allow players the opportunity to develop. The onus is on the coach to ensure a fair allotment of time over the course of the season. If a player will receive less than their expected playing time, the coach must have a discussion with the player and parents to justify "why" the player is receiving the specific playing time.

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