

POLICY – PLAYING TIME ALLOCATION

Purpose

To reflect the BGSC's philosophy of focusing on player development and to guide coaches in their management of playing time allocation for each player.

Definitions

League Game: any regular season game.

Cup Game: any game that is part of a cup competition organized by the BCSA, a league, or a district.

Regular Season: the time period from September through March when league games are scheduled.

Background

Providing effective player development and an enjoyable soccer experience for all players is the basis for managing time and position allocations during games. Providing exposure to all aspects of the game is an important part of player development. There can be different interpretations of how this objective is best achieved and the club is therefore providing this policy to mitigate conflict or debate at the team level.

Policy

Taking into account such factors as the player's attendance at practice, concentration, effort & attitude, discipline, and fitness/injury status, coaches should ensure that, during the Regular Season, players in the U6 to U12 age groups (except selected teams) should play equal time. Players in the U13 to U18 age groups and U11 & U12 selected teams should play at least half of each League Game, and during Cup games, at least one third of each game.

Note: Parents may request a coach to reduce their child's playing time allocation when they feel it is in the best interest of the player.

Procedures

BGSC shall make the contents of this policy available to all club members (specifically team coaches and parents) so there is a common understanding of BGSC's expectations of coaches, parents and players in this regard. Reference to the policy at coaches' meetings and on www.burnabygirlssoccerclub.com will be an appropriate means of communication.

Any disagreement relative to this policy should first be discussed between the coach and the parent. If unresolved, the Age Group Coordinator will escalate according to the Discipline Procedures Guideline Policy.

VERSION CONTROL		
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