

Airdrie Minor Basketball

Fair play time policy



Both the City of Airdrie Minor Basketball Association (AMBA) and Calgary Minor Basketball Association (CMBA) regulations require that players are played for a significant and meaningful amount of time in each game and each player listed on a scoresheet should play in each quarter, unless they are on the bench due to late arrival to game, illness, injury or disciplinary measures. It is important to recognize that fair play time is not the same as equal play time. The frequency of whistles, number of players on the bench and speed of a game makes equal play time an impossible task for a coach.

Parents and players are expected to approach a coach, using the guidelines set out in our [complaint procedure](#), if they feel a player is not being treated fairly.

AMBA meets with all coaches at the start of the season and outlines the expectations for fair play time. We encourage each team to have a team manager/statistician on the bench to track player's playing time during games.

During playoffs, allocation of play time between players will be decided collaboratively between coaches, players and parents. If the team feels they want to "play to win" then in close games more highly-skilled players may see more play time during the final quarter or overtime situations.