

Playing Time Policy

All SUSC coaches are to abide by the Playing Time Policy, as set out by the Club. It is the player's duty to uphold their responsibilities to ensure that they get the best soccer experience possible, from their time with the Club. All players must uphold Club & Team standards/ethics, to maximize their playing time opportunities. Playing Time may change at the discretion of the Team Coaching Staff, under the conditions outlined in section (f).

(a) All Players within all streams of the Community League are recommended to play all available playing time, in each session.

(b) All Skill Centre Team Program players within the Div3 (Recreation) level are recommended to play a minimum 50% of available playing time, in each game.

(c) All Skill Centre Team Program players within the Div1/Div2 (Development) level are recommended to play a minimum of 40% of available playing time, over the course of the season, inc. exhibition games/tournaments etc...

(d) All U13-U18 Divisional players within Div3 (Recreation) level are recommended to play 50% of available playing time, in each game.

(e) All U13-U18 Divisional players within the Div1/Div2 (Development) level are recommended to play a minimum of 40% of available playing time, over the course of the season, inc. exhibition games/tournaments etc...

(f) Coaches will empower all players to play significant roles in all games and will reward players with playing time for high levels of Attendance, Hard Work, Commitment to the Team and Performance.

Coaches may forfeit playing time from a player if any of the following occur:

1. There is a disciplinary issue, were a player breaks the Code of Conduct and/or Code of Ethics as set out by the Club.
2. The Player fails to attend training and DOES NOT inform the Team Coaching Staff of their absence.
3. The Player is knowingly late for training and DOES NOT inform the team Coaching Staff of their tardiness.
4. The Player DOES NOT put in a good effort during training sessions and/or games.
5. The Player is DISRUPTIVE and DISRESPECTFUL during training sessions, games or any other team function.

Players should also understand that there may be times in games where they do not see as much playing time, as recommended, due to tactical decisions made by the Team Coaching Staff. Sometimes in a team game, a coach may utilize his/her discretion and call upon the particular skills of a specific player, in order to assist the team to remain competitive or, to utilize a particular player for a specific position/role within the team.

Cup Play: Cup Play may be viewed as the 'business end' of the season and as such, coaches will be empowered to utilize the most consistent performers during regular season games. Coaches will utilize the regular season/League games to continually assess all players and ultimately decide upon the best 'Starting 11' for entering Cup Play.

If there are any Playing Time issues or uncertainty, players are advised to discuss them with their respective Team Head Coach. Players/Parents may also bring any concerns to Adele our Technical D or Huw our Director of Player and Coach Development.

For those in our U7 and U9s equal playing time, always and as the U11s are still in the developmental stage as much as possible equal playing time.