



Playing Time Policy

All SYSI Alliance coaches are to abide by the Playing Time Policy, as set out by the organization.

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 respective program. All players must uphold SYSI Alliance & Team standards/ethics, to maximize their playing time opportunities, respective of the level of competition.

Playing Time may change at the discretion of the Team Coaching Staff, under the conditions outlined in section (c).

- (a) **All U15-U19 Players within the Alliance Academy League** are recommended to play **50%** of available playing time, **over the course of the season**, inc. exhibition games/tournaments etc.
- (b) **All U15-U17 Players within the Provincial Soccer League** are recommended to play a minimum of **30%** of available playing time, **over the course of the season**, inc. exhibition games/tournaments etc. In addition, **All U15-U17 Players within the Provincial Soccer League** are recommended **to start a minimum of 30%** of available games **over the course of the season** inc. exhibition games/tournament etc.
- (c) 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 are to occur:

- There is a disciplinary issue, where a Player breaks the Code of Conduct and/or Code of Ethics as set out by SYSI.
- The Player fails to attend training and DOES NOT inform the Team Coaching Staff of their absence.
- The Player is knowingly late for training and DOES NOT inform the team Coaching Staff of their tardiness.
- The Player DOES NOT put in a good effort during training sessions and/or games.
- 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 skills of a specific player to assist the team to remain competitive or to utilize a particular player for a specific position/role within the team.

If there are any Playing Time issues or uncertainty, families are advised to speak with their Alliance Academy Head Coach. If the issue is not resolved, families may then reach out to the SYSI Technical Lead, Ian Knight, via e-mail to technical@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca. Please be advised, families must consult with their Head Coach prior to reaching out to the Technical Lead.