

## KETCHIKAN YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE (KYSL) POLICY & GUIDELINES

### **POLICY TOPIC:** Fair Competitions

**POLICY:** KYSL Recreation Program competitions are intended to be safe, balanced, and enjoyable for all participants.

### **GUIDELINES:**

#### Equal Playing Time

- Regardless of team make-up, gender or tournament, players should be provided with reasonably equal playing time
- Refer to the KYSL Discipline Policy for situations in which playing time may be a consequence

#### Lopsided Games

- For any regular season competitions in which scores are kept, the coaches & referees are encouraged to work out a solution to make the game fun and enjoyable for the players, such as
  - Moving stronger players to different positions
  - Having a strong goalie play out
  - Pass limits before shooting
  - Only scoring on crosses or outside the penalty area
- Lead Rules for regular season competitions in which scores are kept
  - **Outdoor** – if a team leads by 4 goals, the team ahead should pull one player and may add that player back when the margin drops to 3
  - **Indoor** - if a team leads by 6 goals, the team ahead should pull one player and may add that player back when the margin drops to 5

Teams with an insufficient number of *field players* in regular-season competitions where the division has set number of player (6v6, 9v9, 11v11, etc.)

- If the coaches & referee agree, the team with more players may loan players to the team with fewer players

KYSL Board Approved on :

- To remain sporting, the team with more players should generally play down to the number of the other team, but generally not more than
  - **Outdoor** – 2 more players than the team playing short
  - **Indoor** – 1 more than the team playing short
- Under no circumstances should adults, players not registered, or players registered in older or younger divisions be used, even in the case of a forfeit
- If the result is a forfeit, a game may be played by mixing the players or some other safe, and fun approach agreed upon by the coaches