

Aloha United Playing Time Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines to coaches, players and parents regarding playing time for Aloha United teams.

Scope

This policy applies to all Aloha United coaches, players and parents.

Policy

Since Classic soccer is a program striving to develop the full potential of each player in our club, it is the policy of Aloha United that each player who suits up for a game participates in some portion of that game. This policy applies to all scrimmages, friendly or competitive games played, whether in tournaments or regular season games. Coaches are *not* expected to distribute playing time equally to all players in all games. It is also understood that a player may receive less or no playing time in a game due to attendance problems at training or games, breaking team rules or poor sportsmanship.

As teams are expected to achieve maximum success at Qualifying, State Cup and President's Cup tournaments, games for these tournaments may be considered exceptions to this policy.

Coaches will communicate with parents and players at the start of and throughout the season concerning their goals and plans for individuals and the team, so that players will have appropriate expectations. Distribution of playing time shall be at the discretion of the coaches.

Coaches have the freedom to adjust the ever-changing balance between the goals of individual and team skills and giving the team a successful competitive experience; consequently, an individual player may receive more or less playing time in a particular game based upon:

- The player's attitude, focus and sportsmanship during training or games;
- The player's effort and responsiveness to coaching instructions at training and games;
- The player's attendance at training and games and observation of team rules; and
- The number of players on the team available to play in a game.

Application of these factors may increase or reduce a player's time in any particular game, in a series of games or an entire season.

Parents with questions about their child's playing time should contact the coach by phone or e-mail and arrange a time for discussion. Players are also encouraged to discuss playing time with the coaches. Such discussions should be done in a fashion that allows all participants to present their views and have their questions answered without damaging relationships with one another, or with other players and parents.