



Graves County Soccer Association

P.O. Box 5059, Mayfield, KY 42066

POLICY STATEMENT 99-12, Rev. 1

Approved: _____

Playing Time for Recreational Players

Graves County Soccer Association is dedicated to giving each recreational player a fair and equitable amount of playing time.

Each recreational player shall be offered approximately 50% of the game time for play.

- 1. Children refusing to take the field shall forfeit playing time.** Coaches shall encourage all players to take the field and play a variety of positions. Any child who refuses to take the field at the time of start of play, walks off the field during play, or refuses to play an assign position shall forfeit the right to start the quarter or half. Coaches do not have to allow the child to “play wherever he/she wishes” to meet the 50% playing time rule.
- 2. Children unavailable to take the field at their assigned time shall forfeit playing time.** Children who arrive late are not guaranteed for the time missed to be made up at the expense of other children’s playing time. However, loss of playing time shall not extend beyond the time the child is late. (This also applies to children who go sit with their parents or miss the beginning of play by going to the bathrooms or to retrieve left items.)
- 3. Children who routinely do not attend practice shall forfeit playing time.** To be guaranteed 50% playing time a child should routinely attend practice. All players should attend all practices when possible. GCSA acknowledges that occasionally children miss practice for a variety of reasons and these children shall receive 50% playing time. However, children who routinely miss practice to the point of not attending at least 50% of the scheduled practices shall forfeit playing time.
- 4. Children may forfeit playing time for disciplinary reasons.** Coaches have the right and obligation to require that players meet GCSA and team rules of conduct. Children not meeting the basic conduct and respect required for team play may forfeit playing time at the coach’s discretion.