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BRISBANE JUNIORS POLICY

PLAYING TIME – REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Background

Brisbane junior representative teams are selected on playing merit.

Coaches have a responsibility to both prepare teams to achieve the highest results commensurate with the skills and performance of the team and to develop and provide a fair and positive representative playing experience for all players in a team.

One area that requires specific attention is the amount of playing time for all players in a team. This policy provides a minimum requirement for coaches in balancing the need to deliver minimum playing times to all players and achieve the best performance commensurate with the skill and performance of the team within the framework of the policy. The policy is designed to provide for the development and to give an opportunity to all players selected.

The calculations of times required are included in a table, for ease of understanding, in this policy (also see note below).

Coaches WILL abide by the following policy:

Policy

Each player, as a minimum, will receive a pre-determined amount of game time calculated on the length and number of games and the number of field players in the team at a championship. This is as an average across round games not including semi finals and finals. That is, it does not apply to each and every round game but across all round games.

Each player shall be given game time in the first half of the first game at a Championship.

The minimum game time required for each player is affected by the number of field players and is indicated below:

- 13 field players = 50% of game time;
- 14 field players = 46% of game time;
- 15 field players = 43% of game time

Available Playing Time

The table below gives an example of the minimum required game times over a Championship schedule.

No. of Players	Game Duration	No. of Games	Average Time per Game	Min. Time per Championship
13	60 Minutes	7	30	210
	50 Minutes	7	25	175
	30 Minutes	7	15	105
14	60 Minutes	7	28	196
	50 Minutes	7	23	161
	30 Minutes	7	14	98
15	60 Minutes	7	26	182
	50 Minutes	7	22	154
	30 Minutes	7	13	91

Coaches have discretion regarding game time in semi-finals and finals subject to all players taking the field for a minimum of 10 minutes during those games.

Where there are 2 goalkeepers included in a team (ie a selected goalkeeper and a development goalkeeper) the development goalkeeper should receive a minimum of 40% of available game time. Coaches have discretion regarding game time in semi-finals and finals.

Managers are required to keep records of time played to ensure coaches deliver minimum required playing time for all players. The records are to be updated at least daily and Managers are required to clearly inform a coach if a player's game time is slipping below the minimums.

Factors influencing game time for individual players

The game time for an individual player may be influenced by injury, suspension (cards) and disciplinary actions. This is applied as follows:

Injury during a game:

If a player leaves the field due to injury or cannot take the field again during the game due to injury, the time that player is unable to play is added to their playing time in full.

- **Injury prevents playing in a game:**

The injured player is credited with playing the minimum game time for the game they miss.

- **Yellow or red card:**

The full time of suspension is added to the players on field time.

- **Suspension for a game:**

Same application as for a player missing a full game due to injury.

- **Team Disciplinary Action:**

Apply yellow or red card rule or suspended rule, as applicable.

Note:

BHA has a long standing method of calculating minimum game time using the formula of:

65% of available game time per field player in a team; *or*

65% (length of game x 10 field players) divided by the number of field players in the team

i.e. 65% (60 minutes x 10) divided by 13

65% (600 / 13)

65% (46)

30 minutes

The expression of the policy in these terms has resulted in confusion and while this formula continues to underpin the calculations, the purpose of providing specific table and game time per championship is to avoid confusion, or any claims of confusion.