

EQUAL PLAY TIME

(Recreational and Intermediate Levels)

PLAYERS IN THE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM AND IN THE INTERMEDIATE PROGRAMS SHALL PLAY EQUAL TIME. COACHES MUST INSURE THAT SUBSTITUTIONS ARE MADE FAIRLY AND THAT ALL PLAYERS HAVE AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF PLAYING TIME.

THERE ARE NO “STARTERS” AT THESE LEVELS AND NO BENCH PLAYERS.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE COACHES TO SACRIFICE A PLAYER’S PLAYING TIME IN ORDER TO “WIN” A GAME. WE AT RMSA BELIEVE THAT NO PLAYER’S PLAYING TIME SHOULD EVER BE “SACRIFICED” IN THE INTEREST OF WINNING A GAME.

OUR PHILOSOPHY IS GEARED TOWARD INSURING THAT ALL PLAYERS ENJOY THEIR SOCCER EXPERIENCE WHILE LEARNING TO PLAY SOCCER CORRECTLY. THE SOCCER GAME ITSELF IS THE PRIMARY WAY IN WHICH PLAYERS IMPROVE. THEREFORE, PLAYING TIME IS CRUCIAL FOR YOUNG PLAYERS IN THE RECREATIONAL AND INTERMEDIATE LEVEL PROGRAMS.

PLAYERS CAN CHOOSE TO PLAY AT THE COMPETITIVE LEVEL AT AGE 10 (U-11). TEAMS AT THIS LEVEL HOLD TRYOUTS AND STARTERS ARE CHOSEN BASED ON ABILITY. AT THIS LEVEL PLAYERS HAVE TO EARN THE RIGHT TO BECOME A STARTER AND EQUAL PLAYING TIME DOES NOT APPLY. HOWEVER, WE ENCOURAGE COMPETITIVE COACHES TO PLAY ALL SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!

COACHES, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE HERE FOR THE KIDS, AND THAT WE ARE HERE TO PROVIDE A FUN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. OUR YOUNG PLAYERS DESERVE THE BEST WE CAN GIVE THEM!