

Members of the New Hartford AYSO Community,

AYSO rules have always stated that all players should play at least half of every game. This is one of AYSO's core philosophies. Unfortunately, strict adherence to this rule can result in wide differences in playing time. There is a Rule Amendment at the national level to more evenly distribute game time among the players. In short, it states that no player shall play the entire game unless all players have played three quarters. This Amendment will be voted on at the next National AYSO meeting. If passed, it will become effective August 2010.

The New Hartford AYSO Board agrees with this philosophy and has decided to be ahead of the curve. Therefore, effective immediately, all players should play at least three quarters of a game before any player is allowed to play a full game.

This applies to all New Hartford AYSO regular season teams, whenever and wherever they play, and regardless of the opposing team's philosophy.

There may be irregularities due to injury, late arrivals, player fatigue, etc. These occurrences should be handled per AYSO National Rules and Regulations. For example, if a player begins a quarter and must leave due to an injury, the player is considered to have 'played' that entire quarter. The player who is substituted in for the injured player does not have that quarter count against their playing time. Other situations are addressed in these Rules, which are available online at www.soccer.org.

Coaches, if you have any questions or concerns please discuss this with your Division Coordinator.

Parents, if you feel your child's playing time is not in accordance with this rule please try to resolve the issue first through the Coach, then Division Coordinator, and lastly the Regional Coach Administrator or Regional Commissioner. A list of the current board members and their contact information can be found on www.nhayso.com.

The Board will not monitor playing time on a game by game basis. We hope that everyone understands our motivation is to provide opportunity for these young soccer players and willingly complies with the spirit of this rule. We want to make Sundays even more enjoyable for everyone.

Best Regards,

The NHAYSO Board