



Every player present at the start of the game shall play at least the equivalent of approximately one-half of the regulation game (i.e. this is not intended to apply to any overtime portion of an extended game) – unless:

- A. Injured prior to the start of the game, and
- B. Notification of the injury is given to the referees and the opposing coach before the start of the game.

Any player arriving after the start of the game must be allowed to play not less than one-half of the game (or the remainder of the game if less than one-half remains) unless the coach feels that disciplinary action is necessary; in which case playing time may be reduced by any amount – up to the remainder of the game in its entirety. It is the intent of this rule to assure every player maximum participation, and one-half of every game should be approximated as closely as possible.

Should a coach feel that it is in the best interest of the player to discipline that player by denying the player participation in a game, permission shall be given by the District Representative provided that all of the following four criteria are met:

- A. The Coach must submit a written request to his/hers District Representative for permission to withhold the player from a game.
- B. A separate request must be made for each player and for each game stating:
 - (1) the reason such action is desired, and
 - (2) how such action will be beneficial to the player.
- C. The District Representative agrees with the coach and gives written permission to withhold the player from the next scheduled game.
- D. The letter granting permission is presented by the requesting coach to the referee and the opposing coach prior to the start of the game.

Note: Once the letter is presented to the referee, the player may not participate in that game under any circumstances.

The District Representative or a designee appointed by the Bay-Lakes Area's governing body should investigate all allegations of violations.