

GOAL DIFFERENTIAL SPORTSMANSHIP RULE

BLOW-OUT GAMES

POLICY

River City Youth Soccer League (RCYSL) emphasizes participation, teaching basic soccer skills, good sportsmanship, and team play. As such, blow-out games are contrary to the objectives of the recreational league, and RCYSL coaches shall make reasonable efforts to avoid blow-outs. This rule applies specifically to games played between two RCYSL teams, ages U10 to U19.

RULE

For the purposes of this rule, a blow-out situation shall be deemed to exist in an RCYSL game at any time and under any circumstances when the goal-differential between the two teams then playing reaches five (5) or more goals. (e.g 5-0 or 8-3)

REQUIRED ACTION

- When a blow-out situation begins to develop (i.e. a goal differential of 3 to 4 goals), the coach of the dominating team shall actively endeavor to preclude increasing the goal differential.
- The coach of the dominating team shall at a minimum make the following efforts to relieve the blow-out situation and preclude increasing the goal-differential:
 - ✓ Substitute and/or adjust player positions to reduce the dominance of their team (while still maintaining $\geq 50\%$ playing time)
 - ✓ Direct players on the dominating team to focus on ball control and possession rather than scoring
 - ✓ Any other actions deemed reasonable under the circumstances and within the spirit of this rule

If the goal differential increases to five (5) goals:

- The coach of the dominating team shall remove one (1) player from the field
- If the goal differential increases by another goal (6 goals ahead), the dominating team will remove an *additional player*.
- This player removal for a goal scored will continue until the following limits are reached:
 - U10 teams down to 5 players
 - U12 teams down to 6 players
 - U14-U19 teams down to 7 players
- If the trailing team scores and reduces the goal differential, the dominant team may return a player to the field.

☞ ***Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action***

☞ ***The full content of this policy can be found at:***

- *<http://www.teamsideline.com/sites/rcysl/downloads> > RCYSL Rules and Policies > #5:10*