



**Title: Playing Time Policy**

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SCAYBA coaches should abide by the following playing time guidelines for all SCAYBA genders and grades:

**All Grade Levels:**

Players must have equal playing time during the first three-fourths of each half, regardless of game, team, or individual level (this excludes Grade State Tournament, although equal playing time is still preferred). Playing time may vary in the last fourth of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the game only, although equal playing time is preferred (i.e. last five minutes of each half of play on a 20 minute running time clock).

**“Un-earning” playing or starting time:** Players may “un-earn” playing throughout the season by performing actions such as frequently missing many practices, being consistently late for practices/games, having a poor attitude and/or being disrespectful to referees, coaches, opponents or teammates. In these cases, coaches will inform the SCAYBA board of the players’ actions and their suggested consequences. In addition, the coach and/or SCAYBA board will communicate with the player and parents/guardians as appropriate in these situations.