



# Goal Differential Policy

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## **Policy Intent**

CFBSA considers that it is the responsibility of a coach to provide a fun and safe environment with an emphasis on sportsmanship for players on their own team as well as that of their opponent. As such the Goal Differential Policy is in place to ensure the preservation of a fun recreational soccer experience for players, coaches, and families on both teams while competing.

## **Offense**

The point differential limit for Under 6 through Under 8 divisions is 9 points. The point differential limit for Under 9 through Under 19 divisions is 7 points. If a game ends in a point differential that exceeds the limit then the Vice President of Appeals & Discipline will contact the Head Coach of the losing team requesting that he or she respond if they feel that the opposing team acted in an unsporting manner during a game by scoring excessive goals. If, after evaluating the response, the Vice President of Appeals & Discipline finds that the coach winning team acted in an unsporting manner then the Head Coach of the winning team will be found to have committed an offense.

## **Disciplinary Action**

### **First offense within in two consecutive seasons**

The Vice President of Appeals & Discipline will contact the Head Coach of the offending team to notify them that an offense has been recorded and inform them of the policy.

### **Second offense within two consecutive seasons for Under 6 through Under 8 divisions**

The Vice President of Appeals & Discipline will contact the Head Coach of the offending team to notify them that another offense has been recorded.

### **Second offense within two consecutive seasons for Under 9 through Under 19 divisions**

The result of the game will be recorded as a 0-0 tie. The Vice President of Appeals & Discipline will contact the Head Coach of the offending team to notify them that another offense has been recorded and inform them of the action taken.

### **Third and subsequent offenses within two consecutive seasons for Under 6 through Under 8 divisions**

The Head Coach of the offending team will be suspended for the following game. The Vice President of Appeals & Discipline will contact the Head Coach of the offending team to notify them that another offense has been recorded and inform them of the action taken.

Third and subsequent offenses within two consecutive seasons for Under 9 through Under 19 divisions

The result of the game will be recorded as 3-0 in favor of the non-offending team and the Head Coach of the offending team will be suspended for the following game. The Vice President of Appeals & Discipline will contact the Head Coach of the offending team to notify them that another offense has been recorded and inform them of the action taken.

### **Appeals**

If a coach wishes to appeal the finding that he or she has committed an offense, then he or she may submit an appeal letter via e-mail or postal mail to the Vice President of Appeals & Discipline. A committee of three persons will be formed to consider the appeal. The committee will consist of the President, either the Vice President of Small Sided Divisions or the Vice President of Full Sided Divisions as appropriate, and the appropriate League Director. The committee will consider the appeal letter submitted by the coach and any other information deemed relevant to the matter and decide rather or not the original finding shall stand. If a conflict of interest presents itself with one or more of the committee members then an alternate member will be selected by the remaining committee member(s).

### **Addendum**

Sportsmanship tips for coaches to deal with a high score differential

1. Move players into different positions. One easy way to do this is to move your leading scorer(s) into defensive positions.
2. Challenge your players by requiring them to take only the more challenging shots. Ask them to shoot with their weaker foot or only take a one touch volley shot from a cross.
3. Put restrictions on your players on how many times a single player can touch the ball when the ball comes to him or her. For example, only allow your player to touch the ball twice.
4. Require your players to connect a certain number of passes before a shot can be taken.

5. If your team has fewer than twice the maximum players that are allowed on the field, try playing with fewer players. For example, if you are in a 4v4 game and 6 players show up then try playing with only 3 players on the field at a given time.
6. Require the players to take shots from more challenging parts of the field such as from outside of the penalty area.
7. If you know you are playing a much weaker team going into the game start out the game with one or more of these techniques.
8. Refrain from excessive celebration when your team begins to pull ahead in a lopsided game.