



BAYS - RESPECT

Lopsided Score Management

Strategies & Game Management



The philosophy of **BAYS** is to provide an atmosphere of good sportsmanship to encourage everyone to compete, learn, and enjoy the game of soccer.

Coaches: It is the **COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY** to look for creative ways to challenge their players to **STOP** the scoring but still make the most of these mismatches. **Remember this is YOUTH soccer and you are the ADULT.** Your role as a coach is to manage your players with proper sportsmanship and respect when it comes to scoring. Lopsided games are not fun for anyone, let's keep the **FUN** in BAYS games.

Goal Differential: TARGET LIMIT IS <6

There is **NO REWARD** in BAYS for running up scores in games. Excessive scoring hurts team standings.

BAYS Team Standings Points Awarded for Wins

3 points	Goal differential is +7 or less
2 points	Goal differential is +8
1 point	Goal differential is +9
0 points	Goal differential is +10 or greater

Club Presidents will continue to receive BAYS Excessive Score notices when margin of victory is > +5

Before and During the Game: Communicate with other coaches, your players and families before kickoff to let them know what the plan is if a lopsided game occurs. Create a key word that players understand to be a change in game play. Implement your control strategy as soon as it is clear your team is much stronger than your opponent. **3-0** is the time where changes are to be made. Communicate with your players and sub out any players that are not following the plan to ensure they understand the new game plan.

In-Game Modifications:

- **Reset the team:** move players into unfamiliar positions, change formations, play a man down if necessary
- **Shooting Limitations:** Goal is to STOP scoring, not shooting - weak foot shots, outside the box goals, pick the next goalscorer, shoot over the goal or wide
- **Keep Possession:** Weak foot passing, set a pass restriction before shooting, every player has to touch the ball, goalkeepers should roll the ball out instead of punt
- **Mix up the teams:** Coaches can elect to scrimmage where players from both teams would mix together to keep it fun for all players. Referees will stay the whole duration of the game/scrimmage.

Perspective: Remember that coaches can be on either side of a lopsided game. Keep upbeat and keep **positive support** throughout the game to **encourage** players to continue to play to the best of their ability