



Region 678

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Regional Program Adequate Participation Policy 2011

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to protect the core group of players by defining commitment to the program and thus enabling the region to balance teams. By defining adequate participation, we will have a benchmark to judge player commitment. The policy is intended to require minimum policing and cannot be used to chase inexperienced players out of the program.

This document defines “adequate participation” and how it will affect player’s eligibility for league (fall season) play and all-star play.

Adequate participation is defined as participating in at least **70%** of all league (fall season) matches.* Participation is defined as being present at the match whether, playing or cheering.

Failure to participate at the required level as defined above can result in dismissal from the AYSO Region 678 program. Further, a player is not eligible to play in the Region 678 all-star program if the player does not adequately participate in at least 70% of the league (fall season) matches.

Non-Participation (Absences)

Religious holidays, injury, illness or family functions are all considered absences. Although these are justified reasons for not participating in a match, they are considered non-participation. The percentage defined above allows for 3 such absences.

Extenuating Circumstances

There may be reasons beyond a player’s control (such as death in family, fire, custody disputes, etc.) that prevents the player from “Adequately Participating” in the required number of matches. The Regional Commission will appoint a committee to review these players on a case-by-case basis and make a determination if there should be an exception. Consideration will be given to player participation history, practice attendance and other factors deemed relevant.

Responsibility

It is the coach’s responsibility to let the region know when a player is absent. All players must be listed on the game card and marked absent, if applicable,. Conversely, coaches should also indicate on their card when a rostered player is unable to play (due to injury or other reason) but is present at game, thus satisfying the requirement for participation.

* This percentage is based on the first 10 matches of the season (9 regular + the first play-off match). However, if a player is placed on a team after the start of the season, their percentage will be calculated on the number of matches they are on the team, including the first play-off match.