

Lancaster County Boys Youth Soccer Association

Guidelines for Prevention of Running up Game Scores

LBYSA Reps & Coaches,

The committee of club representatives that organize the boys association for intramural play have unanimously agreed that there need not be a set "Romp Rule" in place to prevent the running up of scores in boys youth soccer matches at the intramural level in Lancaster County.

The responsibility for prevention of running up scores falls directly on the coaches. Any coach guilty of allowing his team to run up scores should be reported to the committee (www.eteamz.com/lcsoccer) . Someone from the committee will contact the coach and the reporter and ensure that the policy is understood.

Any repeat or continued offence of the policy will be reported to the home club for disciplinary action.

A simple guideline is that no team should have more than a 4-goal lead before instituting restrictions on play. Restrictions should be done in a subtle manor so as to not embarrass or demean other coaches or players. - **The unwritten point spread rule that was agreed upon in 2007 is: Coaches should do their best to keep from beating a team by more than 5-7 points.**

Some simple restrictions are:

- Have players pass and shoot with there "off" foot
- Have players target one or two team mates for scoring (someone who hasn't scored yet this season)
- Players must score on "crossed balls" only with one touch into goal.
- Players must bring ball inside penalty area then back to Center circle and attack again before being able to score.
- You can pull a player off and play short to help the situation.

You can use any one or any combination of the above to help control runaway scores.....if it's a one game thing and many players are scoring, no restrictions are necessary as long as no one player has more than 2 goals....teams should not be restricted from this type success. If it's more than one game then you must take action. The goal is to provide a learning environment where soccer is still fun for everyone.....If a coaches are not capable of accomplishing this then they need to look at themselves and ask serious questions about why they are out there.

Any coaches having questions about this policy or what they can do that's for the good of the player to remedy any issues regarding youth soccer may contact Jace Ingham, LBYSA Commissioner via email @ Jace.ingham@comcast.net

The people of the committee represent all clubs in the county and we all expect coaches to conduct themselves and keep their players acting as "Good Sports" at all times!