

CCSL Coast Section Variation – Blow-Out Rule (Fall 2012)

The Blow-Out Rule applies to U9 and U10 Bronze level teams and Copper level teams across all age groups in the Coast section only.

For games with a goal differential greater than 7, 1 point will be deducted from the winning team. Point deductions are effective from 9/22/12 to the end of Fall season.

Why is this rule in effect? CCSL Coast Section believes that soccer should be a fun, positive learning experience. The level of play may vary quite a bit amongst teams for whom this rule applies and implementation of the point deduction fosters a respectful atmosphere on the playing fields.

Suggestions for preventing a slaughter:

- Respect the other team (coaches, players, parents). If you know you are the dominant team, discuss strategies before the game. Messages during the game should be given at an official break, such as at the quarter or half, and kept privately within the team.
- Plan ahead. Once your team is ahead by 3 goals, determine whether the lead is based upon luck or dominance. If your team is dominant, employ strategies before reaching a 7 goal differential.
- Continue to challenge your players AND the other team. Strategies to consider:
 - All shots must be taken with the left foot.
 - X number of passes before taking a shot at goal.
 - Players who have not scored in the last few games may only take a shot at goal.
 - No dribbling, only 2-touch play.
 - All shots must come from outside the penalty area.
 - Switch player positions. If your goalkeeper is strong, play him/her in a different position.
 - Have your weaker players challenge the other team's strongest players.

Whatever strategies are implemented, please be respectful of the opposing team and make changes in a non-obvious manner. There are methods to challenge your team and keep within the 7 goal differential. Remember, a win is a win and games should be a learning experience for all!