



## **U13 & Above Playing Time Policy**

West-Mont United continues to provide the best environment for player development and enjoyment. By sharing our Playing Time Policy, we hope to educate our parents and players about the philosophy behind this Policy, aiding them in setting realistic expectations.

Based on the level of competition and specific situation, these guidelines may differ slightly from game to game, but over the course of the season, the policies will hold true.

### **U13 & Above Montco Alliance Premier (1st Tier)**

At this elite level of competition, professional coaches use their discretion to implement the “fair not equal” playing time policy. In other words, playing time will not be equally distributed. Instead, professional coaches make all playing time decisions based on a variety of factors, which include but are not limited to level of play, commitment to the team, attitude, specific game situations, and league versus tournament play. There is no guarantee of any specific amount of playing time, although players will be given ample opportunity to earn playing time based on the above criteria.

### **U13 & Above United (2nd Tier)**

In order for players to continue to develop, each player will receive at least 50% (approximately) playing time in each game. By employing this developmental playing time strategy, players will develop an increased passion for the game that would otherwise subside by simply watching. Although, players playing at the highest level of play, demonstrating consistent commitment/effort to training and games, may be rewarded with additional game time (more than 70%). Also, at this level, playing time is subject to the “fair not equal” policy. The coach implements this philosophy, depending on a given week's training sessions, evaluation, and game situation.

### **U13 & Above Union (3rd Tier)**

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### **U13 & Above Goalkeepers (ALL Tiers)**

**Full-Time Goalkeepers:** Players who wish to be full-time goalkeepers will receive preference when it comes to goalkeeper playing time. For teams that have two full-time goalkeepers, playing time will be at the discretion of the coach.

**Part-Time Goalkeepers:** Players who are interested in playing goalkeeper but do not want to play full-time will receive the opportunity to play both in goal and on the field. Their exact amount of GK playing time will depend on whether or not their team has a full-time goalkeeper and the number of part-time goalkeepers.

\*For teams that do not have any players interested in playing goalkeeper, willing players will be rotated through the position. We ask that all players be open to the idea in order to fairly share the load.

\*\*No complaints regarding playing time will be tolerated, nor meeting provided if playing time policy is being adhered to.