

## **ASA Travel Soccer Playing Time Policy**

Andover Soccer expects players to prioritize being part of an ASA travel team and to participate fully in games and training during the season. Most travel teams train twice a week to develop a common approach to game strategy and tactics, and to build team spirit.

If a player is unable to attend at least one regularly scheduled team training session per week in the regular season due to conflicts with other activities, Andover Soccer gives travel team coaches the discretion to play that player less than 50% of the next scheduled game. This applies to all teams, regardless of age, division, or gender.

Approved and accepted reasons for missing training sessions without affecting playing time include illness, school/academic activities, religious activities/observances, and participation in Mass Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (ODP). Approved and accepted reasons do not include conflicts with other soccer activities/teams or other sports. Reference should also be made to the then current policies of MYSA and ECYSA for illustration purposes when determining acceptable conflicts and applying this ASA Policy in individual circumstances.

Parents should discuss commitments, and potential conflicts, with coaches prior to the season and as the season progresses. Andover Soccer recognizes that some player situations may require special treatment and encourages coaches to address special requests with parents and players, within the overall framework of the team.

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