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RUNNING UP THE SCORE

Waterloo Minor Soccer Club endeavors to teach soccer skills to young players and instill good sportsmanship. All players should have fun playing the game. One of the most unsporting things a team can do is run up the score against another team. In a recreational level game there is no justification for winning by a score that could be described as “way too many” or “not even close”. Running up the score in a game would be used once the score in the game reaches a 4 goal differential.

Running up the score deflates the players on the other team. The winning team doesn't learn anything constructive and it only makes the weaker team's players not want to play soccer. When a team is ahead by a lopsided score (4 or more), the league expects the coach to make changes to reduce the likelihood that the team will continue to score.

- Adding a player
 - When a team is leading by 4 goals the opposing team will have the option of adding a player to make the game more competitive and a better learning environment for all involved. If the goal difference goes to 8 goals a second player is added.
 - A webinar from Ontario Soccer that takes a look at the 4 up, 1 up rule can be found by [clicking here](#).
- Player Positioning: Switch key player positions. Move players to different positions
- In worst case scenario when all the above is not working, mix the teams up. Put pinnie's on and scramble the team. This will allow a more equal balanced game.

What is the Coaches Responsibility?

The responsibility of the coach is to communicate with the Match Official to advise of the additional player entering the playing field when a four goal differential exists. It is also the coaches' responsibility to advise the Match Official of a player removal when the goal differential is decreased.

Thank you for your cooperation.