

HAACH is a Christian, interfaith organization providing competitive sports in a Christian atmosphere.

Playing Time Guidelines

Pertaining to all levels:

- 1. Coaches have authority to withhold playtime due to missed practices and games and this penalty takes precedence over playtime guidelines for that level.**
- 2. Tournaments can be considered a more competitive event and coaches may prioritize more skilled and older players at these events, regardless of level.**
- 3. Poor sportsmanship/inappropriate behavior or attitude can be used to withhold playtime, regardless of level.**

While we trust our coaches will strive for balance and fairness in determining playtime at all levels, because of the formative aspect of our program, it is expected that they will adhere to the following guidelines at each level:

Elementary (5th - 6th) Program:

This level is considered an introduction for kids and families to the HAACH program. While developing the player's skills and understanding of teamwork and good sportsmanship, the emphasis should be on having fun and on making sure all kids are allocated approximately equal playtime. It is important that young kids not be discouraged or bored at this level due to too much bench time thus the emphasis is to draw new kids and families to the program and be certain to allow kids to have fun while testing their skill at this level. In very close games, the coach may use some latitude to prioritize more skilled players to pull off a win, understanding that winning is encouraging to the whole team and also that our opponents want good competition as well. It is an encouraged practice to rotate starting lineup as well, since younger kids find it very exciting to be able to say they "started."

Junior High (7th - 8th) Program:

Amount of playtime will depend more on athlete's level of ability and as game situations dictate. While each athlete should receive some playing time in every competition, it may not be equal time in each competition. If a player does not receive much playing time one game he/she may receive more the next. In the case of large leads players will be rotated through on a fairly even basis.

High School (J.V., Varsity) Program:

Amount of playing time is solely at the coach's discretion. The coach will decide which players at any given time will maximize the "teams'" ability to compete in the games at the highest level. The coach will take into consideration player skill level, attitude, attendance at practices and showing self-initiative and discipline.