

Goalkeeper Policy 2008

A player shall play no more than two quarters as goalkeeper in any game. That player must also play at least one quarter in another position on the field. This rule applies to regular season and playoff games within our region.

ANY U10 OR U12 TEAM IN VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY WILL FORFEIT THEIR MATCH

The U19, U16, and U14 exception: If a player desires to play more than two quarters in the goalkeeper position, he/she may be allowed to do so. This must be ***the player's*** decision, NOT the coach's. You should as a coach play a player as much as possible on the field as well.

Q & A about Goalkeepers:

Q: Is it permissible for a goalkeeper to take a throw-in, corner-kick, penalty kick etc.?

A: Yes. He is a player of his team. The goalkeeper may play anywhere on the field, but their ability to use their hands is limited to the Penalty Area.

Q: Can another player (on the field) change places with the goalkeeper?

A: Yes, with the Referee's permission, but only during a stoppage of play. Example: Referee calls a penalty kick against your team. Your best athlete is on the field, but not in goal. As a coach, you can request a goalkeeper change. After the kick is taken, if you wish to perform another keeper change, you must again ask the referee, but only during a stoppage of play.

Q: Why does the goalkeeper wear a different colored jersey?

A: Referees afford goalkeepers special protection. In order to make this easier, goalkeepers are to wear a different colored jersey to that worn by any of the other players (on either team) and the Referees.