



AYSO REGION 677



GOALKEEPER POLICY

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 Region 677.

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

U14, U16 and U19 Exception: Should a player in one of these divisions choose to play the goalkeeper position for more than 2 quarters he/she may be allowed to. **This must be the player's decision, NOT the coaches.** (As a coach you should encourage your players to play the field as much as possible.)

GOALKEEPER QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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

A: Yes, he is just a player on the field. The goalkeeper may play anywhere on the field, however he may only use his hands to control the ball in the Penalty Area. (Or when taking a throw - in of course)

Can another player on the field change places with the goalkeeper?

A: Yes, with the referee's permission, during a normal stoppage of play. Example: The referee calls a penalty kick against your team - your best goalkeeper is on the field but not in goal - as a coach you can request a goalkeeper change. If after the play you again want to change the goalkeeper, you must again ask the referee - but **ONLY** during a normal stoppage of play.

Why does the goalkeeper wear a different color jersey?

Law 4 states that "Each goalkeeper must wear colors that distinguish him from the other players, the referee and the assistant referees." This is presumably because it is easier to identify him since he is the only player on the field allowed to use his hands inside the penalty area.