



## AYSO REGION 677



### ***RUNNING UP THE SCORE***

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While there is not a “NO SLAUGHTER” rule officially, running up the score is discouraged. A margin of 5 goals is sufficient to ensure a win. Please have your team prepared in the event that you play a lesser skilled team. Having your team play keep away can be more insulting to a losing team than a high score. Both are generally unacceptable.

If your team is the clearly the stronger team - put your weaker players in important positions, as strikers and perhaps even as the goalkeeper. Have your stronger players use a weaker foot to kick the ball. For instance, if your stronger player is left footed have him use his right foot to take shots.

The idea is to perform these tasks as graciously as possible without making it verbally obvious.

Talk to your team at training sessions about possible ways to avoid running up the score, so that they know it is NOT a punishment if you change tactics during the game. Another idea would be to assign one player “the scorer” - no one else may take a shot on goal except for this player and all other players should pass the ball to him. This suggestion may also help a player who needs encouragement to become more involved in the game.

### **What happens if we do not hold the score down?**

You will receive a call from the Region’s Coach Administrator - who will provide you with methods to keep the scores in check and a reminder of what Positive Coaching means. Should this not help the Regional Commissioner will then call to inform you that we, the region, have instituted a 5 goal maximum against your team. *(The 5 goal maximum is - your team is allowed to score 5 goals more than the other team per game - anything over 5 goals and your team will lose a point for every goal over.)*

**ANY COACH THAT CANNOT COMPLY WITH REGION POLICIES WILL NOT BE ASKED TO COACH AGAIN**

*and could be asked to leave the program.*