



Playing Time Policy

Purpose: To provide a guideline explaining our playing time policies for our programs: Team Academy Select and Team Academy Premier.

SPOKANE FOXES PUMAS FC Team Select Playing Time (11U – 18U) - Select Players can expect a minimum of 25 minutes of playing time in both league matches and friendlies. This 25 minute playing time is a target based on criteria including player attendance and the individual player's attitude towards working with others, including their teammates and coaches. Additional criteria used in determining a player's playing time includes a good work ethic and a player who represents both the team, his/her teammates and SPOKANE FOXES PUMAS in a positive, uplifting manner.

SPOKANE FOXES PUMAS FC Team Premier Playing Time (11U – 14U) - Premier Players can expect a minimum of 25 minutes playing time in both league matches and friendlies. This 25 minute playing time is a target based on criteria including player attendance and the individual player's attitude towards working with others, including their teammates and coaches. Additional criteria used in determining a player's playing time includes a good work ethic and a player who represents both the team, his/her teammates and SFPFC in a positive, uplifting manner.

SPOKANE FOXES PUMAS FC Team Premier Playing Time (15U – 18U) - Premier Players can expect a minimum of 20 minutes playing time in both league matches and friendlies. This 20 minute playing time is a target based on criteria including player attendance and the individual player's attitude towards working with others, including their teammates and coaches. Additional criteria used in determining a player's playing time includes a good work ethic and a player who represents both the team, his/her teammates and SFPFC in a positive, uplifting manner.

Summary of Playing Time Policy

SFPFC recognizes the importance of game day and the reward of playing time. We acknowledge playing time to be important, giving the player the opportunity to “shine”, demonstrating skills learned the week before. We also understand the joy and excitement when families attend and rally around their budding son or daughter while performing on the pitch regardless of age.

We acknowledge what some would call the “validation factor”, whereas a player's development is often measured by whether a player starts a match or by the amount of playing time a player receives within the match. We believe this to be unfortunate and an inaccurate means of measuring a player's true development.

With the exceptions of League Division Championship, Washington Cup, NPL and a hand full of tournaments where winning is the top priority due to additional rewards/benefits of doing so, SFPFC and our coaches are committed to the playing time policies set forth for our Rec, Select and Premier soccer programs.