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River's Edge attempts to create fair and equitable divisions based on age, experience, previous records and information provided by coaches on the registration form. This is done to provide the best level of competition for all of our teams in a fun environment.

However, there will be occasions when one team is in a position to dominate another for a variety of reasons - missing players, off day, wide range of skill level, etc. In order to attempt to play in a sportsmanship-like manner, yet still play to win, we are strongly urging all of our coaches to use appropriate measures (multiple passes, use of left foot, move players around, etc.) to avoid running up the score on your opponent. Remember, there is no gain in points or tie breakers based on goal differential. For times when a game does start to become lopsided in the score, we have instituted the following rule:

**Once a team goes down by 6 goals, they may insert an additional player. This additional player may play for as long as the team is losing by 5 goals or more. Once the score differential drops below 5 goals, the teams will return to playing straight up.**

The basis for this statement and new rule is to create the best environment for fair play, not to penalize a team for playing very well and avoid embarrassing another team's players by deliberately running up the score.

We appreciate you and your team playing at River's Edge and for being good sports!