

# **Warriors Sports Academy Play Time Policy**

#### Overview

At Warriors Sports Academy, we believe in fostering both player development and a love for the game. Our play time policy is designed to balance equal opportunity for learning at younger ages with increased competition and performance standards as players mature.

U8–U10 Play Time Policy (Developmental Age Groups)

## **Equal Play Time Guarantee:**

For all players in the U8 to U10 age groups, our club guarantees **equal playing time** during games, regardless of ability level, starting status, or previous experience.

## Why Equal Play Time?

- Focus is on **skill development**, learning the game, and building confidence.
- Helps all players experience different roles, positions, and game situations.
- Encourages a **positive team environment** and inclusive culture.

### Coach's Responsibility:

- Coaches are expected to manage rotations in a fair, transparent way.
- Every player should play approximately **50% or more** of each game, barring injury, illness, or unexcused absences from training.

U11 and Above Play Time Policy (Competitive Age Groups)

#### Play Time is Earned, Not Guaranteed:

Starting at U11, especially for **top-tier teams**, play time will be based on a combination of the following:

- Effort and attitude in training
- Commitment to attendance and punctuality
- Tactical understanding and ability to execute team strategies
- Performance in games
- Coachability and sportsmanship



#### **What This Means:**

- Coaches may adjust playing time to reflect each player's contribution to the team's goals and readiness for competition.
- While all players will typically play in games, **equal play time is not guaranteed** at this level, particularly for travel and tournament rosters.

# Our Philosophy

#### We strive to:

- Provide **developmental opportunities** for all players.
- Promote a **competitive environment** that rewards dedication, discipline, and performance.
- Support players in reaching their full potential—whether they play for fun, high school, college, or beyond.