

6 Goal Policy

The 6 Goal Policy has been created to ensure coaches and their teams show good sportsmanship during potential lopsided games.

The Prescott & District Soccer Association (PDSA) picks all teams in each division after registration is completed. Every effort is made to make all teams in each division as fair as possible; however, if teams are weaker though no fault of their own the policy encourages coaches to practice good sportsmanship during potential lopsided situations. Situations may be caused by any of the following reasons: either due to late registrations, player skill level, injury, vacation, lack of players, use of call-up players, etc.

During every game 3 points are given to the winning team, 1 point is given to a team that ties, and 0 points is given to a team that loses. In order to encourage good sportsmanship the PDSA has placed a 6 goal differential deterrent to prevent teams from running up scores against a team of lesser skill.

The 6 Goal Policy is administered as follows:

- As soon as there is a difference of 6 goals between 2 opposing teams (eg. 6-0, 7-1, 8-2, 9-3, 10-4) the 6 Goal Policy will take immediate effect.
- The team that is winning will no longer receives 3 points for a win, but receives 2 points for a win.
- If after the 6 goal difference has been reached and the team that is losing scores to make the game a 5 goal difference the points awarded to each team will remain unchanged.
- Points will only change under the following examples, if the losing team purposely attempts to score in their goal or allows a goal(s) in the opinion of the referee that take advantage of the ' 6 Goal Policy' in order to gain 1 point in the game.

If there are situations where potential lopsided games could, or are taking place, the PDSA Executive strongly encourages coaches to talk their team about one or more of the following options:

- The winning teams are encouraged to make changes to their team line ups (eg. moving players of higher skill level players to different positions - defense or goal rather, encourage more passing, give more opportunities to less skilled players).
- Losing teams are encouraged strengthen their team as well, eg. replace goalie, move stronger players into a defensive roll.

PDSA hopes all of their coaches provide good role models for all their players and lead by example while coaching their teams.