

Important Information Regarding MISA “Blow-Out” Policy

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The MISA Alliance Oversight Committee would like to thank our coaches for a wonderful season thus far, taking a moment to clarify the MISA “Blow-Out” Policy for the balance of the regular season, as well for all MISA playoff and tournament games.

While the policy has not changed, the MISA AOC would like to remind all coaches that this policy remains in effect for all MISA games, including MISA playoff and tournament games. Please find the MISA regular season “Blow-Out” policy below, as well as additional policy clarifications for all MISA playoff and tournament games.

For clarification: A team that wins with a five goal or less differential has not violated the MISA “blow-out” policy, and will not be penalized in accordance with the MISA “blow-out” policy for either regular season or playoff and tournament games.

For clarification: A team that wins with a six goal or more differential has violated the MISA “blow-out” policy, and will be penalized in accordance with the MISA “blow-out” policy for either regular season or playoff and tournament games.

Please find the policies below relating to the MISA “Blow-Out” policies:

MISA Regular Season “Blow-Out” Policy:

MISA defines a “blow-out” as a team that defeats a second team by a goal differential of (6) or more. MISA requests that all coaches do their best to instill good sportsmanship in their teams, however in the event that a “blow-out” occurs, the MISA shall enforce the following :

- The 1st time a “blow-out occurs” the offending team is issued a warning.
- The 2nd time the win will only count as 1 point instead of 3 points.
- After the 3rd offense, the offending team gets zero points for that game and is disqualified from participating in the playoffs.
- In the event of a “blow-out” an email will be sent to the club, both coaches, and board members to address the incident.
- False reporting of a blowout (reporting incorrect score) is penalized as follows:
 - 1st false report receives a warning.
 - 2nd false report earns immediate playoff disqualification.

MISA Post Season “Blow-Out” Policy:

The MISA “Blow-Out” policy remains in effect for all playoff and tournament games with the following clarifications:

- A) When teams participate in **single elimination games**, a team that wins by a (6) or more goal differential, shall be penalized in their next game. They will be required to play with one less player in their next game. For example: If playing 11v11, a team who violates the “blow-out” policy will be required to participate in their first game following the “blow-out” game using only (10) players, while their opponent will play that game with (11) players. If playing 9v9, a team who violates the “blow-out” policy will be required to participate in their first game following the “blow-out” game using only (8) players, while their opponent will play that game with (9).
- B) When teams participate in **tournament style games** (tournament seeding games), a team that wins by a (6) or more goal differential will be given (1) point for the victory rather than (3) points as traditionally given for a win.
- C) For clarification: A team that wins with a five goal or less differential has not violated the MISA “blow-out” policy, and will not be penalized in accordance with the MISA “blow-out” policy.
- D) For clarification: A team that wins with a six goal or more differential has violated the MISA “blow-out” policy, and will be penalized in accordance with the MISA “blow-out” policy.
- E) When teams participate in championship games or consolation games, teams are required to manage their scores to ensure that the “blow-out” policy is maintained. Coaches may be suspended or banned from participating in future MISA seasons for violating the MISA “blow-out” policy.
- F) Teams (Coaches) that purposely score an “own goal” impacting the outcome of a playoff or tournament game, may be suspended or banned from participating in future MISA seasons.

Best of luck and have a wonderful season!

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