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# Fair Playing Time Guidance

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We believe that Clubs should clearly set out their selection and game time policies, so that parents are aware of the approach taken and can take this into account in selecting a club that meets the needs of their child or children. A failure to offer playing time has a direct correlation on players enjoyment and leads to drop out from the game.

***Suggestion based on Omonoa Youth Coaching guidelines***

## Foundation Phase

Equal Playing time for all. This is non-negotiable. Provided players demonstrate basic expectations of a positive attitude and good behaviour, equal playing time for all is expected and is consistent with the clubs ethos of “football for all”

## Youth Development Phase

Minimum playing time. There is still the aspiration for equal playing time. It is encouraged. Competitive football allows a greater degree of flexibility. However, all players are expected to play at least 20 minutes on match day.