

## ECYSA Lopsided Score Policy

While most of the approximately 2,000 ECYSA games played each season are fairly well balanced, there are invariably situations where one team is clearly superior and the game's score becomes lopsided.

ECYSA is continuing to implement a policy to address these issues. It may seem excessive but we try and make the soccer experience a good one for all involved and lopsided scores are not fun for anyone.

What defines a lopsided game?

Any ECYSA match with a winning margin of 7 or more goals will be deemed a "lopsided score" and the Travel Director will be contacted to review circumstances with the coaches involved.

Disciplinary Sanctions:

Weekly scores will be reviewed by the ECYSA Board of Directors. In a Grade 6 or higher match, the winning team in a match involving a lopsided score will receive reduced standing points for the match according to the schedule below. In addition, ECYSA may request coach and referee reports to determine if the coach or coaches of the winning team are subject to individual sanction under Sportsmanship and Coaches Code of Conduct policies.

1st Offense - Team is credited with 2 standings points instead of 3 for win

2nd Offense – Team is credited with 1 standings point instead of 3 for win

3rd and all further Offenses – Team is credited with 0 standings points for win

Points deductions will be automatic. A Travel Director may request a review of the deduction if there is evidence of extenuating circumstances provided. Please note that lopsided score occurrences will be given significant weight in future team placements for individual teams as well as programs.

Travel Directors are reminded that detailed and accurate strength chart submissions are a key to proper placement and minimizing competitive imbalances.

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