

# AYSO REGION 345

## **RULES FOR BORROWING PLAYERS WHEN YOUR TEAM IS SHORT-HANDED**

DEFINITION OF SHORT-HANDED: When your team has 3 players less than the opposing team OR when your team has below the minimum number of players allowed to start a game.

Follow these steps IN ORDER – NO EXCEPTIONS:

- 01) Borrow players from the opposing team that are sitting on the bench. **(ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE OPPOSING COACH)**
- 02) Borrow players from the opposing team to 'even out' the teams as close as possible. If there are an odd number of players the team 'borrowing' players must play with 1 player less than the opposing team. **(ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE OPPOSING COACH)**
- 03) Use players from the same division from a team that is not one of the two playing. **(ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE OPPOSING COACH)**
- 04) Use players from one division lower. **(ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE OPPOSING COACH AND THE LEAGUE COMMISSIONER)**
- 05) Use girls to play for a boys team. **(ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE OPPOSING COACH AND THE LEAGUE COMMISSIONER)**
- 06) Use boys to play for a girls team. **(ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE OPPOSING COACH AND THE LEAGUE COMMISSIONER)**
- 07) Use players from more than one division lower. **(NEVER)**
- 08) Use players not registered for current AYSO season at Okeeheelee Park – Region 345. **(NEVER)**

**Coaches not following these rules when borrowing players will receive a 1-game suspension.**

**Coaches caught not following these rules a second time will receive a 3-game suspension.**

**Coaches caught not following these rules a third time will receive a season suspension.**

**NOTE1: There is no appeal process for these suspensions!**

**NOTE2: These infractions are cumulative over your coaching career at Region 345 and the suspensions carry-over from one season to the next.**