

How to STOP the Scoring

What to do when your team is obviously better than the opposition and the score is likely to get out of hand



Why do it ??

- Save embarrassment for your opponent
- Save embarrassment for your team
- Avoid a visit with the Sportsmanship Review Committee
- Its the right thing to do

Guidelines

- Don't wait too long
- Don't make it obvious
- Let the opposing coach know what your doing

Tactics on How To Stop The Scoring

STOP SHOOTING

This is the simplest option

3,4,5 passes before shooting

One touch from your opponent resets the count

Shoot with weaker foot ONLY

Work out a signal with the team to get the info to them

Shoot headers only

Headers Must be from outside goal area

Not Recommended For Grade 3/4

Use the entire team

Every player on the field must touch the ball before taking a shot

Shoot From Outside the Penalty Area

The distance makes it easier for the keeper to handle

Pass the ball to the keeper

if you shoot it AT the keeper, it's not likely to go in the goal

Shoot over the goal

This looks even more realistic than passing the ball to the keeper

Shoot wide of the goal

Good hard shots that are wide of the goal can still offer players opportunities to shoot in the game

Mix up the field

*Place weaker players up front
Keep the other restrictions in place*

Change formations

Only having one forward will make it easier for your opponent's defense to stop your offense

Remove a player

Do it discretely. Have one less player go on at a substitution break

Remove a Second player

*Primarily at u12 level having a 9v7 match is more accepted then 7v5
Note: Teams cannot ADD Players*

Goalie Keeper

have the goalie throw the ball rather than punt the ball to keep it in the defensive third longer

Mix up the Players

*Play weaker lines/players more than the "Superstars"
Stronger lines = more restrictions*

Play keep away

*Don't let it run for too long
Don't make it obvious*

No Game plan

Throw your game plan away & Let the players come up with creative ways to prevent a blowout

Other things to Remember

- YOU are the coach
 - IF a player ignores the restrictions you have in place SIT the player on the bench
- Make adjustments Early
 - 3-0 is the time to start implementing measures to stop scoring
 - 6-0 is NOT the time to start
- Work out a plan
 - Failing to plan is not in excuse
 - Sportsmanship is as important as teaching players to dribble the ball
- Communicate your plan
 - Let your players practice the plan
 - Let the parents in on the plan so they don't urge players do this they know they should not
- This is about R-E-S-P-E-C-T
 - Sportsmanship starts with the players and the coaches
 - It extends to the opponents and spectators
- If you are involved in a blow game
 - Make a pre-emptive strike
 - Contact the Town rep as soon as possible... You WILL need to explain what happened
- Teams from Clinton Youth Soccer are NOT eligible for the world cup
 - PLEASE do not coach them as if they are