

### **MERCY RULE**

A mercy rule will be in effect for U8, U10 and U12 divisions. The mercy rule will be as follows: when a team is up by 5 goals, the winning team will play down one player. The player who scored this goal shall be benched. You may NOT sub this player. The team must play down until the opposing team scores. The leading team will continue to seat each player who scores an additional goal until the opposing team scores. When a team is up by 6 goals, the winning teams will bench two players. When a team is up by 7 goals, the winning team will bench 3 players.

It is the responsibility of the coach to adhere to this APRD policy. Our referees may remind the coach, but it is NOT their responsibility to bring this to the coach's attention or force the coaches to take the necessary steps. Please take the lead and do not put our referees or APRD staff in an awkward situation.

Note\*\*\* If the team that is winning by 5 or more goals chooses to not adhere to this rule, this game will be declared a forfeit. The losing team will be declared the winner in the standings.