



SCORE MARGINS - POLICY

The Association has observed some large score margins with one of the most notable coming out of an under 12s game with a score of 71 to 0. We accept that from time to time for various reasons that one team may dominate over another. However, we as custodians of our game must take responsibility to ensure that we have specific guidelines to maintain an environment in which all our participants get to enjoy themselves regardless of their skills level.

More than 30 points – under 14s and above

When a team is winning by more than 30 points from under 14 and above the “Mercy Rule” applies.

1. Half-court defence only – NO full court press. This includes post a score and all inbounding.
2. Play man to man at least an arm length, keeping hand out.
3. No double-teaming players.
4. Ensure stronger players are subbed evenly with weaker players.

More than 20 points – under 12s

1. Half-court defence only – NO full court press. This includes post a score and all inbounding.
2. Play man to man at least an arm length, keeping hand out.
3. No double-teaming players.
4. Ensure stronger players are subbed evenly.

Regardless of Margins – Under 8s and 10s

1. Half-court defence only – NO full court press. This includes post a score and all inbounding.
2. In all out of bound situations in the offensive front court, all players must vacate the keyway.
3. Play man to man at least an arm length, keeping hand out.
4. No double-teaming players.
5. Ensure stronger players are subbed evenly.

Most importantly – be a good sport and role model to not only your players, but to the other team.

The above points can be adhered to by all teams and most importantly can be monitored by refs and the committee. If they are not adhered to from the referee, then a technical foul will be applied to the coach.