



## **GRAYHAWKS FOOTBALL**

### Playing Time Guidelines

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Grayhawks Football wants to promote great sportsmanship, fundamental learning of skills, development of talent, and enjoyment of the sport while considering the on-field performance of the teams. Several factors, often discretionary and subjective, can determine playing time and may vary by age group and competition level. Among them are:

- Skill/talent
- Effort
- Attitude
- Attendance
- Size for position
- Safety/protection
- Understanding of roles and responsibilities
- Game situation
- Weekly and season game schedule

With those things in mind and part of consideration, Grayhawk coaches will attempt to play with the following minimum participation guidelines. Each team will have an assistant coach assigned to playing time observations.

- 1st & 2nd grades (Flag): Teams will give equitable playing time to all players and rotate players through different positions.
- 3rd & 4th grades: Teams will use reasonable efforts to have each player participate in, on average, one offensive or defensive series per half.
- 5th & 6th grades: Teams will use reasonable efforts to have each player participate in each half.
- 7th & 8th grades: Teams will use reasonable efforts to have each player participate in the game.

The coach will make an effort to communicate the playing time expectations to individual players and the team as a whole.

When "B" games are available, the coaches will use this as an opportunity to provide more playing time for the players who received less playing time during the week. These guidelines are not guaranteed, and final decisions will be based on the coaches' discretion.