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Due to what we see as too many lob-sided games, we are offering a "mercy rule" option. This is exclusively for MAYSA league games and does not apply to tournament games or any WYSA State League games or matches that involve teams from another district. The team behind by 5 or more (or 8 or more) goals is not required to abide by this but it's an option.

*"5-8" rule. If a team is behind by 5 or more goals, they may add an additional player onto the field. An additional player can remain on the field until the goal differential has been reduced to less than 5. This occurs again at an 8 goal deficit. If a player for the opposing/winning team is issued a red card and thus ejected the losing team in this "5-8" scenario, the losing team is not required to also remove a player until the score differential is reduced to 8 or 5 goals. The final score/result should be reported exactly: e.g., 8-7 or 15-0. This rule adaptation cannot be applied to any tournament play nor any competitions not exclusively under MAYSA oversight/direction.*

For example, at the Under 9 & 10 age group level (normally 7v7):

- Team A goes up by 5 Goals which means Team B gets to (it's optional) add a player making it 8v7.
- If Team A goes up by 8 goals Team B now gets to add an additional player to make it 9v7.
- If Team B comes back and makes the goal differential back to 7 goals they must remove a player from the field making it 8v7.
- Lastly, if Team B were to come back and make the goal differential only 4 goals both teams would be playing 7v7 again