

**“ROMP RULE”:**

NO TEAM SHALL RUN UP THE SCORE ON ANOTHER TEAM. IN THE EVENT THE SCORE DIFFERENTIAL IN A MATCH REACHES FIVE, THE TEAM

LEADING SHALL TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO TRY TO MAKE THE GAME MORE COMPETITIVE.

IN MATCHES IN WHICH THE DIFFERENTIAL IS MORE THAN FIVE, THE WINNING

COACH SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN EXPLANATION TO THE COMMISSIONER AND

AGE COORDINATOR DOCUMENTING THE MEASURES TAKEN TO TRY TO KEEP

THE GAME COMPETITIVE. FAILURE TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION OR REPEATED DISREGARD OF THIS RULE COULD LEAD TO SUSPENSION.

**Recommendations:** To Avoid or Action to be taken in a game where the Romp Rule Comes into Play.

- 1) Identify as early as possible in the game, if the teams are mismatched and romp strategies may be needed.
- 2) Communicate with the opposing coach.
- 3) With teams with large rosters, sub in players throughout the game so you don't develop an A string or a B string.
- 4) Make sure all players play at least 50% of the game, with a large roster, stronger players (and the parents of), need to understand that they may only get to play 1/2 the game so that everyone else gets their 50% in.
- 5) Use the quarter breaks to encourage, not discourage
- 6) Ask players to work on passing the ball more often.
- 7) Switch offensive players with defensive positions before removing a player.
- 8) Ask players to use the weaker foot.

Avoid removing a player, even if it ends up causing extra scoring. The idea is to keep the game competitive and to try to even the playing field as much as possible with the skills of your opponent. If a lopsided score occurs, and the coach was aware of the romp rules, and employed some romp strategies, that is all that LAGS is looking for. Coaches must understand that out-scoring an opponent has no value in the league and they are doing their best to keep the game competitive that is what is important.