

NEW INFORMATION FOR U11-U12 TEAMS

Per the STYSA rule passed on Sunday, July 12, 2009 teams that participated and played U11 11v11 last seasonal year may choose to return as a U12 team (if retaining 50+1) and play 11v11 for the 2009-2010 season. However, if a team exercises this option they will not be eligible for play-offs in Fall 2009 and may not be eligible for STYSA cup play in Spring 2010 unless certain team requirements are met.

STYSA Rule:

- 6.2.9. 11v11 grandfather for U12 teams (effective until 7/31/2010) Only U11 teams that were formed and played in an 11v11 format in either the Fall 2008 and/or Spring 2009 season will be permitted to return as a U12 team participating in an 11v11 format through the end of the Spring 2010 season. Returning teams must roster 50% +1 of the previous players from the final roster of the last season that they participated in as a U11 team using the 11v11 format to qualify as a U12 grandfathered team.

In addition, playing time rules and roster size (for 8v8 only) have now been modified for U11-U12 teams regardless of division level.

STYSA Rule:

6.2.2. **Number of Players**

- a. Each Member Association / Club shall determine whether their Under-11 and Under-12 teams will play with no more than eleven (11) or eight (8) players on the field at a time, including a goalkeeper.

Each team during a league game shall play with no more than eight (8) on the field at a time, including a goalkeeper. **(Changed 2.8.09 – effective 9.1.09)**

- b. Under-11 and Under-12 teams may participate in eleven (11) aside play, where offered in sanctioned invitational tournaments.
- c. Coaches must play each registered player that is present one-half of the game unless unable to do so due to a player's illness or injury or for disciplinary reasons. In the event that a player is present but will not be playing, the coach must inform the referee and the opposing coach as to the reason the player will not participate

- 6.2.3. **Size of Teams:** The maximum number of players per team shall be fourteen (14).

Note: The maximum number of players per team for teams playing 11v11 shall remain at eighteen (18) players. However, if your team wants to participate in STYSA Cup play there are limitations to your roster size.