



# SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE - #1

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## SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes  No

Rule Location: Administrative Handbook  
Title of Section: Bylaws - Rules and Procedures

### Rule as it presently reads:

#### ARTICLE VIII - RULES AND PROCEDURES

- 2.23. From time to time the Governing Board may approve Rules and Procedures for the orderly functioning and to effectuate the purposes of this Association. Any proposals or motions to amend these Rules and Procedures must be made in writing to the Secretary, Chairman, of the Standing Rules Committee, and the STYSA State Office no later than the date specified and advertised and advertised on the STYSA website. Proposed amendments to the Rules and Procedures of STYSA may be offered at any meeting by a majority vote of the eligible Governing Board members in good standing. However, each Governing Board member shall be given at least thirty (30) days notice in writing of the proposed amendments and their purpose. Votes must be cast in person at the meeting or by proxy. Amendments to the Rules and Procedures shall include an effective date.

### Proposed Additions and/or Changes: (to be inserted alphabetically and numbered accordingly)

#### ARTICLE VIII - RULES AND PROCEDURES

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## SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

This rule change is proposed so that the winter meeting becomes the rules change meeting so that the Summer meeting can provide more educational opportunities for administrators, coaches, players, and referees. This would also provide that a rule is in effect for a full year before it is changed.

**Submitted by:** Art Brown, CAYSA

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** Recommends **against** passage. Suggest that “,unless otherwise stated in the rules change” should be added at the end of the last sentence.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** Recommends passage as amended below. The EC believes the concept of addressing rule changes at the Winter GBM is good; however, there could be extenuating circumstances requiring attention at the Summer GBM to resolve a potential problem. Therefore, it is important to have a process in place to allow such situations to be handled. In addition, the deadline by which proposed rule changes must be received has to take into consideration the 30-day notification requirement while also allowing the Rules Committee and Executive Committee sufficient time to review proposals and taking into consideration the holiday season. Taking all of these issues into consideration, the Executive Committee recommends the following amended version.

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A request for an exception for the Governing Board to consider proposals to amend the Rules and Procedures may be submitted to the Executive Committee no later than 60 days prior to the summer Governing Board Meeting. Upon the granting of an exception by the Executive Committee, the properly submitted rule change will be reviewed by the Rules Committee and presented to the Governing Board. Should the Executive Committee choose not to accept the request, the request will be deferred to the winter Governing Board Meeting.



# SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #2

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## SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Primary Page No(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Page No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Location:

Title of Section:

### Rule as it presently reads:

- 3.1.8. **CLUB** means an organization that registers its players with STYSA (directly or indirectly), that has an identifiable membership of youth soccer players on whose behalf the organization conducts or engages in youth soccer activities, and is the basic administrative unit of STYSA. A club recognized by STYSA must meet the following requirements:
- a. is a non-profit organization or corporation (either on its own, through a STYSA member, or through STYSA),
  - b. has a written constitution and by-laws approved by STYSA or a STYSA member,
  - c. have a duly elected board of directors, and
  - d. is in good standing with STYSA.

### Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

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  - d. is in good standing with STYSA.

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## SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

STYSA Rule 3.2.2 requires all club registration to be submitted to STYSA through a Member Association. Therefore, the indication in this rule that a club can register directly with STYSA or be a direct member of STYSA is inaccurate.

**Submitted by:** Shirley McGraw, STYSA Registrar

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** Recommends passage as amended:

- 3.1.8. **CLUB** means an organization ~~that registers its~~ whose players **are registered** with STYSA (~~directly or indirectly~~), that has an identifiable membership of youth soccer players on whose behalf the organization conducts or engages in youth soccer activities, and is the basic administrative unit of STYSA. A club recognized by STYSA must meet the following requirements:
- a. is a non-profit organization or corporation (either on its own, through a STYSA member, or through STYSA),
  - b. has a written constitution and by-laws approved by STYSA or a STYSA member,
  - c. have a duly elected board of directors, and
  - d. is in good standing with STYSA.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** Recommends approval as amended below.

Clubs cannot register their players directly with STYSA. However, a club is a recognized entity and can be a subordinate of the STYSA in order to be eligible for 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Not allowing such could place clubs in jeopardy of not being a recognized non-profit organization; therefore, item a has to include the option for maintaining their status in one of three ways – their own, through the Member Association or through STYSA.

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  - b. has a written constitution and by-laws approved by STYSA or a STYSA member,
  - c. have a duly elected board of directors, and
  - d. is in good standing with STYSA.



# SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #3

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## SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Primary Page No(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Page No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Location:

Title of Section:

### Rule as it presently reads:

3.12.3.e. A team may have a pool of players as guest players not to exceed the following seasonal year pool limit and per game limit. A player in the team’s pool may guest play for the team multiple times during the seasonal year. A player may be in multiple team pools.

1. U13 - U19 teams – four (4) players per game with a total pool of 26
2. U11 – U12 teams – three (3) players per game with a total pool of 20

### Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

3.12.3.e. A team may have a pool of players **available** as guest players not to exceed the ~~following~~ seasonal year pool limit and per game limit **indicated below**. A player in the team’s pool may guest play for the team multiple times during the seasonal year. A player may be in multiple team pools.

3. U13 - U19 teams – four (4) players per game with a total **guest player** pool of 26
4. U11 – U12 teams – three (3) players per game with a total **guest player** pool of 20

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**SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:**

The use of the word “following” has created confusion as to the meaning of the word. While the intent was to direct attention to the numbers included (or following below) within the rule, the reference to “following seasonal year” indicated a reference to another time.

Additionally, questions were raised as to whether the players rostered to the team were included in the player pool. By inserting “guest player” prior to the pool, it becomes clearer that the pool includes only players identified to serve as guest players and not the rostered players plus guest players.

**Submitted by:** Shirley McGraw, STYSA Registrar

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** Recommends passage as amended:

3.12.3.e. A team may have a pool of players **available** as guest players not to exceed the ~~following~~ seasonal year pool limit and per game limit **indicated as set forth below**. A player in the team’s pool may guest play for the team multiple times during the seasonal year. A player may be in multiple team pools.

5. U13 - U19 teams – four (4) players per game with a total **guest player** pool of 26
  6. U11 – U12 teams – three (3) players per game with a total **guest player** pool of 20
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**Executive Committee Recommendation:** Recommend passage as amended below.

The purpose of the Player Pass process is the development of players by allowing players to participate with older or higher competitive level teams. If the total pool includes the rostered players, the number of players being given this opportunity during a season is limited and varies from team to team based on their total roster. To afford more players an opportunity to participate, the pool includes only those available to “guest” play. To prevent further confusion with tournament “guest players”, the Executive Committee does not recommend referring to the pool as a “guest player” pool.

- 3.12.3.e. A team may have a pool of players **available** as guest players not to exceed the ~~following~~ seasonal year pool limit and per game limit **as set forth below**. A player in the team’s pool may guest play for the team multiple times during the seasonal year. A player may be in multiple team pools.
1. U13 - U19 teams – four (4) players per game with a total pool of 26 **(exclusive of rostered players)**
  2. U11 – U12 teams – three (3) players per game with a total pool of 20 **exclusive of rostered players)**



# SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE - #4

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## SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes  No

Rule Location: Administrative Handbook

Title of Section: Player Coach Registration

### Rule as it presently reads:

#### 3.12. CLUB PLAYER PASS SYSTEM (Added 7.18.10)

3.12.1. **Purpose.** The Club Player Pass System of play for Recreational Plus, Division II, Super 2, and Division I levels of play is designed to maximize the development of the player by allowing players to guest play on a team from the same Club at the same age level, or an older age level team from the same Club, on a temporary basis.

3.12.2. **Adoption.** The Club Player Pass System will apply only if allowed by the organization or organizations governing a particular competition, such as a local league.

3.12.3. **Minimum requirements.** Although the governing organization may impose more restrictive requirements, a Club Player Pass System must, at a minimum, meet the following requirements:

- a. Guest player must play in the same or older age level as the primary team to which he or she is rostered.
- b. Guest player must play in the same or a higher level competition as his or her primary team. Guest player may play down one level of competition but in the same age group if the player is rehabilitating from a serious injury or illness. A serious injury or illness is defined as an injury or illness that required verifiable medical treatment and required the player to have not participated in games for a period of sixty (60) days or longer.
- c. Guest player may play for only one team in a day (this includes his or her Primary team),
- d. Individual Penalty Points will accumulate jointly for all games played (separate accumulations by team or competition will not be allowed). Penalty Point suspensions for the player must be served with the player's Primary team and the player is ineligible for guest playing until the suspension has been served. The player, coach (of both the Primary and guest team), and the coaching director of each club are responsible for monitoring and complying with STYSA's Progressive Disciplinary System. There will be a minimum of a four (4) game, non-probated, suspension for all adults responsible for monitoring and complying with STYSA's Progressive Disciplinary System in the event that a violation is found to have occurred in connection with a player's participation in the Club Player Pass System.
- e. A team may have a pool of players as guest players not to exceed the following seasonal year pool limit and per game limit. A player in the team's pool may guest play for the team multiple times during the seasonal year. A player may be in multiple team pools.
  1. U13 - U19 teams – four (4) players per game with a total pool of 26
  2. U11 – U12 teams – three (3) players per game with a total pool of 20
- f. Under no circumstances may a guest player be used that is not properly registered with STYSA.

3.12.4. **Club.** For the purposes of this rule a Club having a similar name with other clubs (i.e. Dallas Texans, Lonestar, Rush, Challenge, etc) will be considered to be the same club if the club shares a common Board of Directors and is within the same metropolitan area. If the clubs are outside of the metropolitan area, then a fifty (50) mile radius will be used, combined with a common Board of Directors,

**Proposed Additions and/or Changes:** (to be inserted alphabetically and numbered accordingly)

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  - c. Guest player may play for only one team in a day (this includes his or her Primary team),
  - d. Individual Penalty Points will accumulate jointly for all games played (separate accumulations by team or competition will not be allowed). Penalty Point suspensions for the player must be served with the player's Primary team and the player is ineligible for guest playing until the suspension has been served. The player, coach (of both the Primary and guest team), and the coaching director of each club are responsible for monitoring and complying with STYSA's Progressive Disciplinary System. There will be a minimum of a four (4) game, non-probated, suspension for all adults responsible for monitoring and complying with STYSA's Progressive Disciplinary System in the event that a violation is found to have occurred in connection with a player's participation in the Club Player Pass System.
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    1. U13 - U19 teams – four (4) players per game with a total pool of 26
    2. U11 – U12 teams – three (3) players per game with a total pool of 20
  - f. Under no circumstances may a guest player be used that is not properly registered with STYSA.
  - g. Player Passes shall be prohibited for the last two scheduled matches and any matches after the date of the last two scheduled matches of the Fall season in leagues that lead to playoffs or post season tournaments. Player Passes will not be used in District and State Playoffs.**
- 3.12.4. **Club.** For the purposes of this rule a Club having a similar name with other clubs (i.e. Dallas Texans, Lonestar, Rush, Challenge, etc) will be considered to be the same club if the club shares a common Board of Directors and is within the same metropolitan area. If the clubs are outside of the metropolitan area, then a fifty (50) mile radius will be used, combined with a common Board of Directors,

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**SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:**

This rule change is proposed to prevent utilization of a Club Player Pass to directly affect the outcome of the season's standings.

**Submitted by:** Art Brown, CAYSA

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** Recommends passage as amended:

~~g. *Player Passes Guest Players shall be prohibited for the last two scheduled matches and any matches after the date of the last two scheduled matches of the Fall season in leagues that lead to playoffs or post season tournaments. Player Passes Guest Players will not be used in District and State Playoffs.*~~

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** Recommends against passage. Section 3.12.2 allows for the adoption of the Player Pass System by an organization governing a particular competition. When player passes can be used should be governed by that organization as long as they remain in compliance with STYSA rules pertaining to deadlines identified on the STYSA Perpetual Calendar.



# SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #5

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## SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? XX Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Primary Page No(s): 9 Secondary Page No(s): 10  
Rule Location: **DISCIPLINE, PROTEST, GRIEVANCE**

### AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

Title of Section: 4.9. **PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM**

#### Rule as it presently reads:

4.9.4 **Penalty Points Awarded.** Penalty points shall be awarded to all individual players and coaches only as follows:

- a. **Recorded cautions:** 3 points per caution to the individual
- b. **Recorded ejections:** 9 points per ejection to the individual.

4.9.5. **Disciplinary Action for Penalty Point Accumulation.**

An accumulation of penalty points shall result in the following disciplinary actions:

[Disciplinary levels progress at 9, 18, 24, and 30 cumulative points, as set forth in subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of paragraph 4.9.5.a.]

#### Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

4.9.4 **Penalty Points Awarded.** Penalty points shall be awarded to all individual players and coaches only as follows:

- a. **Recorded cautions ejections (without violence):** 3 points per ~~caution~~ ejection to the individual, if the ejection did not involve violent conduct or serious foul play.
- b. **Recorded ejections (with violence):** 9 6 points per ejection to the individual, if the ejection is for violent conduct or serious foul play.

4.9.5. **Disciplinary Action for Penalty Point Accumulation.**

An accumulation of penalty points shall result in the following disciplinary actions:

[Change subparagraphs (1), (2),(3), and (4) of paragraph 4.9.5.a to have disciplinary levels progress at 3, 6, 12, and 15 cumulative points, instead of at 9, 18, 24, and 30 points. In addition, delete (b) of each such subparagraph, which deals with a coach who is not ejected, to reflect the fact that penalty points are no longer assigned to cautions, but only to ejections.]

## SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

Purpose is to more closely align STYSA penalties with region 3 (region 3 premier league play requires suspensions only for red cards)

More properly tailor punishment to level of infraction. More severe levels of infraction are punished more severely.

Lower level infractions (yellow cards) are handled within the context of game management. This removes the variation of penalty for varying length seasons (players that make play-offs or have longer seasons are more likely to accumulate enough yellow cards for suspension, and may be placed at a competitive disadvantage versus other teams that may have played in a smaller bracket, level or did not compete in play-offs)

This rule would also simplify administrative duties for league administrators by eliminating the need to track yellow cards.

**Submitted by:** David Rowe, WDDOA Girls Commissioner (Submitted on own behalf, not as a representative of WDDOA)

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** Recommends against passage.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** Recommends against passage.  
The Progressive Discipline System put in place many years ago has been a successful deterrent to behavioral issues at all levels of play offered by STYSA.



# SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #6

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## SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies?  Yes  No

Primary Page No(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Page No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Location: Rules & Procedures Player/Coach Registration

Title of Section: Player/Coach Registration

### Rule as it presently reads:

#### 3.2.10 REGISTERED COACH

Only Registered Coaches are permitted to participate in STYSA sanctioned events or games as coaches or assistant coaches (as defined in Rule 3.1.2).

To be a Registered Coach, a coach or assistant coach (as defined in Rule 3.1.2) must:

- a. Register with STYSA through the STYSA Member Association having jurisdiction of the team or club for which the individual will be a coach or assistant coach;
- b. Be an Eligible Adult as defined in Rule 3.1.3;
- c. Hold a currently effective Coaching License or Certificate (as defined below) or obtain, within one year of initial registration as a coach, a Coaching License or Certificate; and
- d. Not be suspended and not be restricted from participation by a decision of a disciplinary committee or other executive body with jurisdiction of the individual.

A "Coaching License or Certificate" means a soccer coaching license or a certificate of completion issued by a course or training program that is currently approved by the STYSA Director of Coaching. The STYSA Director of Coaching shall maintain a list of all licenses, courses, programs and vendors that are approved for purposes of this rule.

Upon failure to comply with any of the above requirements, and for the period of such noncompliance, the individual will not be a Registered Coach, will not be permitted to participate in STYSA sanctioned events or games, and shall be prohibited from future registration until proof of compliance is provided.

### Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

#### 3.2.10 REGISTERED COACH

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To be a Registered Coach, a coach or assistant coach (as defined in Rule 3.1.2) must:

- a. Register with STYSA through the STYSA Member Association having jurisdiction of the team or club for which the individual will be a coach or assistant coach;
- b. Be an Eligible Adult as defined in Rule 3.1.3;
- c. Hold a currently effective Coaching License or Certificate (as defined below) ~~or obtain, within one year of initial registration as a coach, a Coaching License or Certificate~~ **beginning in the U8 Division and above age divisions (not required in U5, U6 and/or U7 divisions)**; and
- d. Not be suspended and not be restricted from participation by a decision of a disciplinary committee or other executive body with jurisdiction of the individual.

A "Coaching License or Certificate" means a soccer coaching license or a certificate of completion issued by a course or training program that is currently approved by the STYSA Director of Coaching. The STYSA Director of Coaching shall maintain a list of all licenses, courses, programs and vendors that are approved for purposes of this rule.

Upon failure to comply with any of the above requirements, and for the period of such noncompliance, the individual will not be a Registered Coach, will not be permitted to participate in STYSA sanctioned events or games, and shall be prohibited from future registration until proof of compliance is provided.

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**SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:**

Many recreational clubs are having a difficult time with recruiting coaches for the younger age levels. The coaching license requirement for the U5, U6 and U7 divisions has hampered the ability to get and maintain coaches at these levels. While we believe and support coaching education for coaches starting at U8, it is our belief that these younger starting levels can be handled by the respective associations with new coaches clinics in a manner feasible within their association.

Past history has shown that the hardest part for our recreational clubs is getting coaches for teams. After a coach has been coaching for a couple seasons we find them for the most part addicted to the game and at this point have a desire to get coaching education.

**Submitted by:** Billy Hart, President – Brazos Valley Youth Soccer Association

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** Recommends passage as amended:

**3.2.10 REGISTERED COACH**

Only Registered Coaches are permitted to participate in STYSA sanctioned events or games as coaches or assistant coaches (as defined in Rule 3.1.2).

To be a Registered Coach, a coach or assistant coach (as defined in Rule 3.1.2) must:

- a. Register with STYSA through the STYSA Member Association having jurisdiction of the team or club for which the individual will be a coach or assistant coach;
- b. Be an Eligible Adult as defined in Rule 3.1.3;
- c. **if coaching U7 or older age groups**, hold a currently effective Coaching License or Certificate ~~(as defined below) or obtain, within one year of initial registration as a coach, a Coaching License or Certificate~~ **beginning in the U8 Division and above age divisions (not required in U5, U6 and/or U7 divisions)**; and
- d. Not be suspended and not be restricted from participation by a decision of a disciplinary committee or other executive body with jurisdiction of the individual.

A "Coaching License or Certificate" means a soccer coaching license or a certificate of completion issued by a course or training program that is currently approved by the STYSA Director of Coaching. The STYSA Director of Coaching shall maintain a list of all licenses, courses, programs and vendors that are approved for purposes of this rule.

Upon failure to comply with any of the above requirements, and for the period of such noncompliance, the individual will not be a Registered Coach, will not be permitted to participate in STYSA sanctioned events or games, and shall be prohibited from future registration until proof of compliance is provided.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** Recommends that this issue be deferred to the Summer Governing Board Meeting. US Youth Soccer has indicated that they will be introducing an online coaching education course that will be available for the upcoming fall season. Younger age coaches reap the benefits of coaching education and their involvement in the program could well be extended by receiving guidance in how to teach the game to children.

# LATE RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

The following proposed rule changes were submitted after the deadline posted on the STYSA website and the Perpetual Calendar and have not been reviewed by the Rules Committee or Executive Committee. Since they were received prior to the 30 day notification requirement, they are being included in the packet; however, they may only be considered if approval to do so is given by the majority of the membership.

## STYSA By-Laws

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**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #7**

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**SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE**

Is there currently a rule that applies? \_\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Primary Page No(s): \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Page No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Location: 5.8.1

Title of Section: Tournament Standings

**Rule as it presently reads:**

5.8.1. **Tournament Standings.** All standings will be determined by points: 6 points for a win, 3 points for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. A point will be awarded for each goal up to three goals. A point will also be awarded for a shutout. A win by forfeit results in 10 points for the winning team (scored 3-0).

**Proposed Additions and/or Changes:**

5.8.1. **Tournament Standings.** All standings will be determined by the points system as stated in the rules for each competition or the competition that the standings would allow advancement to. If no points system is stated, the 10 point system will be used: 6 points for a win, 3 points for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. A point will be awarded for each goal up to three goals. A point will also be awarded for a shutout. A win by forfeit results in 10 points for the winning team (scored 3-0).

**SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:**

Housekeeping. Current scoring methods as outlined in the change are currently used, but not published in the rules.

**Submitted by:** WDDOA Executive Committee

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** Submitted after the deadline.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** Submitted after the published deadline



# SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #8

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## SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No

Primary Page No(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Page No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Location: Add as 5.8.6

Title of Section: Advancement From Final Standings

### Rule as it presently reads:

### Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

- 5.8.6. **Advancement From Final Standings.** Following completion of the tournament, the final standings, along with the tie-breakers evaluated, will be posted on the STYSA website. For purposes of advancement the following will apply:
- a. US Youth Soccer National Championships (USYSNC) State Cup
    - (1) The highest seeded team shall serve as the representative from STYSA to compete in the USYSNC Regional competition.
    - (2) The highest 4 seeded teams from the final standings, regardless of District affiliation, shall serve as the representatives from STYSA to compete in the next USYS Region III Premier League fall competition. Those teams will continue to represent STYSA until the next USYSNC Cup is completed.
    - (3) If, in either case above, a team is unable or unwilling to participate in the USYSNC Regional competition or the next USYS Region III Premier League fall competition, then the next highest seeded team shall be selected to participate.
  - b. President's Cup
    - (1) The highest seeded team shall serve as the representative from STYSA to compete in the USYS President's Cup Regional competition.
    - (2) If a team is unable or unwilling to participate in the USYS President's Cup Regional competition, then the next highest seeded team shall be selected to participate

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**SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:**

**There are substantially two parts to this addition. The first part deals with advancement from STYSA to the Regional competition in both USYSNC and President's Cup. Functionally, this is a housekeeping addition that mirrors current practice from the results of USYSNC State Cup and President's Cup and is only outlined in the State Cup manual.**

**The second part deals with advancement of STYSA teams to the Region III Premier League West competition. The current system is flawed to the extent it: 1) excludes teams not playing with WDDOA in Western District or EDDOA in Eastern District, specifically teams from the newly formed Division 1 League playing in the Valley and El Paso, and secondarily; 2) the promotion cycle for advancement to the Region III**

**Premier League Competition (PLW) now takes 3 years, where historically it was annual promotion.**

**There is incremental improvement in the competitiveness of the current excluded groups. El Paso has reorganized itself to efficiently provide and successfully promote soccer in its area. The newly formed Division I league in the Valley has also taken steps to provide and successfully promote Division 1 soccer in its area. WDDOA is supportive of any organization that is making significant strides and incremental improvements to its top competitions and promotion of soccer and therefore has value to the success of STYSA outside the state boundaries. The fact that the current method of advancement is through league play in the State Classic League and essentially only includes teams from WDDOA and EDDOA, is a hindrance to these strides and improvements.**

**Using advancement from the NC State Cup provides 1). League play-through as originally contemplated by advancement from SCL, and; 2) allows those new programs in El Paso and the Valley the same access to PLW through the same play as the larger WDDOA and EDDOA associations.**

**The 3 year promotion cycle created by the current method of advancement to PLW is flawed at several levels; 1) Fosters tenure and therefore no motivation to compete or excel, and; 2) is not reflective of the intent to forward the best teams in STYSA, and; 3) excludes El Paso and the Valley.**

**Annual promotion is valuable to the advancement to teams to PLW. A team that has competed in SCL may have injuries that prevent it from performing to its best ability and could be relegated. To re-enter the PLW competition, it must first survive a challenge within WDDOA or EDDOA in the season it was relegated. The team must then play through SCL again and place in the top 4 seeds, another season gone; and, finally in the third season make regain its place in the PLW competition. This entire process does not promote soccer or foster development of top, competitive play.**

**The proposed rule change embraces the historic annual promotion previously used by STYSA to determine its PLW representative teams. All competitions worldwide use annual promotion in their competitions. The proposed rule change fosters the fresh and current advancement of the best teams in STYSA to PLW. And lastly, fosters the inclusion, promotion and development of fledgling programs in the Valley and El Paso.**

**Lastly, this rule change allows competition to determine success for all teams and associations at this level, rather than using policies, league documents, and rules that could potentially diminish the quality, integrity and fidelity of the competitive process without multiple layers of administration and approval at the STYSA level.**

**WDDOA proposes that this rule be effective with the start of the 2011-2012 season. The Fall 2011 PLW representatives have already been selected in most age groups and is still in progress or to be played in the remaining age group in Spring 2011.**

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**Rules Committee Recommendation:** Submitted after the deadline.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** Submitted after the published deadline