

## **JULY 2011 RULE CHANGE REVIEW**

### Rule Change #1 – Constitution - Officers

This change would create a new position on the STYSA Executive Committee – Administrative Vice President /Southern District. This officer would then oversee the associations in the southern area of the state.

### Rule Change #2 – Constitution – Terms

If rule change 1 is approved, this change would define the term of office and when elections would be held for the position.

### Rule Change #3 – By Laws – Voting at USYS . USSF Meetings

If rule change 1 is approved, this change would add the new officer to the list of officers eligible to attend and vote at the national meetings.

### Rule Change #4 – By Laws

If rule change 1 is approved, this section would be added to the By Laws to define the responsibilities of the Southern District Vice President.

### Rule Change #5 – Playoff Rules – Two-Day Weekend Play – No El Paso Team

If rule change 1 is approved, there will be two Districts in the Western portion of the state. This rule is designed to define how many teams will advance to post season play from each District and the format of play at the competition. If El Paso is not participating in an age group, a State Tournament currently includes 4 teams – 2 Eastern and 2 Western. This change will allow the Western and Southern District to each advance one team to State Tournaments to face the two teams from Eastern District.

### Rule Change #6 – Playoff Rules – Two-Day Weekend Play – El Paso Sends a Team

If rule change 1 is approved, there will be two Districts in the Western portion of the state. This rule is designed to define how many teams will advance to post season play from each District and the format of play at the competition. If El Paso is participating in an age group, a State Tournament currently includes 5 teams – 2 Eastern, 2 Western, and 1 El Paso – and the teams advancing from each District (Eastern or Western) must play one another prior to arrival at the State Tournament. This change will allow the Western and Southern District to each advance 1 team and the game between the two teams will be played prior to arrival at the State Tournament.

### Rule Change #7 – Playoff Rules – Two-Day Weekend Play – El Paso Commits / Withdraws

If rule change 1 is approved, there will be two Districts in the Western portion of the state. This rule is designed to define how many teams will advance to post season play from each District and the format of play at the competition. This rule change clarifies that games played in compliance with the rule requiring District teams to play one another prior to arrival at the State Tournament will be recognized as the first game of the State Tournament and defines the format for the remainder of the competition.

### Rule Change #8 – Playoff Rules – Three Day Weekend Play – No El Paso Team

If rule change 1 is approved, this will clarify the format and structure of State Tournaments played in the spring over a 3 day weekend.

Rule Change #9 – Playoff Rules – Three Day Weekend Play – El Paso Sends a Team

If rule change 1 is approved, this will clarify the format and structure of State Tournaments played in the spring over a 3 day weekend when El Paso is sending a team to the competition and the tournament is being hosted by the Western or Southern District.

Rule Change #10 – Playoff Rules – Three Day Weekend Play – El Paso Sends a Team

If rule change 1 is approved, this will clarify the format and structure of State Tournaments played in the spring over a 3 day weekend when El Paso is sending a team to the competition and the tournament is being hosted by Eastern District.

Rule Change #11 – Playoff Rules – Three Day Weekend Play – El Paso Sends a Team but a District Sends only 1 Team

If rule change 1 is approved, this will clarify the format and structure of State Tournaments played in the spring over a 3 day weekend when El Paso is sending a team but one of the other Districts is not sending their full allotment of teams.

Rule Change #12 – Playoff Rules – Southern District Does Not Send a Team

If rule change 1 is approved, this will clarify the format and structure of a State Tournament if Southern District does not send a team in an age group.

Rule Change #13 – Playoff Rules – Sites for Fall State Tournaments

If rule change 1 is approved, this will define how the Districts will rotate hosting the Boys' State Tournaments at the conclusion of the Fall season.

Rule Change #14 – Playoff Rules – Sites for Fall State Tournaments

If rule change 1 is approved, this will define how the Districts will rotate hosting the Girls' State Tournaments at the conclusion of the Fall season.

Rule Change #15 – Playoff Rules – Sites for US Youth Soccer National Championship, President's Cup, Director's Cup and South Texas State Cup

If rule change 1 is approved, this will define how the Districts will rotate hosting the President's Cup and South Texas Cup State Tournaments at the conclusion of the Spring season.

Rule Change #16 – Playoff Rules – Sites for US Youth Soccer National Championship, President's Cup, Director's Cup and South Texas State Cup

If rule change 1 is approved, this will define how the Districts will rotate hosting the USYS National Cup and Director's Cup State Tournaments at the conclusion of the Spring season.

Rule Change #17 – Playoff Rules

This change would define advancement from the Spring Cup State Tournaments to the Regional competitions offered by US Youth Soccer for the National Championship and the President's Cup competitions in Region III and to the USYS Region III Premier League competition for the following fall competition.

Rule Change #18 – Registration Rules – Team Formation

This change would eliminate the restriction of the number of U10 or younger players that can be rostered to a recreational U11 or older team. The restriction would remain in place for competitive teams.

#### Rule Change #19 – General Rules of Play – Substitutions

This change would allow substitutions on a corner kick.

#### Rule Change #20 – Registration Rules – Definitions

This change would allow a club to offer a skills training program and restrict participation by age.

#### Rule Change #21 – General Rules of Play

This change would define the limitation on the length and number of practice sessions per week.

#### Rule Change #22 – Registration Rules – Recreational Academy

This change would allow each Academy program to define the rules of play for each individual program including the manner in which teams are to be formed.

#### Rule Change #23 – Special Rules of Play – Medical Play Down

In order to obtain permission to play down to a younger age group in recreational play, proof of a medical condition must be provided and verified by a licensed physician. This change would define the “licensed physician” as being someone other than the parent of the player for players who are eligible for U13 through U19 in Division 3 recreational play.

#### Rule Change #24 – Special Rules of Play – Medical Play Down

In order to obtain permission to play down to a younger age group in recreational play, proof of a medical condition must be provided and verified by a licensed physician. This change would define the “licensed physician” as being someone other than the parent of the player for players who are eligible for U11 through U12 in Division 3 recreational play.

#### Rule Change #25 – Special Rules of Play – Medical Play Down

In order to obtain permission to play down to a younger age group in recreational play, proof of a medical condition must be provided and verified by a licensed physician. This change would define the “licensed physician” as being someone other than the parent of the player for players who are eligible for U11 through U12 in Division 3 recreational play.

#### Rule Change #26 – Registration Rules – Team Formation

This change would eliminate the restriction of the number of U10 or younger players that can be rostered to a U11 or U12 team.

#### Rule Change #27 – Registration Rules – Roster Limits

This would eliminate from the written rules all references to the minimum or maximum number of players that can be rostered to a U12 or younger team and replace it with a reference to US Youth Soccer rules. This would allow changes to roster sizes to be implemented immediately should a change be made at the national level.

#### Rule Change #28 – Registration Rules – Roster Limits

This would eliminate from the written rules all references to the minimum or maximum number of players that can be rostered to full-sided (U13 and older) teams and replace it with a reference to US Youth Soccer rules. This would allow changes to roster sizes to be implemented immediately should a change be made at the national level.