



**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #10
(One Change per Form, Please)**

SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes No

Primary Page No(s): General Rules of Play Pages 1-3 (sections 6.0 – 6.1.2) Secondary Page No(s): _____

Rule Location: GENERAL RULES OF PLAY ALL LEVELS AND AGES EXCEPTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO FIFA LAWS

Title of Section(s): 6.0 AGE GROUPS, 6.1 SPECIAL RULES OF PLAY 4U through 19U AGE GROUPS EXCEPTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO FIFA LAWS, 6.1.0 AGE GROUP, 6.1.1 NUMBER OF PLAYERS, 6.1.2 PLAYING TIME & SUBSTITUTION REQUIREMENTS

Rule as it presently reads:

SEE PDF RULES PROPOSAL A

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

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SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

Provide justification for the proposed change

General Rules of Play: 6.0-6.1.2.

Current rules are included in this proposal as there are multiple corrections/updates that are required by ALL US SOCCER MEMBERS to meet US Soccer Player Development Initiatives. The PDIs went into effect nationwide on August 1, 2016 for all US Soccer members.

This STYSA document requires updating to be in compliance with the US Soccer Player Development Initiative Mandates which went into effect on August 1, 2017. Our STYSA rules are out of date and inaccurate.

Many of these US Soccer rules have already been implemented and are being used throughout South Texas but our rules document has not been updated to reflect the new mandate. STYSA implemented most of these changes in August 2016 under the guidance of USYS so the need for updating our documents is important at this summer GBM as we are already out of compliance. Updating our rules provides our members additional clarity and allows for consistency.

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Rules Committee Recommendation: The Committee recommends approval; however, questions whether 4 v 4 is mandated by USSF at the 4U/5U age level, if that was the position of the submitter.

Executive Committee Recommendation: The Executive Committee recommends passage.

GENERAL RULES OF PLAY
ALL LEVELS AND AGES
EXCEPTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO FIFA LAWS

Updated 7.31.17 with changes approved at the July 23, 2017 GBM;

Except as otherwise noted in these rules, FIFA Laws will govern the play of all games in STYSA Competitions for youth play.

6.0 AGE GROUPS (Changed 2.21.16)

Age groups are determined by the **age of the oldest rostered player's Calendar Birth Year** as shown in Table 6.0 below.

Table 6.0

The age groups are as follows:	
19 years of age and younger	11 years of age and younger
18 years of age and younger	10 years of age and younger
17 years of age and younger	9 years of age and younger
16 years of age and younger	8 years of age and younger
15 years of age and younger	7 years of age and younger
14 years of age and younger	6 years of age and younger
13 years of age and younger	5 years of age and younger
12 years of age and younger	4 years of age and younger

Note: In the rules, the format age followed by a "U" means that age and younger.

Any coach or assistant coach who is responsible for knowingly playing an ineligible player will be subject to suspension from participation in any STYSA sanctioned program.

Age groups can be combined at the discretion of the association/club as needed (e.g., 11-12U) or include brackets to combine age groups.

6.1 SPECIAL RULES OF PLAY – 4U through 19U Age Groups
EXCEPTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO FIFA LAWS (Changed 2.21.16)

6.1.0 Age Group

- (a) A player with his / her parent's and coach's permission, and in compliance with the local association playing rules, may play in an older age group.

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- (b) Except as provided herein, no player may play in a younger age group than the age group for which he/she is eligible. For Division III and Division IV players only, if a medical condition exists (substantiated in writing by a licensed physician with no family relationship to player) that will prohibit or severely hinder a player from playing in his/her own age group, the player may seek special approval from his/her Local Association / Club Board and Member Association to allow the player to play down in a younger age group. All requests must be submitted to and approved by the STYSA Executive Committee prior to the player's first game.
- (c) Age groups 12U and younger shall be **required** to play with a number of players fewer than that specified in the FIFA Laws of the Game. **(Changed 2.21.16)**

6.1.1 **Number of Players (Changed 2.21.16)**

Age	Maximum # of Players on the field per team	Minimum # of players on the field per team to avoid forfeit
13U-19U	11	7
11U/ U 12U	9	6
9U/ U 10U	7	5
6U- U 8U	4	3
4U/ U 5U	4 3	3

Table 6.1

~~*For teams participating in a national, state or local competition, the maximum and minimum number of players rostered to a team are to be determined by the national, state and local competitions. For teams participating in state competitions, please refer to the competition rules. Local competition rules shall be set by the local association or club.~~

If not prohibited by the rules of by the competition, coaches can agree, prior to the game, to adjust the environment as needed so that a forfeit can be avoided or game can be played even if a forfeit does occur. Playing a game pursuant to such an agreement does not alter a forfeiture that otherwise would occur. This can be accomplished by borrowing eligible players from the other team and adjusting both teams to make the teams even.

Commented [JB1]: In accordance with PDIs, all games 6U and below are to be played 4v4

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6.1.2 **Playing Time & Substitution Requirements (Changed 2.21.16)**
Playing Time Requirements:

Division	Playing time requirements	Exceptions
11U and 12U all play levels 4U-12U	50%	Due to Illness or Disciplinary reasons*
Super II, Division II, Division III, Division IV and Academy	50%	Due to Illness or Disciplinary reasons*
Division I	No minimum playing time for each registered player	

Table 6.1.2(A)

Commented [JB4]: In accordance with PDIs, in all small-sided game formats, “everyone should participate a minimum of 50% of the time” (p. 14)

Commented [JB5]: Removed “academy” as all academy games are small-sided format and this is now covered in previous row.

*In the event that a player is present but will not be playing, the coach ~~must~~ should inform the opposing coach and game officials as well as noting on the game card (if one is required) that the player will not be playing.

Commented [JB6]: Since there is no consequence for this action, this is a recommendation. Not all small-sided formats require game-cards (e.g. 4v4)

Substitution Rules:

Prior permission of the referee is required:
On a throw-in (by the team in possession)
On a goal kick (by either team)
After any goal (by either team)
After stoppage of play for an injury (either team)
After a caution (the player receiving the caution)
Permission of the referee is not required:
The resumption of play after the half time break (except with respect to a change of goalkeeper)

Table 6.1.2(B)

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For small-sided game formats, see 6.1.3 Field of Play Exceptions and Additions to FIFA Laws

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