



**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #1  
(One Change per Form, Please)**

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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):  3.1.11  Secondary Page No(s):  a   
Rule Location: Registration Rules and Procedures  
Title of Section: Definitions

**Rule as it presently reads:**

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

**Provide justification for the proposed change**

The dynamics of youth soccer have greatly changed since STYSA's formation. Some clubs run multi-million dollar budgets, some consist of a membership of fewer than 20 players. Clubs should not be constrained to operate in a manner that causes them to operate in manner that causes unnecessary or burdensome rules.

STYSA and its member associations should only concern themselves that a club is run as well as possible with the best possible leadership. STYSA should not be concerned with the finer minutia of how a club organizes its books.

Allowing clubs to determine the best organizational structure should not be limited to non-profit clubs. Some clubs work extremely hard to comply with STYSA's non-profit status. Some may find themselves in difficult positions to maintain their non-profit status while also functioning in a manner that allows them to deliver great youth soccer programs.

Each member association should be allowed to determine if a for-profit soccer club is allowed as a member.

Finally, through no fault of STYSA or a member association they may have their own non-profit status jeopardized by the actions of a local club.

Allowing a club to operate within their own business model is the correct approach.

**Submitted by:** John Britton (CAYSA Executive VP)

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** The Committee takes **no position** on this proposal and leaves it to the membership to decide.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** The Executive Committee recommends postponing this proposed rule change to a future GBM so that further information can be obtained.