



**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #2
(One Change per Form, Please)**

SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? X Yes No

Primary Page No(s): 3.2.2 Secondary Page No(s): a

Rule Location: Player Registration

Title of Section: PLACE OF REGISTRATION

Rule as it presently reads:

3.2.2 Within his / her State of Registration, a player may register with any Member Association, local association, or club. Local association or club registration may only be submitted to STYSA by a Member Association.

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

Effective with the beginning of the 2020-2021 soccer season

3.2.2 Within his/ her State of Registration, a player ~~must~~ **may** register with ~~a Local~~ **any** Member Association ~~local association, or club~~ **which is within a STYSA Member Association boundaries**. Local Association or club registration may only be submitted to STYSA **by a geographically bounded** Member Association.

SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

Provide justification for the proposed change

As STYSA has matured over the past years Eastern District and Western District have evolved to operate in two very distinct manners. The dissolution of EDDOA has allowed individual member associations to register players within the most restrictive geographically defined association. Each Eastern District association has deferred to the State to run and administer the higher-level leagues. In Western District, WDDOA is allowed to register players directly and run the higher-level leagues.

This has created an imbalance of registration in Western District with WDDOA collecting player registration fees for all participants in their leagues in addition to league fees. If this structure were adopted in Eastern District, all of the players in Eastern District playing in STYSA-managed leagues would register directly with STYSA rather than their geographic associations. The situation has been worsened by WDDOA now having a "non-travel" league whose players and teams register with them as Super-2, but play outside of the promotion/relegation structure, rather than those players registering with their geographic association, playing in D2, and earning their way into the higher divisions.

This rule would restore structural parity between Eastern and Western Districts, with each having all players registered with their local, geographic associations while having a separate organization (STYSA/WDDOA) running the higher-level leagues, financed by league fees.

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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 against passage.