



**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #8  
(One Change per Form, Please)**

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

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

Primary Page No(s): 5.2 Secondary Page No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Location: Playoff Rules and Procedures

Title of Section: Playoff Participation Requirements

**Rule as it presently reads:**

**Proposed Additions and/or Changes:**

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**5.2.1 Eligibility to Participate**

**No Local Member Association which registers more than 75 players within any US Soccer National Association in any individual age group or gender from 13U and above may participate in any STYSA sponsored District or State Tournaments. The STYSA Executive Committee will be allowed no more than two one-year exemptions to this policy per club per gender/age policy.**

(Renummer existing 5.2.1-5.2.6)

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

**Provide justification for the proposed change**

During the past US Soccer Presidential election “Pay to Play” was a topic that was discussed repeatedly by the candidates. Steve Gans also discussed the opportunity to create a “merit-based scholarship” for elite players within clubs. This “merit-based scholarship” though has its own problems. Namely that by providing a discounted price to the elite youth players it would increase costs for all non-elite players.

If we are to focus on all players, we must look at the rising costs and ensure that the “base” is not pushed out of the game. If clubs want to focus on elite players, they must not do so at the expense of the non-elite players. By limiting the number of players registered at each age group and gender clubs will be able to distribute the economic responsibilities more reasonably across all players in the club.

As clubs currently are limited in their ability to operate as non-profits we, STYSA, should look at protecting the players to ensure that they are 1) not perceived as a revenue source and 2) have the best opportunity to grow and not be lost in the shuffle as just a number

To go into effect no later than Fall 2023  
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**Rules Committee Recommendation:** The Committee recommends **against** approval.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** The Executive Committee recommends against passage.