



## SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #13

(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):  General Rules of Play Pages 5 (11U-12U)

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

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

Title of Section(s): 11U-12U table within section 6.1.3

#### **Rule as it presently reads:**

Age	Markings on the field	Minimum Dimensions	Maximum Dimensions
11U-12U	Field Size	(W) 40 x (L) 60 yards	(W) 70 x (L) 90 yards  (W) 47 x (L) 75 yards (USSF suggested)
	Goals	18 x 6 feet	21 x 7 feet <b>18.5 x 6.5 feet recommended</b>
	Center circle	7 yards in radius	
	Penalty Area	<b>12 x 30 yards</b>	
	Goal Area	<b>4 x 14 yards</b>	
	Penalty Spot	<b>8 yards and perpendicular from the midpoint of the goal line</b>	
	Restarts	Conform to FIFA with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.	
	Penalty Arc	7 yards radius from the penalty spot	
	Offside	The FIFA Offside Rule shall apply	

Table 6.1.3(B)  
(Changed 2.21.16)

#### **Proposed Additions and/or Changes:**



11U- 12U

Markings on the field	Minimum Dimensions	Maximum Dimensions
Field Size	(W) 45 x (L) 70 yards	(W) 55 x (L) 80 yards
Goals	Maximum: 21 x 7 feet Recommended size 18.5 x 6.5 feet	
Center circle	8 yards in radius	
Penalty Area	14 x 36 yards	
Goal Area	5 x 16 yards	
Penalty Spot	10 yards and perpendicular from the midpoint of the goal line	
Restarts	Conform to FIFA with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play. Substitutions are unlimited and can occur at any stoppage	
Penalty Arc	8 yards radius from the penalty spot	
Duration of Match (Law 7)	2 halves 30 minute halves 10 min halftime No added time	
Ball Size (Law 2)	Size 4	
Number of Players (Law 3)	See STYSA Rule 6.1.1 9v9 (8 field players and 1 goalkeeper) Game may not start or continue if there are less than 6 players on a team	
Heading	See STYSA Heading Policy for rules regarding heading in 11U and 12U games. Deliberate heading is not allowed in 11U games. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If a deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred. Heading is permitted in 12U games.	

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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.

Specific to the 9v9 game format  
Table 6.1.3(B)

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.

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