



**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #18
(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): 7-8 Secondary Page No(s): _____
 Rule Location: South Texas Youth Soccer State Competitions Manual 2017/2018
 Title of Section: Roster Adjustments: STYSA Spring Cups

Rule as it presently reads:

Transfer / Release Deadline (see Competitions Calendar): This means that any transfers/moves/releases **MUST** be finalized by this date. Any “new” players to STYSA may added to your roster after the transfer/release deadline, with final approval by STYSA. All 8 players listed on the final competition roster must be “primary” players to the team. South Texas Member Associations may set an earlier deadline to ensure changes and requests can be processed before the STYSA deadline.

Roster Freeze (see Competitions Calendar): Any new players, approved to add to your roster, must be added by this date. South Texas Member Associations may set an earlier deadline to ensure paperwork can be processed before the STYSA deadline. In addition, the roster continuity throughout the State Cup and Presidents Cup competitions (includes Regionals/Nationals) will be based off of this Roster Freeze date.

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

1) In past years, the Transfer/Release Deadline for 11U-15U teams has been in early February (Feb 12 in 2018) and mid-March (Mar 12 in 2018) for 16U-19U teams. With half of 15U players playing high school soccer now, the 15U players should be included in the later deadline with other high school players.

2) The transfer / release deadlines should only be for players transferring clubs (and not intra-club transfers). Players already part of a particular club should be allowed to complete their Spring season league play with their current team and then intra-club transfers should be allowed before the Roster Freeze date for Spring Cup play.

Potential new rule verbiage (new text in bold).

Transfer / Release Deadline (see Competitions Calendar): This means that any transfers/moves **between clubs or releases from a club** **MUST** be finalized by this date. Any “new” players to STYSA may added to your roster after the transfer/release deadline, **and intra-club transfers may be made to rosters after transfer/release deadline** with final approval by STYSA. All 8 players listed on the final competition roster must be “primary” players to the team. South Texas Member Associations may set an earlier deadline to ensure changes and requests can be processed before the STYSA deadline.

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Roster Freeze (see Competitions Calendar): Any new players, approved to add to your roster, must be added by this date. **Any intra-club transfers must be done by this date.** South Texas Member Associations may set an earlier deadline to ensure paperwork can be processed before the STYSA deadline. In addition, the roster continuity throughout the State Cup and Presidents Cup competitions (includes Regionals/Nationals) will be based off of this Roster Freeze date.

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SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

Provide justification for the proposed change

- 1) With half of 15U players playing high school soccer now, it is hard to get everyone back to play club soccer before the transfer deadline for the 11U-U14 teams. 15U teams should be considered the same as other high school age teams.
- 2) Freezing the Spring rosters at such an early date (way before the Cup competitions are going to start) except for "Adds" hampers player development practices and makes it less likely that a team is going to be able to enter in Cup play due to low numbers. Especially for the U11-U14 teams that are finishing Spring league games, you want to allow players to finish the league season first before moving players for Cup play. Intra-club team transfers should be allowed before the roster freeze date for Cup play. This would allow Div 2 players to be transferred to a Presidents Cup or State Cup team for Cup Play for instance. This also helps rescue rosters as needed for Cup play due to injuries (especially to goalkeepers), drop-outs, or other unanticipated team issues. For player's whose team decided not to play in a Cup, it would allow them to transfer to a team that was able to field a team.

Submitted by: Rise Soccer Club

Rules Committee Recommendation: The Committee makes no recommendation concerning this proposed rule change.

Executive Committee Recommendation: The Executive Committee recommends withdrawal of this proposed rule change. It should be referred to the Competitions Committee for review for the Competitions Manual.