



**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #19  
(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

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Rule Location: 2017-18 Competitions Manual

Title of Section: Section C – Rules of Play, Scoring, and Forfeits / State Cup / U15-U19 substitution rules

**Rule as it presently reads:**

For the U15 through U19 age groups, the number of substitutions shall be limited.

- A maximum of 7 substitutions for each team shall be allowed in each game during each half of play and during overtime play. After leaving the game during a half of play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game during that same half of play. After leaving the game during overtime play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game.
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**Proposed Additions and/or Changes:**

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- Substitutions may be made **at any stoppage of play with the approval of the referee.** ~~when the team is in possession of the throw in, or by either team when there is a goal kick, after a goal is scored, or there is an injury situation~~

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

In State Cup for U15-U19 teams, there are a limited number of substitutes allowed. With the limited number of substitution opportunities available to teams, and since these games are either full regulation or near full regulation matches (40 minute to 45 halves), there is little reason not to allow substitutions at the referee’s discretion on any stoppage (i.e. standard FIFA Law 3), and not restrict it to just the specific situations currently listed in the rules.

This proposed rule change would bring the State Cup substitution rules in line with the current USYS National League Rules:

<https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/file.aspx?DocumentId=120> (Section 7.02 – Substitutions)

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**Rules Committee Recommendation:** The Committee recommends approval.

**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.