



SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE - # 10

SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes ___x___ No _____

Rule Location: Registration Rules & Procedures
Title of Section: Soccer Start

PASSED

Rule as it presently reads:

3.12. SOCCER START

3.12.1. DEFINITIONS

3.12.1.1. **SOCCER START PLAYER** is a player who has been identified as "at risk." "At risk" means a child who falls under one of the following categories: low income, single parent families, latchkey children, from neighborhoods with a high rate of crime, gangs, or drugs.

3.12.1.2. **SOCCER START TEAM** is a team comprised exclusively of registered Soccer Start Players, defined in 3.11.1.1.

3.12.1.3. **SOCCER START PROGRAM** is a group of registered Soccer Start Players, defined in 3.11.1.1.

3.12.2. **SOCCER START PROGRAM REGISTRATION:** For a Soccer Start Program endorsed by a Member Association to be considered registered, a *Request for Reduced STYSA Fees* form, approved and signed by the Member Association President, the local Soccer Start Program Director and the STYSA Soccer Start Committee Chairman must be on file in the State Office. By January 31st of each year, a completed *Soccer Start Program History* must be on file in the State Office.

3.12.3. **Initial and Final Registration for Fall Registration for Soccer Start Players and Coaches** who are not eligible to participate in STYSA Fall Championships is due in the STYSA State Office, postmarked by December 1, and must include:

3.12.3.1. a correctly prepared and readable diskette or a copy of each registration form containing required information on all registered players and coaches, assistant coaches, managers and trainers in the format outlined in the Registration Manual;

3.12.3.2. 100% of the Final Fall registration fees;

3.12.3.3. a reconciliation report for the monies submitted;

3.12.3.4. a copy of the reduction in STYSA Fee Request form signed and approved by the STYSA Soccer Start Committee on file at the State Office.

3.12.4. **Spring, Local Season Registration for Soccer Start Players and Coaches** is due in the STYSA State Office, postmarked by May 1, and must include:

3.12.4.1. a correctly prepared and readable diskette or a copy of each registration form containing required information on all new players and coaches;

3.12.4.2. 100% of the Final Spring registration fees;

3.12.4.3. a reconciliation report for the monies submitted;

3.12.4.4. a copy of the reduction in STYSA Fee Request form signed and approved by the STYSA Soccer Start Committee on file at the State Office.

- 3.12.5. **MINIMUM and MAXIMUM ROSTER:** Teams identified as Soccer Start Teams may have less than seven players rostered to a team, but no more than eighteen players per team.
- 3.12.6. **SMALL-SIDED GAMES:** Teams identified as Soccer Start Teams may have less than seven players rostered to a team, but no more than twelve players per team.

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

3.12. **SOCCER START SOCCER ACROSS AMERICA**

3.12.1. **DEFINITIONS**

3.12.1.1. **SOCCER START SOCCER ACROSS AMERICA PLAYER** is a player who has been identified as “at risk.” “At risk” means a child who falls under one of the following categories: low income, single parent families, latchkey children, from neighborhoods with a high rate of crime, gangs, or drugs.

3.12.1.2. **SOCCER START SOCCER ACROSS AMERICA TEAM** is a team comprised exclusively of registered Soccer Start **Soccer Across America** Players, defined in **3.11.1.4. 3.12.1.1.**

3.12.1.3. **SOCCER START SOCCER ACROSS AMERICA PROGRAM** is a group of registered Soccer Start **players participating in an approved program,** defined in **3.11.1.1.**

3.12.2. **SOCCER START SOCCER ACROSS AMERICA PROGRAM REGISTRATION:** For a Soccer Start **Soccer Across America** Program endorsed by a Member Association to be considered registered, a ~~Request for Reduced STYSA Fees form,~~ **an Application for Participation in Soccer Across America,** approved and signed by the Member Association President **and** the local Soccer Start Program Director, and the STYSA Soccer Start ~~**Soccer Across America** Committee Chairman~~ must be **submitted annually** on file in **to** the State Office. By January 31st of each year, a completed Soccer Start **Soccer Across America** Program History **Report** must be on file in **to** the State Office.

3.12.3. **Initial and Final Registration for Fall Registration for Soccer Start Soccer Across America Players and Coaches** who are not eligible to participate in STYSA Fall Championships **participate in an in-house only program** is due in the STYSA State Office, postmarked by December 1, and must include:

3.12.3.1. ~~a correctly prepared and readable diskette or a copy of each registration form containing required information on all registered players and coaches, assistant coaches, managers and trainers in the format outlined in the Registration Manual;~~ **correctly prepared and transmitted information for all registered players and non-players;**

3.12.3.2. 100% of the Final Fall registration fees;

3.12.3.3. a reconciliation report for the monies submitted;

~~3.12.3.4. a copy of the reduction in STYSA Fee Request form signed and approved by the STYSA Soccer Start Committee on file at the State Office.~~

3.12.4. **Spring, Local Season Registration for Soccer Start Soccer Across America Players and Coaches** is due in the STYSA State Office, postmarked by May 1, and must include:

3.12.4.1. ~~a correctly prepared and readable diskette or a copy of each registration form containing required information on all new players and coaches;~~ **correctly prepared and transmitted information for all registered players and non-players;**

3.12.4.2. 100% of the Final Spring registration fees;

3.12.4.3. a reconciliation report for the monies submitted;

~~3.12.4.4. a copy of the reduction in STYSA Fee Request form signed and approved by the STYSA Soccer Start Committee on file at the State Office.~~

3.12.5. **MINIMUM and MAXIMUM ROSTER:** Teams identified as Soccer Start **Soccer Across America** teams **in Under-13 through Under-19 age groups** may have less than seven players rostered to a team, but no more than eighteen players per team.

3.12.6. **SMALL-SIDED GAMES:** Teams identified as Soccer Start **Soccer Across America** teams may have less than seven players rostered to a team, but no more than ~~twelve players per team~~ **the number of players designated for the appropriate age group.**

SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

US Youth Soccer has recently changed the name of the Soccer Start Program to Soccer Across America. This change brings the program name into compliance with the national organization and compliance with the procedures currently in place in South Texas. There is no longer a "Request for Reduced Fees" form used – programs must complete an Application for Participation in the program defining the purpose and qualifications of their program for participation in this nationally promoted program. Recent changes to STYSA roster limits and registration requirements have also been incorporated into this section.

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Rules Committee Recommendation: Recommends passage

Executive Committee Recommendation: Recommends passage