



**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE - # 11**

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

**PASSED  
AS  
AMENDED**

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

Rule Location: Registration Rules & Procedures  
Title of Section: Releases

**Rule as it presently reads:**

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**Proposed Additions and/or Changes:**

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

Each year there are situations of players who move or quit a team for one reason or another without notifying their coach or club officials. Many of these parents are unresponsive to the requests of the coach and/or registrar to sign a release form. Since players can only be involuntarily released if it can be documented that they meet one of the stated requirements, there needs to be a way to handle situations involving non-responsive or cooperative players and parents. Simply stating that the player is no longer participating is not sufficient cause for a release. Requiring copies of documented efforts such as certified letters, email traffic, returned mail, etc allow the state to assist the teams while also assuring that the player has been afforded an opportunity to return or to sign the release.

**Submitted by:** Shirley McGraw, STYSA Registrar

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** Recommends passage.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** Recommends passage as amended

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## AS AMENDED BY GOVERNING BOARD

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