



**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE # 18**

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

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

Primary Page No(s): \_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_ Secondary Page No(s): \_\_\_

Rule Location: Registration Rules

Title of Section: **Club Player Passes (New)**

**FAILED  
LACK OF  
MOTION**

**Rule as it presently reads:**

*New Section*

**Proposed Additions and/or Changes:**

*Club Player Pass System*

*Players are put on a team's roster but allowed to play for other teams within their own club for a league match. Player passes are not permitted for Cup play or Fall playoffs.*

*Purpose for Player Passes:*

- *Allow coaches more freedom to move players within the club*
- *Minimize paperwork for member clubs who wish to move players internally*
- *Opportunity to reinforce teams with players missing from injury or other reasons*
- *Opportunity to reward players for hard work and development*
- *Opportunity for players to get more playing time*
- *Opportunity for players to experience a higher level of play*
- *Opportunity for players to play up without committing for the entire season*

*Club Player Pass Rules*

1. *Players may not play down in an age group.*
2. *Teams may use up to three (3) player passes per game.*
3. *Club teams competing in the same age groups are ranked according to their level of competition. Teams competing in the same level can be considered equally ranked.*
4. *Players can compete for equally ranked teams in the same age group.*
5. *Players can compete for higher ranked teams in the same age group.*
6. *Players can not compete for a lower ranked in the same age group.*
7. *Players can compete for an older team of the same rank or one below.*  
*Example: A U14 first team player may play for a U15 first or second team but not the third team. A U14 second team player may play for a U15 first, second or third team.*

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8. STYSA allows players to play up no more than two age groups.

9. Players may only play in one game per day unless the same team is scheduled twice that day.

10. Players registered on an older team (a play up) may compete for a team in their own age group, provided the teams are the same rank or higher.

*Example: A U14 player registered to play on a U15 first team may compete for the club's U14 first team but not their second team or lower. If they play for the U15 second team, they are eligible to play for the U14 first or second teams.*

11. State Cup rosters are frozen and using pass players is prohibited.

12. Fall Playoffs are frozen and using pass players is prohibited.

#### *Game Day Procedure*

*Pass players are written in on the game card including their registered team. The player's card needs to be available to the match officials. The competing coach needs to be notified of the use of pass players as well as verify the pass players' cards at least fifteen minutes prior to the start of the game.*

#### *Consequences for Abuse*

*A coach and club found guilty of abusing the Club Player Pass system will be disciplined by the league. The player(s) and coach(es) could be suspended for the rest of the league season and the club could be banned from using the player passes for any of their teams.*

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

*The Club Player Pass concept 's main objective is to allow coaches to move players freely within their own club, based on player development needs and specific team needs. This concept is very similar to how the U11 and U 12 age groups are currently managed.*

While "Bound to a team" a player is still allowed to move to another team for a game to experience a different level of competition.

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**Rules Committee Recommendation:** Recommends against passage. The rules change is technically insufficient and has internal inconsistencies. The Rules Committee recommends that a committee be appointed by the President to discuss and propose a proper rules change proposal that is properly numbered and written.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** Recommends that this proposed change be tabled and referred to committee for further revision and implementation / recommendation