



SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE - # 31

SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

FAILED

Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes No

Rule Location: Travel & Tournament Policies and Procedures
Title of Section: Application to Host Tournament or Games

Rule as it presently reads:

12.3. Application to Host Tournament or Games

12.3.1. **Eligibility to Host:** In order to be eligible to host tournaments or games, the requesting organization must be in "good standing" with the State Association and comply with all requirements. When a private organization provides sponsorship for a tournament, the permission to conduct the event is granted only to the affiliated team, club or association, not to the sponsor. It is the responsibility of the host organization to verify that all requirements are met.

12.3.2. **Permission to Host a Tournament or Game**
Tournament - an activity that includes several teams all of which are to be assessed a fee. The purpose of this event is usually to raise funds for the organization. Awards are generally presented to the top finishers.

Games - (also referred to as friendly or exhibition games) matches involving two or more teams for which no entry fee is charged. In many instances, each team will be assessed a minimal fee to cover field use or referee costs.

All STYSA Member Associations wishing to host a tournament must submit to the State Office an Application to Host. This application should be submitted no later than ninety (90) days prior to the proposed date of the event and should include:

- 12.3.3. An Application to Host a Tournament of Games must include the following:
- (1) Original four-part Application to Host form. This form must be signed by the Tournament Coordinator and the President of the Member Association.
 - (2) Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement
 - (3) Copy of Tournament Rules
 - (4) Application Fee (for Tournaments only) \$25 (payable to STYSA)
 - (5) A copy of the approved Application to Host must be included on all invitations issued by the hosting organization.

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

12.3. Application to Host Tournament or Games

12.3.1. **Eligibility to Host:** In order to be eligible to host tournaments or games, the requesting organization must be in "good standing" **with the Member Association through which they are affiliated and the State Association** and comply **in compliance** with all **state registration rules and procedures** requirements. When a private organization provides sponsorship for a tournament, the permission to conduct the event is **will be** granted only to the affiliated team, club or association, not to the sponsor. It is the responsibility of the host organization to verify that all requirements are met.

12.3.2. ~~Permission to Host a Tournament or Game Definitions~~

Tournament - an activity that includes several teams all of which are to be assessed a fee. The purpose of this event is usually to raise funds for the organization. Awards are generally presented to the top finishers.

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Types of Tournaments:

UNRESTRICTED – A tournament that is open to all affiliated participants of US Soccer Federation. Any tournament that allows international participants must be an Unrestricted Tournament.

RESTRICTED – A tournament that is open only to members of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations

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- (1) ~~Original four part~~ Application to Host form. This form must be signed by the Tournament Coordinator and the President of the Member Association **through which the majority of the hosting organization or club's players participate..**
- (2) **US Youth Soccer** Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement
- (3) Copy of Tournament Rules
- (4) Designation of Restricted or Unrestricted status
- (5) Application Fee (for Tournaments only) \$100 (payable to STYSA) for a Restricted event or \$350 for an Unrestricted event

A copy of the approved Application to Host must be included on all invitations issued by the hosting organization.

12.3.4. The State Association is not required to approve any application not submitted in a timely manner or applications that do not include the required documentation or fees.

12.3.5. All Applications to Host must disclose to applicants the following:

- a. **Any requirements for participating teams regarding the use of tournament provided housing (hotel restrictions)**
- b. **Any policies regarding the refund of application or tournament fees.**

SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

Changes to the US Youth Soccer Tournament Hosting Policies have been incorporated into the state's policies and procedures. Clarification is also included that the club requesting permission to host should obtain the signature of the Member Association President through which they participate with the age groups to be hosted.

Submitted by: Don Bohnet, STYSA Executive Vice-President

Rules Committee Recommendation: Recommend passage as amended:

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- 12.3.3. An Application to Host a Tournament of Games must include the following:
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 - (2) **US Youth Soccer** Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement
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Executive Committee Recommendation: Recommends passage as originally proposed