



**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE - # 8**

SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

PASSED

Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes No

Rule Location: Registration Rules & Procedures
Title of Section: Player/Coach Registration – Team Rostering – Small Sided

Rule as it presently reads:

3.4.2.1. **Team Formation - Age.** Teams are normally formed so that players are placed on the youngest team for which they qualify. Teams shall be comprised of players who are, as of midnight of July 31 of the previous seasonal year:

- 1. Under 12 years of age
- 2. Under 11 years of age
- 3. Under 10 years of age
- 4. Under 8 years of age
- 5. Under 6 years of age

For 11-a-side teams a maximum of four (4) Under-10 players (as defined above), may be placed on any Under-11 or older team.

For 8-a-side teams, a maximum of three (3) Under-10 players (as defined above) may be placed on any Under-11 or older team.

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

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SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

Confusion remains as to whether the limitation on play-ups of Under-10 and younger players applies only to the age group designated as Under-10 or also applies to players in the Under-8 age group. Several teams have been found to be in violation of the rule because they limited the number of Under-10 players to 3 or 4 as appropriate but also attempted to roster additional Under-8 players. With the addition of the “or younger” phrase, coaches and registrars will have clarification that 3 or 4 is the total play-ups allowed onto a team.

Submitted by: Shirley McGraw, STYSA Registrar

Rules Committee Recommendation: Recommends passage

Executive Committee Recommendation: Recommends passage