



SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #1

SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? X Yes No

Primary Page No(s): 1 Secondary Page No(s): 2

Rule Location: **PLAYOFF RULES AND PROCEDURES**

Title of Section: **5.1.3. Format**

Rule as it presently reads:

5.1.3. **Format.** State Tournaments shall be round-robin tournaments with the following formats:

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

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a. **Play Before State Tournament.** The teams advancing from each District, except El Paso, will play each other before coming to the State Championships. If the advancing teams are determined by a District Championship match, this match will serve as the state playoff match between the top two district teams. The points awarded toward state will be based on the round-robin scoring system, so if the District championship match is tied at the end of regulation play, both teams are awarded the points for a tie regardless of how the District determines the winner. If the advancing teams are determined by round robin play, the match between the advancing teams will serve as the state playoff game between the top two district teams. The points awarded toward state will be based on the round-robin scoring system, so if the round robin match ends in a tie, both teams are awarded the points for a tie. If a District's two advancing teams have not played each other before the State Tournament, and if El Paso does not send a team, the two teams will play the game on Saturday morning of the State Tournament weekend.

SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

For many years, we have been dealing with unforeseen events that interfere with State Championships whether it's health issues, mismanagement by the Districts, or the weather. The problem is our rules need to be fair to not only El Paso, but all teams competing. The United States Soccer Federation's Position Statements and Best Practices for Player Development recommendations call for:

MAXIMUM COMPETITION PER DAY

* Multiple games being played on one day or one weekend and its effect on the quality of the experience and development of the individual player.

Recommendations:

* For tournament managers and schedulers:

1. Players allowed to play a maximum of one full-length game plus overtime period per day per weekend (maximum two games per weekend).

2. Where multiple games are a necessity—
 - a) Schedule full-length games with a day of rest between games
 - b) Play shortened halves for games played on back-to-back days
 - c) For players U-14—a maximum of 100 minutes of competition per day
 - d) For players U-15 and older a maximum of 120 minutes per day

With this in mind, the above Rule Change addresses these recommendations while being fair to all teams competing in State Championships.

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Rules Committee Recommendation: Recommends passage. If this proposal passes, should change the number reference in 5.1.3.c and change the added section to 5.1.3.1.

Executive Committee Recommendation: Recommends passage as amended below,

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