

**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE # 13**

SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? _____ Yes No

PASSED

Page No(s): 5.0.1

Rule Location: add the rule to the Play-offs Rules and Procedures section 5 in the Administrative Handbook

Title of Section:

Rule as it presently reads:

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SECTION II. JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

If a second Association is allowed to form in El Paso, there will be a need for a process to select the team(s) who will advance to the District or state level. El Paso being part of the Western District, it is appropriate to have the Western District vice-president to have the responsibility of organizing and supervising the process.

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Rules Committee Recommendation: The Rules Committee expressed concern about notification of play-offs five weeks before the State Tournament; does this timeline allow the teams to finish the season? Nevertheless, the Rules Committee recommends passage as amended:

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Executive Committee Recommendation: Recommends against passage
The Executive Committee does not feel there is a need for an additional rule to address an issue that is already covered by policies and procedures. Current rules address the method for determining the selection of advancing teams.