

**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #16**

**Submitted: 6/3/2009**

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

Is there currently a rule that applies?  Yes  No

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

Rule Location: 3.5

Title of Section: **RECREATIONAL ACADEMY PROGRAM**

**Rule as it presently reads:**

3.5.2 Eligibility to Operate and Player Registration

Clubs may provide both Recreational Academy and traditional recreational programs. Sign up and registration for Academies is open to any age eligible (U9 or U10) player from within the club. U8 and younger players are not eligible to participate in a Recreational Academy program. The number of players eligible to participate in an Academy shall be based upon the number of teams being formed. A player may not be excluded from participating in an Academy program for any other reason.

**Proposed Additions and/or Changes:**

3.5.2 Eligibility to Operate and Player Registration

Clubs may provide both Recreational Academy and traditional recreational programs. Sign up and registration for the Academies is open to any age eligible **(U8, U9, or U10)** player from within the club. **U7 and younger players are not eligible to participate in a Recreational Academy program.** The number of players eligible to participate in an Academy shall be based upon the number of teams being formed. A player may not be excluded from participating in an Academy program for any other reason.

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

Added U8 to the qualifier to the term "age eligible" as well changing U8 to U7 and younger players are not eligible to participate in a Recreational Academy Program. There is U8 players which will benefit from playing in a Recreational Academy Program. Rule 6.3.1.1 allows players with his/her parent's and coach's permission, and compliance with the local association playing rules, may play in an older age group.

**Submitted by:** Kathi Graf, AAYSA Vice President Recreational Player Development

**Rules Committee Recommendation:** Not reviewed by Rules Committee

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** The Executive Committee recommends that the delegates from the Member Associations discuss this issue to determine what is in the best interest of the players and then comply with the rule adopted by membership.