



**SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #18
Submitted: 6/4/2009**

SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes No

Primary Page No(s): 5 1 Secondary Page No(s): _____

Rule Location: Playoff Rules & Procedures

Title of Section: 5.0 Fall District Tournaments

Rule as it presently reads:

5.0.3. **Format.** All District Tournaments shall be round-robin format. Tournaments with more than one bracket shall consist of mini-games on Saturday with the regulation-length semi-final and final rounds on Sunday. The length of these mini-games shall be as follows:

- Under-11, 12 25-minute halves
- Under-13, 14 30-minute halves
- Under-15, 16 30-minute halves
- Under-17, 18, 19 35-minute halves

District Tournaments with only one bracket of more than five (5) teams shall consist entirely of mini-games of the length specified above. All other District Tournaments with only one bracket shall play all games of regulation length. Regulation game times shall be:

- Under-11, 12..... 30-minute halves
- Under-13, 14..... 35-minute halves
- Under-15, 16..... 40-minute halves
- Under-17, 18, 19..... 45-minute halves

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

5.0.3. **Format.** All District Tournaments shall be round-robin format. Tournaments with more than one bracket shall consist of mini-games on Saturday with the regulation-length semi-final and final rounds on Sunday. The length of these mini-games shall be as follows:

- Under-9, 1020-minute halves**
- Under-11, 12 25-minute halves
- Under-13, 14 30-minute halves
- Under-15, 16 30-minute halves
- Under-17, 18, 19 35-minute halves

District Tournaments with only one bracket of more than five (5) teams shall consist entirely of mini-games of the length specified above. All other District Tournaments with only one bracket shall play all games of regulation length. Regulation game times shall be:

- Under-9, 1025-minute halves**
- Under-11, 12..... 30-minute halves
- Under-13, 14..... 35-minute halves
- Under-15, 16..... 40-minute halves
- Under-17, 18, 19..... 45-minute halves

SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

With the existence of Recreational Plus teams, there is obviously a demand for competition at the Under 10 level. This was stated by several associations at STYSA Town Hall meetings. Furthermore, with Division IV teams leaving STYSA for other organizations, we need an incentive to keep teams with us.

Submitted by: STYSA Rules Committee

Rules Committee Recommendation: If proposed rule change #8 is adopted, then 5.0.3 should be changed to include U-10 and U-9,

Executive Committee Recommendation: Recommends passage as amended by the Rules Committee