



SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #5

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: 6.1.5

Title of Section: General Rules of Play

Rule as it presently reads:

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SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

Teams continue to show up at district and state competitions indicating that no one has ever required them to have a Kidsafe badge or even confirmed the individual of having a current Kidsafe card. This rule change promotes the ability to confirm that each adult associated with the team roster is in fact reviewed and possess a valid Kidsafe Pass.

Submitted by: Don Bohnet, Executive Vice-President & Risk Management Chair

Rules Committee Recommendation: Recommends passage. However, Executive Committee should add the following just above "Other Things to Consider" in the Kidsafe policy:

"Prior to each STYSA sanctioned match, each team shall present to the referee the Adult Participation Pass for each Coach and other Eligible Adult who is present. The referee shall record as part of the game card each Adult Participation Pass that is so presented, by marking a KidSafe Verification Box on the roster next to the name of each Coach (over age 17) or other Eligible Adult who is listed on the roster and is identified on an Adult Participation Pass and by recording on the game card the name of each Coach (over age 17) or other Eligible Adult for whom an Adult Participation Pass is presented but is not on the roster."

Executive Committee Recommendation: Recommends passage as amended below. Currently there is not a “Kidsafe Verification Box” on the game card so no reference should be included in the rules until that task has been accomplished. The Executive Committee agrees with the Rules Committee that this should also be added to the Kidsafe Policy.

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