



SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #6

SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes No

Primary Page No(s): 9 Secondary Page No(s): _____

Rule Location: Administrative Handbook Chapter 5

Title of Section: PLAYOFF RULES AND PROCEDURES - 5.8.3. Forfeits.

Rule as it presently reads:

Article 5.8.3. of Forfeits rule: Any team which fails to play an officially scheduled game in District or State Competition shall be considered to have abandoned the tournament. Its games will not count to determine tournament standings nor shall they be considered in the standings as forfeits. The team is not eligible to receive awards nor shall it be considered in the tournament standings.

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

Article 5.8.3. of Forfeits rule: Any team which fails to play an officially scheduled game in District or State Competition shall be considered to have abandoned the tournament **unless the game was rescheduled with less than 24 hours notice**. Its games will not count to determine tournament standings nor shall they be considered in the standings as forfeits. The team is not eligible to receive awards nor shall it be considered in the tournament standings.

SECTION II - JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE:

In the event of rain or other circumstances which result in the rescheduling of playoff or tournament games, teams should not be forced to abandon the tournament because they cannot be at a game that was rescheduled leaving minimal advance notice.

Requiring them to forfeit a game to allow the tournament to proceed on time is a sufficient penalty for those teams that cannot afford hotel rooms and other costs required to stay in town to wait out a rain delay. Forcing a team to abandon the tournament (as happened this year) when the tournament director was on the phone with them and knew they were on their way to Austin seems excessive.

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Rules Committee Recommendation: Recommends against passage. A forfeit affects all other teams in the tournament and tournament directors should not be limited to scheduling 24 hours in advance.

Executive Committee Recommendation: Recommends against passage