



SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #8

SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes No

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Rule Location: Playoff Rules & Procedures

Title of Section: 5.0 Fall District Tournaments

Rule as it presently reads:

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Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

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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: Chuck Jeffords, Western District Vice President

Rules Committee Recommendation: Rules Committee is divided. However, if the intent of the rule is to allow U-9, as well, the following should be included:

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If this rule 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