

# SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RULE CHANGE #9

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## SECTION I: ADD OR CHANGE A RULE

Is there currently a rule that applies? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes   X   No

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

Rule Location: General Rules of Play

Title of Section: 6.1.3 Number of Players

### Rule as it presently reads:

6.1.3.3. The prior permission of the referee is required in order to make any substitution at any time, except at the resumption of play after the half time break:

- \*\* On a throw-in (by the team in possession)
- \*\* On a goal kick (by either team)
- \*\* After any goal (by either team)
- \*\* After stoppage of play for an injury (either team)
- \*\* At half time (by either team)
- \*\* After a caution (the player receiving the caution)

### Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

\*\* On a corner kick (by the team in possession). If the team in possession elects to substitute players, the opposing team may substitute as well.

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

Substitutions on a corner kick are currently allowed at the high school, collegiate, professional, and international levels.

Substitutions during “any stoppage in play” are suggested by US Youth Soccer according to their laws of the small sided game. There is no mentioning of not applying their rule to corner kicks. The NCAA also allows substitutions during corners, and the rule used by the NCAA is 3.4.3 and reads: “Substitutes may enter the game under the following conditions...On a team’s own corner kick (Note: If the team in possession chooses to substitute, the opposing team may also substitute up to 11 players at that time.)” The NFHS rule is similar to the NCAA rule, except that the subs are required to have already reported to scorer prior to the ball going out of play. The English Premier League allows substitutions during corner kicks, as well as does the rules of the Olympics, UEFA Championships, and World Cup competitions. If the players are supposed to learn the laws of the game and aspire to achieve the “next level” of competition, I cannot think of a legitimate reason why the rules currently disallow

substitutions on corner kicks. Given the fact that as coaches we are supposed to allow equal participation for all players, having a rule in place that denies us opportunities to substitute (particularly when allowed by the above mentioned levels) seems counter productive to this mandate, and as mentioned, does not help the players learn the game as it is being played at the next level.

Page 5 of the .pdf file from the following website compares the differences between the NFHS, NCAA, and FIFA rules for when substitutions are allowed:  
[http://www.nfhs.org/core/contentmanager/uploads/Soccer\\_Rules\\_Comparative\\_Study.pdf](http://www.nfhs.org/core/contentmanager/uploads/Soccer_Rules_Comparative_Study.pdf)

I hope this is enough to convince the committees that in the best interest of the coaches and players, that substitutions be allowed during corner kicks.

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**Rules Committee Recommendation:** Recommends passage.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:** No recommendation