



Brazosport Youth Soccer Association
Proposed Rule Change

Section I: ADD or Change a Rule

Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes

Rule Location: Rules and Procedures 4.1
Title of Section: BYSA Fall Championship Play

Rule as it presently reads:

4.1. Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10 -
U6, U8 and U10 teams are formed to introduce new players to soccer and to develop player’s soccer skills. To encourage this attitude regular season standings will not be kept, and coaches will be encouraged to play/develop their weakest players. End-of-season BYSA tournaments will be subsidized by BYSA for these age divisions. U-6, U-8, and U10 “fun” tournaments will give awards for participation only. No STYSA Eastern District playoffs are currently sanctioned for U-10 and younger teams, BYSA post season are for primary rostered teams (teams on which players played regular season games) only. No guest players are allowed for end of season fun tournaments.

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

4.1. Under 6, Under 8 and Under ~~10~~ 9-
U6, U8 and ~~U10~~ U9 teams are formed to introduce new players to soccer and to develop player’s soccer skills. To encourage this attitude regular season standings will not be kept, and coaches will be encouraged to play/develop their weakest players. End of season BYSA tournaments will be subsidized by BYSA for these age divisions. U-6, U-8, and ~~U10~~ U9 “fun” tournaments will give awards for participation only. No STYSA Eastern District playoffs are currently sanctioned for U-10 and younger teams, BYSA post season are for primary rostered teams (teams on which players played regular season games) only. ~~No guest players are allowed for end of season fun tournaments.~~

Section II – Justification for the proposed rule change:

There has been some movement in other associations to have state playoffs for U9 and U10. The players at the U10 level have been together as a team for two years in most clubs. The ability to play in a BYSA Fall Championship would prepare them for the upcoming years in DIV II and DIV III. The experience to a playoff format will help BYSA teams compete better at Eastern Districts.

The section about No guest plays being allowed has gone against the previous years rules for the end of season fun tournaments.

Submitted by: Adam Sinick Club/Position: BYSA President



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Section III – Executive Committee Discussion

Executive Committee Recommends: Pass as Originally Proposed

Comments:



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Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes

Rule Location: Rules and Procedures 4.2.1
Title of Section: BYSA Fall Championship Play

Rule as it presently reads:

4.2.1. Default Championship Format for U-11 and older

Tournament format:

2-5 teams -round robin. (Regulation games)

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, unless otherwise specified by BYSA or designee

Under- 13~16 30 minute halves,, unless otherwise specified by BYSA, or designee

Under- 17~19 35 minute halves,, unless otherwise specified by BYSA or designee

Tournaments with only one bracket of more than five (5) teams shall consist entirely of mini-games of the length specified above.

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Club/Position: BYSA President

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Executive Committee Recommends: Pass as Originally Proposed

Comments:



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Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes
Rule Location: Rules and Procedures 5.0
Title of Section: Awards

Rule as it presently reads:

5.1. Under 6 and Under 8, Under 10

End of season, Fun Tournaments

No championship awards will be given in the Under 10, Under 8 and Under 6 Divisions. Participation awards to all players may be given at Fun Tournaments if funds are available.

5.3. Under 11 and older

At the end of each Fall season BYSA will give individual awards to the BYSA Champion and Runner-up in each age division.

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Submitted by: Adam Sinick

Club/Position: BYSA President

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Executive Committee Recommends: Pass as Originally Proposed

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Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes

Rule Location: Rules and Procedures

Title of Section: 6.4 Sideline Coaching

Rule as it presently reads:

6.4 Sideline Coaching

Sideline coaching of players on the field during a game shall be permitted to a team from only one side of the playing field along the touchline between the two penalty boxes.

Sideline coaching is expected to be "positive," never negative and should diminish, as players get older and more skillful.

Division II coaches should refrain from sideline coaching.

The referee may limit excessive coaching.

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

6.4 Sideline Coaching Procedures

6.4.1 Coaching

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Sideline coaching is expected to be "positive," never negative and should diminish, as players get older and more skillful.

~~Division II coaches should refrain from sideline coaching.~~

~~**The referee may limit excessive coaching.**~~

6.4.1.1 U10 and younger

A coach/manager or trainer may briefly leave the team technical area as defined in 6.4.3.2 (but not beyond the top of the penalty area) to convey appropriate tactical advice to players from the touchline and must return to the technical area, behind the spectator line, as soon as they have done so. Spectators must remain inside the technical area at all times and coaching by spectators is prohibited.

6.4.1.2 U11 and older

A coach/manager or trainer may briefly leave the team technical area as defined in 6.4.3.2 (but not beyond the halfway line or the top of the penalty area) to convey appropriate tactical advice to players from the touchline and must return to the technical area, behind the spectator line, as soon as they have done so. Coaching from the spectator side of the field is prohibited.

6.4.2 Location of Players, Coaches, and Spectators

6.4.2.1 Under 10 and younger

Coaches/managers, trainers, substitutes and spectators for a team shall occupy the opposite side of the field from the opposing team. Except as



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provided in 6.4.1.1, all coaches/managers, trainers, substitute players and spectators for a team will remain in their team’s technical area on their respective side of the field and shall come no closer to any portion of the playing field unless expressly directed to do so by the referee.

6.4.2.2 U11 and Older

Coaches/managers, trainers and substitutes shall be on the opposite side of the field directly across from their spectators. A maximum of four coaches/managers and/or trainers per team, each with a current Adult Participation Pass (KidSafe), are allowed in the team’s technical area. Except as provided in 6.4.1.2, all coaches/managers, trainers, substitute players will remain in their team’s technical area. Team spectators will remain behind the spectator line on their respective side of the field and shall come no closer to any portion of the playing field unless expressly directed to do so by the referee.

6.4.3 Marking of Spectator Line and Technical Area

The following items will be added to the Field of Play stated in Law I of the FIFA Rules of Play.

6.4.3.1 Spectator Line

A spectator line shall be established on both sides of all BYSA playing fields; the distance from each spectator line to the touch line shall be between four (4) and six (6) feet. The Executive Committee shall decide exceptions to distances.

6.4.3.2 Technical Area

The area marked on the side of the field in which all coaches/managers, trainers, substitute players and spectators for a team will remain during a competition.

U10 and younger - the team technical area begins behind the spectator line and extends to a point even with top of each penalty area (the 18 yard line).

U11 and older - the team technical area begins behind the spectator line and extends from a point even with top of the penalty area (the 18 yard line) to a point 5 yards shorter than the half way line.

Section II – Justification for the proposed rule change:

The rule change is done for the protection of the players. The proposed rule will ensure that players from opposite teams and spectators will not be intermingling during the game. Due to previous altercations this rule is necessary to reduce the chances of future altercations. These rules are in line with neighboring clubs and will prepare our teams and spectators for the expectations they will encounter at matches against other associations.

Submitted by: Adam Sinick

Club/Position: BYSA President



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Executive Committee Recommends: Pass as Originally Proposed

Comments:



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Section I: ADD or Change a Rule

Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes

Rule Location: Rules and Procedures (3.5.6.3)

Title of Section: Number of New Teams

Rule as it presently reads:

2. Number of new teams

The Division II committee will determine the maximum number of new U-11 and older Division II teams based on the previous year's enrollment for each age division, both Recreational and Division II using the chart below. The chart is based on allowing 25% of each age division to play Division II with a minimum of 15 players per team.

# of player is Age-Division	Max # of Div II Teams
0 - 59	0
60 - 119	1
120 - 179	2
180 - 239	3
240 - 299	4

This chart is to be used to provide criteria for creating new teams. If no recreational player pool remains to protect, then team placement should be made to division most comparable to team playing level. This to be determined by record, tournament play, or other information available on the team.

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2. Number of new teams

The Division II committee will determine the maximum number of new U-11 and older Division II teams based on the previous year's enrollment for each age division, both Recreational and Division II using the charts below.

U11/12

The chart is based on allowing 25% of each age division to play Division II with a minimum of 10 players per team.

# of players in Age-Division	Max # of New DIV II Teams
0 - 39	0
40 - 79	1
80 - 119	2
120 - 160	4
160 - 200	5
200 - 240	6
240 - 280	7



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U13 and above

The chart is based on allowing 25% of each age division to play Division II with a minimum of 15 players per team.

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0 - 59	0
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This chart is to be used to provide criteria for creating new teams. If no recreational player pool remains to protect, then team placement should be made to division most comparable to team playing level. This is to be determined by record, tournament play, or other information available on the team.

Section II – Justification for the proposed rule change:

This rule change is to accomidate the new format for U11/12. The chart was created based upon the same criteria for the old chart. The minimum number of players was set at 83.3% of the allowed roster maximum. For U13 this equates to 15/18 and U11/12 it becomes 10/12. The age group size was also determined by using the 25% rule. The delta for the old chart being 59 is equal to $(\frac{\text{minimum number of players}}{25\%}) - 1$. For the U11/12 this came out to 39. The number of teams was found by taking the average number of players in each bracket and dividing them by the minimum number of players. This answer was then rounded to find the Max number of NEW teams. The tables for calculation can be found below.

U11/12

Lower #	Upper #	Average #	25% of Average	# of Teams	Rounded # Teams
0	39	19.5	4.875	0.488	0
40	79	59.5	14.875	1.488	1
80	119	99.5	24.875	2.488	2
120	160	140	35	3.500	4
160	200	180	45	4.500	5
200	240	220	55	5.500	6
240	280	260	65	6.500	7



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U13 and above

Lower #	Upper #	Average #	25% of Average	# of Teams	Rounded # Teams
0	59	29.5	7.375	0.492	0
60	119	89.5	22.375	1.492	1
120	179	149.5	37.375	2.492	2
180	239	209.5	52.375	3.492	3
240	299	269.5	67.375	4.492	4

Submitted by: Adam Sinick

Club/Position: BYSA President

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Executive Committee Recommends: Pass as Originally Proposed

Comments:



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Is there currently a rule that applies? Yes

Rule Location: By-Laws

Title of Section: 4.2 In Good Standing

Rule as it presently reads:

4.2 In Good Standing

Any Club with no designated representative or alternate present for one BYSA Board meeting, or any Club which is delinquent in payment of its registration fees or any fine to BYSA or which has failed to comply with BYSA deadlines or requirements shall be considered to lose its good standing and shall have its voting rights temporarily suspended, upon notification by the BYSA Secretary or designee at least 48 hours prior to any BYSA meeting of the loss of "good standing," until such rights are reinstated by a simple majority vote of the Governing Board. Delinquent shall mean any fee or payment that is 14 days past the scheduled payment as shown on the calendar, or 14 days past the due date on an invoice.

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

4.2 In Good Standing Club Standing with BYSA

4.2.1 Loss of Good Standing

Any Club with no designated representative or alternate present for one BYSA Board meeting, or any Club which is delinquent in payment of its registration fees or any fine to BYSA or which has failed to comply with BYSA deadlines or requirements shall be considered to lose its good standing ~~and shall have its voting rights temporarily suspended, upon notification by the BYSA Secretary or designee at least 48 hours prior to any BYSA meeting of the loss of "good standing," until such rights are reinstated by a simple majority vote of the Governing Board.~~ Delinquent shall mean any fee or payment that is 14 61 days past the scheduled payment as shown on the calendar, or 14 61 days past the due date on an invoice.

4.2.2 Appeal loss of good standing

Any club which has lost the status of "good standing" can appeal to the Executive Board. The appeal must be entered in writing within 48 hours after the notification of loss of good standing. The executive board will evaluate the appeal and vote on the appropriate actions to be taken.



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4.2.3 Clubs in Bad Standing

Any club that has lost its status of “good standing” from any of the reasons mentioned in 4.2.1 of the BYSA By-Laws, will be subject to the penalties outlined in 4.2.2.1 of the BYSA By-Laws. The BYSA secretary or designee will notify the affected club “48 hours” after the offense has occurred.

4.2.3.1 Penalties

- **1st month of offense:**
 - Voting rights temporarily suspended until such rights are reinstated by a simple majority vote of the Governing Board
- **2 continuous months of Bad Standing:**
 - Voting rights temporarily suspended AND
 - All games in which club participates in are forfeited until such rights are reinstated by a simple majority vote of the Governing Board
- **3 or more continuous months of bad standing:**
 - Voting rights temporarily suspended AND
 - All games in which club participates in are forfeited AND
 - The Governing Board will review the club’s membership within BYSA , with a 2/3 vote the Governing Board can revoke the club’s membership from BYSA. (If the Governing board doesn’t revoke the club’s membership by a 2/3 vote the Executive Board reserves the right to create an alternative penalty that will be voted on by the Governing Board and will be passed by a simple majority.)
- **Regular status of “Bad Standing” but not continual:**
 - The Executive Board reserves the right to create an appropriate penalty that will be voted on by the Governing Board and will be passed by a simple majority.

Section II – Justification for the proposed rule change:

Currently the loss of good standing rule has no teeth in it. The loss of good standing is to hold clubs to certain obligations (being present at BYSA meetings, Payment of fines and fees, and meeting deadlines). By allowing a club to go month by month in bad standing, it brings about lawlessness and separation of the clubs within the organization. The penalty of game forfeits will affect the children. However the constant disregard of the by-laws of the clubs leadership will eventually send wrong morals to the children. It is understood that sometimes items beyond our control can cause a club to lose its good standing. Therefore an appeal process has been added to accommodate this.

Submitted by: Adam Sinick

Club/Position: BYSA President



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Is there currently a rule that applies? No

Rule Location: Constitution Part III

Title of Section: Officers

Rule as it presently reads:

None written

Proposed Additions and/or Changes:

Article III. Removal of Officers

Any Officer may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of Governing Board (not a two-thirds quorum) for failure to perform the duties specified for the position so elected. Failure to perform duties includes, but is not limited to, failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the Board. The officer has a right to state his/her case before a vote is taken at a monthly meeting of the Board. IF removed from office the vacancy will be filled as normal.

Section II – Justification for the proposed rule change:

This enables the governing Board to remove an officer for reasons such as MIA. This will help the organization focussed and moving forward.

Submitted by: Adam Sinick

Club/Position: BYSA President

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Executive Committee Recommends: Pass as Originally Proposed

Comments: