



FYSA
Bylaw & Rule
Changes
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**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES
FLORIDA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

TO FYSA AFFILIATES:

Attached are the proposals for changes to YOUR Rules and By-laws:

There will be a workshop conducted Saturday during the AGM weekend to discuss and explain any questions you may have before voting on Sunday.

Please review this document carefully in order that we can minimize the time spent on this on Sunday.

To those Affiliates and Members who submitted suggestions, FYSA thanks you.

Bylaw changes will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority to pass, and rule changes will require a simple majority (50% + 1).

Housekeeping (Corrections or changes mandated by USSF or US Youth Soccer)

RULE CHANGE H-1

Current By-Law

17.1 REGIONAL ROTATION OF FYSA FUNCTIONS

The rotation shall continue in the same order beyond the dates listed below.

	<u>STATE CUP</u>	<u>PRESIDENT'S CUP</u>
2006	B	C
2007	C	D
2008	D	A
2009	A	B
2010	B	C

Housekeeping to update the rotation for 2007-2010

Submitted by Rules Committee

RULE CHANGE H-2

Current Rule

502.9

The Regional Vice President may impose greater sanctions for repeat offenders or if the situation warrants; however, sanctions of more than four (6) games will require that a hearing be held, unless waived by the accused.

Correction:

The Regional Vice President may impose greater sanctions for repeat offenders or if the situation warrants; however, sanctions of more than six (6) games will require that a hearing be held, unless waived by the accused.

Current Rule

502.10:

In the event the Review and Discipline Committee determines a case of official abuse exists, the Committee will forward its findings to the FYSA office. FYSA will immediately forward the report along with the player/coach pass, if applicable, to the appropriate Regional Vice President who will, based on the report, immediately impose sanctions of not less than a three (3) game suspension. The Regional Vice President may impose greater sanctions for repeat offenders or if the situation warrants; however, sanctions of more than four (4) games will require that a hearing be held, unless waived by the accused.

Correction:

In the event the Review and Discipline Committee determines a case of official abuse exists, the Committee will forward its findings to the FYSA office. FYSA will immediately forward the report along with the player/coach pass, if applicable, to the appropriate Regional Vice President who will, based on the report, immediately impose sanctions of not less than a six (6) game suspension. The Regional Vice President may impose greater sanctions for repeat offenders or if the situation warrants; however, sanctions of more than six (6) games will require that a hearing be held, unless waived by the accused.

Committee Recommendation: Corrections needed to adjust procedures to comply with sanctions required under Rule 502.8.1.

RULE CHANGE H-3

Current Rule: 902.12

4. All other game reports and team rosters must be maintained by the hosting organization for a period of not less than sixty (90) days.

Correction:

4. All other game reports and team rosters must be maintained by the hosting organization for a period of not less than ninety (90) days.

Reason: To correct the wording and the number of days records must be kept.

RULE CHANGE H-4

Current Rule(s) as contained in various sections of FYSA Rule Section 900:
“FYSA roster form completed, verified, and signed by the DC/ADC.”

Suggested Change:

In all cases within FYSA rules Section 900, where there is a reference to a “verified roster” as in “FYSA roster form completed, verified, and signed by the DC/ADC,” it shall be replaced by “FYSA computer-generated roster with properly executed guest form(s) attached.”

Reason: To bring this section into compliance with current procedures which negates the necessity of a DC/ADC verification of a roster in order for the roster to be considered verified.

Committee Recommendation: Approval.

RULE CHANGE #1

200. REGISTRATION

201. GENERAL PROVISIONS/DEFINITIONS

A competitive player is obligated to his/her competitive team for the seasonal year from the time he/she signs a contract or is rostered to a team until the end of the current seasonal year. A recreational player is obligated from the time he/she signs a contract or is registered to the affiliate until the end of the current seasonal year.

201.1. Registration of players and coaching staff is required for competition on the Club, League, State, National, and International level for any FYSA sanctioned or sponsored events. Jurisdiction shall be with FYSA over all players/coaches registered with this organization. All registered players/coaches must comply with applicable rules, policies, and procedures and remain “in good standing” to be eligible to compete.

201.2. Proof of registration in the form of either a laminated current pass (permanent or Florida) with picture attached, or an official FYSA generated roster, or current player registration information from the secure section of the FYSA website, shall be required for any FYSA sanctioned out of Region play, tournament (competitive) or Cup play. This shall include all non-league games (including scrimmages) that involve teams from other Regions as well as tournaments (competitive) sanctioned within the State. State Cup, President’s Cup and Regional Cup competitions reserve the right to limit the use of rosters. Teams participating in a league (recreational or competitive) shall be bound by the rules and requirements of said league.

201.2. Administration and oversight of registration is the duty of the Registrar and Registration Committee. Affiliates must submit all registration documents to FYSA for verification/approval. **Registrations must be submitted to FYSA within thirty (30) days from the date the Affiliate accepts the player registration or prior to the first competition, (if less than 30 days).** This thirty (30) day requirement for submission shall in no way be construed as an extension to/or waiver of any date requirement for submission of any documents as may be required by the rules of specific competitions (i.e. roster freeze dates).

201.3. Specific procedures are enumerated within the policies and procedures of FYSA which shall be published and revised as necessary and shall be posted on the website. It shall include the procedures for registration, directions for proper completion of forms, the current fee schedule, time requirements and any other directions necessary for implementing the registration process.

When any procedure is modified, it shall be posted on the website and distributed to the affiliates within 30 days.

For any conflict between the Policies and Procedures and the Rules, Bylaws of FYSA, the Bylaws and Rules of FYSA shall take precedent. Rules of specific competitions sanctioned by FYSA may be more stringent than these rules.

201.4. Registration fees must be submitted in order to complete the registration process. Said fees are due as follows:

- A.** Payment to be submitted with all the registration transactions at the time of submission (Note that at the time of the electronic registration, a report is generated estimating the charges that will be incurred by the affiliate).
- B.** On all other transactions, payments must be submitted within fifteen (15) days from receiving the invoice from FYSA. Failure to do so will place the club "Not in Good Standing." Further registration(s), or other registration related transactions, may not be processed until all required payments have been rendered.

For fee/fine structure, refer to FYSA Rule 303.

201.5. Affiliates in good standing may begin to register players for the up-coming seasonal year after August 1, with the approval of the District Commissioner.

- A.** Affiliation requirements must be fully met in order for affiliates to register players.
- B.** Failure to comply will be grounds for the FYSA's BOD to review affiliation with FYSA.

201.6. Any submission of altered or false birth documents shall be subject to sanctions as described under FYSA Rules 505.4.

201.7. Players or teams who participate with unregistered players or engage in unsanctioned play shall have NO benefits of membership with FYSA including, but not limited to, risk management, disciplinary or insurance protection while playing with unregistered players or in unsanctioned play. This shall in no way be construed as a denial of the right to participate only to clarify that protections under FYSA may not be extended to the participants or to the event.

201.8. Player Classes

201.8.1. Competitive Player - Shall be defined as a player who has been selected, registered and rostered to a competitive team, and will receive a USYS pass.

201.8.2. Recreational Player: Shall be defined as a player who is registered and rostered to a recreation team as defined by USYS. These players may be

unverified. They will NOT receive a USYS pass. All recreational players will be entitled to a club registrar printed online Florida Pass indicating their status (age, club, verified or unverified).

201.8.3. Players With Special Needs

- A. FYSA will sanction and register those players in the TOPSoccer Program, Challenge Program or other programs of this nature. Players will be registered with FYSA at no charge to TOPS programs.
- B. No player shall be allowed to “play down” (play below the player’s age group) except as outlined below.
 - 1. Participation in a designated TOPSoccer Program, Challenge Program or other programs of this nature.
 - 2. Players with Downs Syndrome must submit a letter from a Doctor for Negative x-ray for Atlanto-Axial with first time registration. If a player is under the age of 13, they must have a second x-ray when they reach the age of 13.
- C. Players qualified under the Americans with Disability Act (“ADA”) and meet all the requirements for consideration and possible accommodations under the ADA may be permitted to play down from their normal age group provided that all of the following conditions are met.
 - 1. For participation ONLY in an intra-club (within the same club) program approval can be granted by the Affiliate’s Board of Directors. Requests must be submitted to the Affiliate’s Board of Directors in writing by the legal parent or guardian of the player.
 - 2. Participation in any inter-club (between more than one club) program shall require all of the following stipulations to be met:
 - a. No permission shall be granted for “playing down” more than one (1) age grouping.
 - b. A written request must be approved by the registering affiliate’s Board of Directors and the FYSA Registrar.
 - c. FYSA’s Registrar shall designate a special team code to indicate that the player is “playing down.”
 - d. Prior to participation in any event, written permission must be supplied to the registering FYSA DC from the event’s sponsoring entity (club and/or league) and other participating clubs granting permission.
 - e. A valid medical reason must be presented signed by a board certified physician.

201.9. Definitions:

Dual Rostering: Shall be defined as the action of being rostered to more than one team simultaneously.

Guest Playing: Shall be defined as the act of participating in an FYSA sanctioned event, by a player who appears on the Official Roster of another team.

Registration: Shall be defined as the act of registering a player/coach with FYSA.

Release:

- A. Voluntary release** shall be defined as the process of removing a player/coach from a team's roster at the written request of the player/coach.
- B. Involuntary release** shall be defined as the process of removing a player/coach without written permission of the player/coach.

Rostering: Shall be defined as the act of placing a registered player/coach on a team roster as may be defined by the rules of competition for a FYSA sanctioned competition or event.

Transfer: Shall be defined as the action of removal of a player/coach from an affiliate and/or a team's official roster with the intention of being added to another affiliate and/or the roster of another team. This action shall include and imply a voluntary release from the original team upon acceptance of the request by FYSA.

202. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

PLAYER

- 202.1.** A player is considered registered when the registration is received by or electronically filed with FYSA's office, subject to all provisions of FYSA Rule 201.
- 1. Player contracts or registrations for returning players may be effected on or after July 1, contracts or registrations for all others shall have an effective date of August 1.
 - 2. A contract or registration for a non-returning player may be revoked prior to August 1 by notification in writing to the affiliate. Any matter as to the refund of registration fees paid shall be governed under the terms and conditions of the contract for registration.
- 202.2.** All players must be rostered to a team in order to compete in any FYSA sanctioned event. Any player competing in any competition shall be considered immediately rostered to said team. Note: Rostered players may guest play with proper permission in any FYSA sanctioned event, if allowed by the rules of competition, and not affect their original rostered status.
- 202.3.** A player must have attained his/her fourth (4th) birthday prior to Aug. 1, or attain his/her fourth birthday prior to participation in a sanctioned program, to be eligible to register.

- 202.4.** A player must register in the state in which he or she reside with his or her parent(s) or guardian(s), or in the case of a student in residence at a boarding school, college or university, the player may register in the state in which the boarding school, college, or division of the college or university is located. Any other question of residency may be determined by the state in which the player registered to vote or holds a current driver's license.
- 202.5.** Any Youth player wishing to play on a team of a member of a State Association other than the State Association where the player is registered, must receive written permission from-
- A.** The State Association where the player is registered.
 - B.** The State Association of the team on which the player wishes to play.
 - C.** Permission must be obtained each seasonal year.
- 202.5.** First time player registration may include authentic verification of date and place of birth. Interrupted registrants may reinstate using their original verified registration (verified status).
- A.** Authentic verification shall be defined as copy of a "State Certification of Live Birth" with affixed State Seal or certification. FYSA has the authority to require submission of the original document if necessary.
 - B.** Secondary verification of birth may be submitted in the absence of a "State Certification of Live Birth." Secondary verification is defined as a copy (or original, if necessary) of:
 - Department of Defense uniform services identification and privilege card (DD Form 1173) issued by the uniformed services of the United States.
 - Birth registration issued by the appropriate government agency.
 - Board of health record.
 - Passport issued by a governmental agency.
 - Drivers license.
 - Alien registration card issued by the United States government.
 - Certificate issued by Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age.
 - Certificate of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency.
 - C.** Foreign passports/birth certificates are acceptable if accompanied by a certified translation. Proof of USA residency must be included that shows that the player was a resident of the United States prior to the age of 12, or proper ITC paperwork must be attached. See Rule 202.8.
 - D.** Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted.

- E. A player that registers without submitting to the FYSA office proper birth documentation will be registered as “unverified.” Any player who registers as unverified over the age of twelve (12) must comply with FYSA Rule 202.8 (Foreign and out-of-state players) in order to change this status to verified if applicable.

202.8. FOREIGN AND OUT-OF-STATE PLAYERS:

A player twelve (12) years or older registering with FYSA for the first time must comply with one of the following:

All players coming from another (current year transfer) Youth or Adult State Association or foreign country must have clearance papers or a release signed by the official registration chairman or secretary of the foreign association, out of state association, or inter-state release before they are allowed to register with FYSA. Players born or residing in a foreign country must comply with USSF Policy 601.6.

A. USSF Application for an International Transfer Certificate

An International Transfer Certificate is required if any of the following conditions apply.

1. For a player who comes to the United States on or after the player is seventeen (17) years of age; the player must request an international clearance from the United States Soccer Federation.
2. Any player (professional or amateur) who was not born in the United States, IS NOT a U.S. citizen, and entered the U.S. after his/her twelfth (12) birthday must have an international transfer certificate from the foreign country the player is coming from.
3. Any player (professional or amateur) who was not born in the United States, IS a U.S. citizen, and entered the U.S. after his/her twelfth (12) birthday must have an international transfer certificate from the foreign country the player is coming from.
4. Any player (professional or amateur) who listed that the last club they participated with belonged to a foreign national association.
5. Any player (professional or amateur) who was issued an international transfer certificate by the USSF and has not had it returned.
6. Any player that provides to FYSA evidence of residence in the United States prior to his/her twelfth birthday shall be exempted for this requirement.

To obtain clearance, the player must complete the USSF International Clearance Request Form and return it to FYSA for processing with the Registrar of USSF.

If clearance by USSF is not granted after a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the original request being sent to the foreign national association, a provisional certificate will be issued to the player enabling him/her to play in this country. The provisional certificate shall become permanent one year after the date on

which the original request for clearance was issued. However, should the foreign association contact USSF during the one-year period with a valid reason as to why the clearance was not issued, the provisional certificate shall be withdrawn immediately.

(NOTE) A player shall not, under any circumstance, be authorized to play in official matches for FYSA during the 30-day period mentioned above.

B. International Waiver Request:

1. An International Clearance is not required of a player who is 12, 13, 14, 15, or 16 years of age if the player and the player's parents sign a waiver form, as provided by USSF.
2. All International Clearance Waiver Forms will require the submission of a fee in the amount of \$10.00 payable to USSF. The form and fee must be submitted to the FYSA office for processing.

203. COACH REGISTRATION

All coaches are obligated to the registering affiliate for the complete seasonal year defined as Sept 1 thru August 31. Agreement by contract between the parties may shorten or lengthen this period.

- 203.1.** Coaches can be rostered to an unlimited number of teams (within the same affiliate) at no additional charge. However, the coach will only receive one pass identifying him as a coach registered with the affiliate.
- 203.2.** Initial coach registration must be submitted properly and accurately on an FYSA Coach/Volunteer Application Form and MUST contain the following information:
 - A.** Identification information including Social Security Number if available.
 - B.** Date of birth is required for registration (mandatory).
 - C.** Dated signatures of coach, and authorized Affiliate signature.
 - D.** FYSA will not accept Coaches/Volunteer Registration Cards that are incomplete, or unsigned.
 - E.** A valid Social Security Number may be required in the event the applicant cannot be identified based on the information submitted in order to complete a criminal background check.
 - F.** Affiliate will certify that they have verified the identity of the coach/volunteer.
 - G.** Subsequent registrations may be processed electronically.
- 203.4.** All Coaches and/or volunteers registering with FYSA will be subject to a background check through any organization that FYSA may deem appropriate. Any individual who has been charged and found guilty of violating any provision of Florida Statutes Section 435.04 may be denied participation in FYSA sanctioned events.

203.5. Coaches are responsible for notifying FYSA of any event that may affect their risk management status. Failure to notify FYSA may result in the revocation of the individual's privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned events.

204. ELIGIBILITY

204.1. Player Eligibility to compete shall be determined as follows:

- A.** Registration with FYSA has been completed and is accurate.
- B.** Proper birth documentation has been provided, for players registered as verified.
- C.** Player is properly rostered (as per the rules of competition) to the team with which he/she intends to compete.
- D.** Affiliate requirements for registration have been met.
- E.** Status is "In Good Standing" with the Affiliate and FYSA.
- F.** Remains on team, or with the affiliate, to which he/she is registered/rostered for the seasonal year unless properly released or transferred (Sept. 1 through Aug. 31).

204.2. Team eligibility to compete is determined by the following:

- A.** All players properly registered to FYSA.
- B.** All players are properly rostered to the team as may be defined by the rules of competition.
- C.** Coaches properly registered to FYSA and rostered to the team as may be defined by the rules of competition.
- D.** Associated with an affiliate, and must continue that association for the seasonal year, including that no team in its entirety or majority may move to another Affiliate during the seasonal year.
- E.** Adhere to proper age grouping.
- F.** Improper registration of any team member shall result in the team forfeiting all games the improperly registered player(s) took part in. An improperly registered player is a player who is over-age, not registered to FYSA and/or improperly entered on the team's roster.

205. AGE

205.1. Age groupings shall be established by FYSA for all levels of play and shall be defined within the Technical Assistance area of the FYSA website.

205.2. Playing UP (above a player's normal age group)

It is FYSA's policy that all players compete at a level they are capable of both physically and developmentally. For a player to move up more than one normal age grouping will require approval from the affiliate's director of coaching or agent of record, and FYSA Director of Coaching.

205.3. Playing down (below a player's normal age group)

In order for any player to “play down” requirements as outline under FYSA Rule 201.8.3 must be met prior to any participation.

206. PLAYER/COACH PASSES

206.1. Property of player/coach passes remains that of FYSA and/or USYS. No affiliate, coach, assistant coach or team staff can refuse to relinquish the pass to USYS or FYSA, immediately upon request. Failure to do so may subject the party to sanctions as described under FYSA Rule 505.2.

206.2. PASS CLASSIFICATION:

A. US Youth Soccer (Permanent Pass)

The pass as being issued by the State Office with the US Youth Soccer Logo and shall require the following:

1. Signatures of player/coach, exactly how it appears on front.
2. Signature of the issuing registrar.
3. A Current photo taken within six months affixed to the pass.
4. Pass will be laminated with a clear plastic material permanently affixing player’s picture to the pass.
5. Pass is valid for all FYSA and US Youth Soccer Sanctioned events.

B. Florida Temporary Pass: (Florida Pass)

A Florida Pass shall be available on line for all players/coaches registered with FYSA.

1. Signatures of player/coach, exactly how it appears on front.
2. Signature of the issuing registrar.
3. A Current photo taken within six months affixed to the pass.
4. Pass will be laminated with a clear plastic material permanently affixing player’s picture to the pass.
5. Is considered valid if properly executed and may be used anywhere within the State until a permanent is issued, except for State Cup or any specific competition not permitting its use.
6. Must be relinquished to the affiliate in order to obtain the USYS pass.
7. **IS NOT VALID FOR ANY OUT OF STATE TRAVEL**

207. ROSTERING

207.1. An official FYSA roster is the roster generated by the State Office in computer printout form for a specific league or competition. A player is rostered to a team when the registration process is completed, and the player is rostered to a team, or as defined under FYSA Rule 202.2. All matters of dispute shall be governed by the official state roster. A copy of the official roster is valid for all events requiring a roster.

- 207.2.** Leagues and tournaments may create internal pass and or event roster forms allowing properly FYSA registered players to participate within their rules of competition without changing the Official FYSA Roster. These event rosters must list the players full name, pass number, rostered team, DOB and birth verification status.
- 207.3.** Dual Rostering is permitted and a player may be rostered to multiple teams at one time during a seasonal year. Regulations concerning dual Rostering are as follows:
- A.** Player's Cup eligibility is with the player's primary team. No player is eligible to compete in FYSA Cup play with a secondary team, unless permitted under the rules of competition. A player's primary team shall be the first team to which the player is rostered.
 - B.** The player's primary team will be the first team listed on a pass, and the secondary team is the second team listed on the pass.
 - C.** Release from the primary team in no way transfers primary status to the secondary team. To transfer primary status requires a completed transfer, and may under the rules of competition be considered a transfer and/or movement.
 - D.** Primary team schedules will take precedence in all issues or conflicts. If player is registered to two (2) affiliates, all matters regarding registration will be decided by the primary team's affiliate.
- 207.4.** Regional Cup rosters for all competitions leading to the determination of President's Cup participants shall be the official roster as generated by the FYSA State Office.
- 207.5.** State Cup and Regional/America's Cup rostering simultaneously is not permitted.

208. Transfer/Releases

- 208.1.** Players are entitled to a release from the affiliate at any time, however, they are not guaranteed the right to transfer.
- 208.2.** An affiliate will immediately upon request release a player/coach subject to any term(s) as may be contained within the player/coach contract. The affiliate will provide a copy of the completed release form (online confirmation) to the requesting party.
- 208.3.** Releases shall not be granted if the player/coach is:
- Rostered to a team currently subject to roster freeze.
 - Is serving a suspension (red card).
 - Has a financial obligation to the Affiliate.
- 208.4.** Failure to provide a completed Release Form within forty eight (48) hours of the request, notwithstanding the above listed exceptions, may result in disciplinary

action against the offending party. Failure to do so may subject the party to sanctions as described under FYSA Rule 505.2.

208.5. There shall be no limit to the number of removals per team unless prohibited by special rules of competition (i.e., State Cup).

208.6. Released players **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** to compete or participate in any FYSA sanctioned or sponsored event.

NOTE: IN NO CASE IS A RELEASED PLAYER ENTITLED TO A PASS. NO RELEASED PLAYER SHALL HAVE IN HIS/HER POSSESSION ANY FYSA/USYS PASS.

208.7. Players will be released into either FYSA unconditional (S1 FYS 998 FYS) or conditional (S1 FYS 999 FYS) pool of players.

A. Voluntary release (S1 FYS 998 FYS) is the removal from a roster and/or affiliate with parental and affiliate written permission.

A player who is released to the unconditional drop pool (S1 FYS 998 FYS) may be transferred to any affiliate for the remainder of the seasonal year, without notice to the original affiliate. Transfers within an affiliate (intra-club transfer) will only require approval of the affiliate.

Any player who requests a voluntary release and then attempts to transfer to another affiliate shall first be reactivated to the original affiliate, who shall have the opportunity to object to the transfer in writing to the Registration Committee.

B. For players released to the conditional drop pool, (S1 FYS 999 FYS) a written request for the purpose of being able to transfer to another affiliate must be filed with the FYSA office. Upon receipt of the written request for transfer, the FYSA office shall forward a copy of the request to the player's previous affiliate for a written response.

1. Any objections to the transfer shall be raised at this time. Objections must be in writing and filed with FYSA within three (3) business days. If no objection is submitted, the player will be transferred.
2. Upon receipt of an objection, the Registration Committee shall rule on the request based on the submitted statements. The transfer shall not be affected until the Registration Committee has ruled. The Registration Committee shall have seven (7) business days to render its decision in writing. Any appeal of this decision shall be made in accordance with FYSA Rule 600.
3. Affiliates have the right to deny any transfer request if the transfer is to a team:

- The player has guest played with during the current seasonal year (FYSA Rule 210).
- The coach or team staff member is the player's ODP coach (FYSA Rule 209).

208.8. A player may be removed from an affiliate involuntarily for the following reasons only:

- A. The player has violated the rules of USSF, FYSA or USYS and is currently under suspension (non red-card or game related suspensions). All rights to due process must have been complied with as defined under FYSA Rule 600.
- B. The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes a reasonable travel distance shall be solely determined by the FYSA Registration Committee.
- C. A player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the seasonal year. If the player recovers and is able to participate prior to the end of the seasonal year, the player will be activated back to his/her last team's roster.
- D. Players released involuntarily shall be released to the unconditional player pool (S1 FYS 998 FYS).
- E. A player who later contests the action of involuntary release shall be re-activated to the last team's roster. This action may over-roster the team resulting in sanctions based on the rules of the particular competition.

209. Olympic Development Program (“ODP”)

Players who have registered in the current seasonal year and have participated in the ODP may not transfer or be added to any team that their ODP coach or assistant coach participated with for the remainder of the current seasonal year and all of the following seasonal year [Intra-club (within the club) may be exempted from this exclusion].

210. Guest Playing:

Players shall be allowed to guest play with proper permission.

Permission of the player's current primary affiliate must be granted in writing by use of the FYSA guest player form.

- A. Permission to guest play may be denied by the affiliate at its discretion.
- B. Coaches desiring a player to guest play must obtain permission from the registering affiliate's agent of record, or designee, prior to contacting the player. Failure to obtain permission prior to contact shall be evidence of poaching as defined under 401.5.
- C. The guest player request form shall specify the dates and competition to which permission is granted. If the request is intra-club no special permission is required.

- D. Players who guest play shall not be allowed to transfer to the team or affiliate with whom he/she has been a guest player for the remainder of the seasonal year unless written permission is granted by the original affiliate (Intra-club transfers are exempted with permission of the affiliate).
- E. Playing a “guest player” without proper permission may result in a charge of playing an ineligible player under rule 401.3 and/or falsification of a roster as defined under rule 505.4.

211. SPECIAL COMPETITION REGISTRATION

STATE CUP (USYS’s National Championship Competitions): A player must register in the state in which he or she resides with his or her parents(s), or guardian(s) or in the case of a student in residence at any academically accredited boarding school or college or university, the player may register in the state in which the boarding school, college, or division of the college or university is located. Any other question of residency may be determined by the Florida State Cup Committee.

211.1. YOUTH PLAYERS PLAYING AMATEUR

For youth teams and or youth players competing with or against amateur (senior) teams, all requirements of Section 211.1 must be completed prior to the competition. Applications must be submitted for each seasonal year.

A registered youth player, sixteen (16) years or older, will be permitted to play an unlimited number of amateur games without losing his or her youth eligibility provided.

1. The youth player must obtain written permission from his or her parent and his/her youth coach or other authorized affiliate official. The youth coach or other authorized team official shall, in writing or by form, request eligibility clearance from FYSA.
2. When the above clearance and permissions have been granted, the State Amateur Association has sole discretion in permitting a youth player to play amateur games and will be responsible for establishing the procedures under which this will be implemented.
3. In the event of a conflict between an amateur game and a youth game, the youth game shall take precedence.
4. A youth player who is required to sign an amateur form shall retain youth eligibility, providing the above has been completed prior to signing the amateur form. Failure to comply with the above will result in the player forfeiting his/her youth eligibility to compete in FYSA sanctioned events for the remainder of the current seasonal year or a period of not less than thirty (30) day subject to: Any period longer than thirty (30) days shall require a hearing as defined under FSYA Rules Section 600 for determination as to length of the waiting period.

5. A player who desires to reinstate his/her youth eligibility for the current seasonal year and is sixteen (16) years of age or older, may apply for the reinstatement by properly completing FYSA form 204F and submitting the form to his/her District Commissioner along with a written request for reinstatement. The date of receipt of the form and request by the player's DC shall be the sole determination as to the starting date for sanctions as described in (4). The DC will forward the documentation to FYSA's State Office and inform the player requesting reinstatement the exact date that his/her reinstatement will be effective.
6. Any player who participated in any an amateur level game prior to his/her sixteenth birthday is not eligible to apply for reinstatement.
7. During this waiting period, players will not be able to compete in FYSA sanctioned events, but may participate in try-outs and/or team practices.
8. A player's youth eligibility shall automatically be restored at the end of the current seasonal year.

211.3. Youth teams will be permitted to compete against non-affiliated teams with the permission of the local DC. (i.e., college teams) provided:

1. A request must be submitted to the DC in writing and be accompanied with an official FYSA roster listing all players that will compete. Permission must be requested for each event.
2. The DC will grant permission in writing, upon verification of the roster and as to proof of the proper assignment of game officials (game officials will be assigned by the highest level team competing).
3. The team requesting permission to play a non-affiliated team must provide written verification to the DC prior to the DC granting approval that the non-affiliated team has permission to play and is covered by insurance from the non-affiliate's sanctioning body.
4. All paper work must be to the DC not less than seven (7) days prior to the match or the DC may deny permission.
5. Failure to obtain permission may result in the team's administrative staff (Coach, team manager, etc.) being suspended from all FYSA sanctioned events for at least thirty (30) days.

212. Age Group Formats, for all competition sanctioned by FYSA

- U7 & U8 - 4 v 4 with no goalkeeper.
- U9 & U10 - 6 v 6 including a goalkeeper.
- U11 & U 12 - 8 v 8 including a goalkeeper.
- U13 and above - 11 v 11 including a goalkeeper.
- Playing formats: A festival format shall be used for players U8 and below.
- A festival format is recommended for players for U10 players.
- Follow USYS requirements for field size, ball size, etc.

Submitted by the Registration Committee:

Reasoning: This is not a re-write of the registration sections of the Rules but a re-organization as we move to electronic registration of players and change of status. This will also remove procedures from the rules. Rules need to be rules and not procedures. Procedures may change within the framework of the rules.

Recommendation: Approval.

RULE CHANGE #2

Current Rule 401.5:

This rule is to be deleted in its entirety:

Reasoning:

The rule as written and rewritten is basically unenforceable. Players and coaches should be committed to their clubs by contract and not by rule. Many organizations have used and are using organizations competing with FYSA to circumvent this rule. This rule is a hindrance to those clubs playing by the spirit and the intent of the rule to the benefit of those who circumvent the rule.

Submitted by the Executive Committee of FSYA.

RULE CHANGE #3

Current Rule: 401.5

Suggest addition to rule:

There is to be NO improper contact between the prospective team and the player/parents of currently registered and/or rostered players. Any coach or member of a team having contact with a player after a player is registered and/or rostered, without first obtaining written permission from that player's coach, will be construed as having had improper contact with a player, and such action can result in a charge of poaching.

1. Improper contact is defined as any communication with a player other than the most casual, cordial communication necessary such as congratulations at the end of a match or similar such conversations. This contact specifically includes, but is not limited to, players participating in practices, training sessions, scrimmages or other soccer-related functions.
2. Improper contact shall also include, but is not limited to, meetings with players/parents, attendance at team social functions when the player is not registered to that team, etc.
3. Any such improper contact, no matter how generated, is prohibited without prior written notification and written consent of the player's current head coach, the club director of coaching and/or players, or the Agent of Record of the club to which the player is currently registered and/or rostered. A coach/volunteer or member of a team having contact with a player is charged with the knowledge of that player's registration and/or roster status and shall be held accountable for any unauthorized contact with any player currently not rostered to his team, regardless of how that contact is initiated or by whom.

Reasoning:

This will add back into rule 401.5 language that was eliminated when the rule was rewritten.

Submitted: The Soccer Association of Boca Raton

Committee Recommendations:

If the previous rule change (R-2) passes this is a moot point and this proposal will be withdrawn. If the change to delete 401.5 fails then this is submitted without recommendation to the membership for determination as to what the membership wants.

RULE CHANGE #4

Current Rule 401.6

“No club or organization affiliated with FYSA may hold any try-out or any other activity, related to the formation of teams for the next seasonal year involving players **IN ANY AGE GROUP** until the completion of State Cup Final Four. Later dates may be set by FYSA’s Board of Directors or Regionally as approved by the Affiliates in that Region.”

“Violation may results in the Club’s affiliation with FYSA being reviewed and it may be denied by the Board of Directors.”

This rule is to be deleted in its entirety:

Reasoning:

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Submitted by the Executive Committee of FSYA.

RULE CHANGE #5

Current Rule 402.4 (New approved by the EC)

FYSA Revised Water Break Policy

In any FYSA sanctioned match a break will be given at the midpoint of each half of regulation time and at the end of each overtime period (if played) for player hydration. This break will be given at a normal stoppage of play and it is mandatory.

- a. This policy is mandatory for all matches U-12 and below.
- b. This policy is mandatory for all matches U-13 and above subject to the following conditions.
 1. The heat index is above 85 degrees at game time (see chart below).
 2. If requested by either coach prior to the match (This should be determined during a pre-match conference with the referee).
 3. The referee at any time may declare a break for the safety and welfare of the players without conference or agreement of the coaches.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

AIR TEMPERATURE (F)

	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120
30	67	73	78	84	90	96	104	113	123	135	148
35	67	73	79	85	91	98	107	118	130	143	
40	68	74	79	86	93	101	110	123	137	151	
45	68	74	80	87	95	104	115	129	143		
50	69	75	81	88	96	107	120	135	150		
55	69	75	81	89	98	110	126	142			
60	70	76	82	90	100	114	132	149			
65	70	76	83	91	102	119	138				
70	70	77	85	93	106	124	144				
75	70	77	86	95	109	130					
80	71	78	86	97	113	136					
85	71	78	87	99	117						
90	71	79	88	102	122						
95	71	79	89	105							
100	72	80	91	108							

Violation may result in charges under FYSA's Code of Ethics

Suggestion for implementation:

1. For ages U-10 and below the game to be played in quarters with a short break between the first and third quarter with a longer half time. These quarter breaks should be 2-3 minutes at most for players to hydrate.
2. For matches U-13 and above, the decision in regards to a water break should be made before the match.
 - a. The stoppage should be at a normal stoppage as close to the midpoint of each half as possible.
 - b. Players should remain on the field, bench players and/or coaches should be able to provide fluids to the field players.
 - c. This is not a coaching opportunity. Coaches may be warned if observed coaching.
 - d. Normal substitution, based on the reason for the stoppage will apply
 - e. The referee should treat this stoppage just like any other normal stoppage of play as it relates to game time and extend time for the stoppage.
 - f. This stoppage should be no longer than a 2-3 minute interruption of play.

This policy and procedures for implementation have been reviewed by FSYA Director of Coaching based on research and information provided by USSF and other.

Submitted by FYSA's VP of Player and Coaching Development and FYSA's Director of Coaching. Passed by FYSA Executive Committee at its meeting of Jan. 2006, Submitted to the General Membership for affirmation.

RULE CHANGE #6

Current Rule 611.3

2. Notify all persons who will give testimony on their own behalf or as a witness by first class or priority mail, Federal Express, UPS, fax with confirmation of receipt, or e-mail with confirmation of receipt. Such notice shall be retained as part of the record of the hearing. The notice shall be mailed at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing as to date, time and place of the hearing.

Suggested Change:

2. It shall be the sole responsibility of the requesting party to notify all persons who are requested to give testimony by first class or priority mail, Federal Express, UPS, fax with confirmation of receipt, or e-mail with confirmation of receipt. Such notice shall be retained as part of the record of the hearing.

3. Notice shall be sent at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing as to date, time and place of the hearing to both the prosecution and defense.

Re-number the rest of the section.

Reasoning:

To clearly define the responsibility for notification of witnesses etc shall lie with the party requesting the testimony. This should not be a responsibility of the hearing panel. If the witness is expected to be hostile then the record of service may be entered into the record of the hearing as evidence of an attempt to have the witness present. The hearing panel responsibility lies in notification as to date time and place not to individual witnesses.

Submitted by:

Tommy Thompson FYSA VP.

Recommendation--- Approval.

RULE CHANGE #7

Current Rule 3007.7

3007.7 DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The District Commissioner shall:

1. Serve as a voting member of the BOD.
2. Provide direct representation of **FYSA** at the local Affiliate level.
3. District Commissioners must permanently reside within the district to which they represent. In the event the DC moves or fails to live and resided in the district the Regional Vice president shall immediately convene a new election to replace the District Commissioner.
4. Provide technical assistance, administrative guidance and oversight within the District. Insure that Club Representatives (registrars) are properly trained in the registration process.
5. Register and/or affiliate players, coaches, teams, clubs and leagues within the District as per **FYSA** Rules.
6. The term of office shall be two (2) years, elected at the District level. District elections will be staggered as per **FYSA** Rules.
7. Establish a budget to cover the operational costs to fulfill the duties of this office, including travel expenses, supplies, telephone, postage and other necessary costs.
8. Perform specific duties enumerated within the **FYSA** Rules.
9. Appoint Assistant District Commissioners.
10. The DC shall provide to all affiliates within its district the duties and responsibilities of each ADC, as well as a written plan for the implementation of FYSA rules and procedures within the district not later than Sept 15, of each year. Copy to Region Vice President, Vice President Administration, State Office and to be posed on the FYSA web site.

Suggested Change:

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4. Provide technical assistance, administrative guidance and oversight within the District. Ensure that Affiliate Registrars are properly trained in the registration process.
5. ~~Register and/or affiliate players, coaches, teams, clubs and leagues within the District as per **FYSA** Rules.~~
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Add:

Shall be the initial entry point of all new affiliations and re-affiliations. Shall report any affiliate problems to the Board of Directors.

Shall serve as the entry point for their members for questions concerning rules, competitions, etc.

Reasoning:

As FYSA moves to electronic registration or players/coaches, electronic change of status, and remote printing of passes this responsibility will no longer be with the District Commissioner. This does not mean that DC's are no longer needed quite the opposite. This removes the mandated chore of issuing passes and will allow them more freedom to assist its members, manage and promote the programs of FSYA. The DC is and will always be the local representative of FYSA.

Submitted by: Linda Lathrop and Tommy Thompson

Recommendation: Approval.

RULE CHANGE #8

Current Rule C110.2

2. Shall be comprised of minimum of three (3) members approved by the BOD. An appointed member may be temporarily reordered by the Chair, should they be in any way involved in the protest or appeal being heard.

Suggested Change:

2. Shall be comprised of a minimum of eight (8) members, two from each Region approved by the BOD. An appointed member may be temporarily reordered by the Chair, should they be in any way involved in the protest or appeal being heard.

Reason: The Committee must be expanded to ensure that members from a Region do not sit on appeals from that Region and the panel has enough members to deal with Protest and Appeals

Submitted by

Lorin Mock, Chairperson Protest and Appeals Committee

Committee Recommendation:

Approval

Rule Change #9

Current Rule:

C170. STATE CUP

C170.1. OBJECTIVES

The State Cup Committee is charged with establishing and implementing requirements for the annual State Cup competition. It shall direct and supervise the competition.

C170.2. STRUCTURE

1. Committee is selected according to the elections of Affiliate membership.
2. The Chair shall be the Vice-President of Competition or may recommend a suitable designee to the E.C.
3. Shall be comprised of not less than six (6) members, four (4) being the Region V.P.s, one (1) being from the Final Four host Region as appointed by the Chair and including the Chair. Each Regional Vice President shall also appoint one (1) additional member from a club participating in State Cup from its Region for a term of one (1) year.
4. Shall serve on a continuous basis and as the elections of new Region V.P.s occur, Committee members shall be replaced.

Suggested Change:

New Structure would be

1. The Chair shall be the Vice-President of Competition or may recommend a suitable designee to the E.C.
2. Shall be comprised of not less than eight (8) members, four (4) being the Region VPs, and four (4) at large members, one from each Region. Members will be recommended to the Chair of the Committee by the Regional VPs or from other interested parties. The Committee Chair may recommend additional members as deemed necessary. Each appointment shall be for one (1) seasonal year.

Reason to bring more diversity to the Committee. This will also allow nominations to the Committee from other interested parties, again bring diversity to the Committee.

Submitted by: Sandy Parker, FYSA VP Competition

Committee Recommendation: Approval.