

Rule Changes from 2015 AGM

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 120.5 Add U-13 to RPL definition

Submitted by: Bryan McDermott, Georgia Soccer VP, Youth

Existing Rule:

120.5 **Region III Premier League:** The Region III Premier League Program is the Region III East regional select Program for U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17 and U-18 boys' and girls' teams.

Rule w/ proposed change:

120.5 **Region III Premier League:** The Region III Premier League Program is the Region III East regional select Program for **U-13**, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17 and U-18 boys' and girls' teams.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

120.5 **Region III Premier League:** The Region III Premier League Program is the Region III East regional select Program for U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17 and U-18 boys' and girls' teams.

Rationale:

To make the rule compliant with the current reality. U13 R3PL now exists and will begin play this spring.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
120.7 Defining Home Team

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: NONE

Rule w/ proposed change:

120.7 Home Team: Team listed first on a schedule

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

120.7 Home Team: Team listed first on a schedule

Rationale:

To provide a defined term

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) **160.3b-f Select team placement**

Submitted by: Bryan McDermott, Georgia Soccer VP, Youth

Existing Rule:

- 160.3b** Placement for U-13 and older select teams will be determined by points accumulated during the previous season (i.e., either Fall or Spring). For these teams, relegation and promotion between divisions will occur twice a year and will be based upon the points standings from the previous season.
- 160.3c** Select teams must maintain a majority of players from the previous season to maintain their slot unless their roster has like players to maintain the majority.
- 160.3d** The Select Committee can modify ...
- 160.3e** If one member affiliate ...

Rule w/ proposed change:

- 160.3b** Placement for U-13 and ~~U-14 older~~ select teams will be determined by points accumulated during the previous season (i.e., either Fall or Spring). For these teams, relegation and promotion between divisions will occur twice a year and will be based upon the points standings from the previous season.
- 160.3c** ~~Placement for U-15 and older select teams will be determined by points accumulated during the Fall. For these teams, relegation and promotion between divisions will occur once a year and will be based upon the points standings from the Fall season.~~
- 160.3ed** Select teams must maintain a majority of players from the previous season to maintain their slot unless their roster has like players to maintain the majority.
- 160.3de** The Select Committee can modify ...
- 160.3ef** If one member affiliate ...

How the Rule or Bylaw would read after proposed change:

- 160.3b** Placement for U-13 and U-14 select teams will be determined by points accumulated during the previous season (i.e., either Fall or Spring). For these teams, relegation and promotion between divisions will occur twice a year and will be based upon the points standings from the previous season.
- 160.3c** Placement for U-15 and older select teams will be determined by points accumulated during the Fall. For these teams, relegation and promotion between divisions will occur once a year and will be based upon the points standings from the Fall season.
- 160.3d** Select teams must maintain a majority of players from the previous season to maintain their slot unless their roster has like players to maintain the majority.
- 160.3e** The Select Committee can modify ...
- 160.3f** If one member affiliate ...

Rationale:

The current reality is that U15 and above do not have a Spring season. This changes the rules to match that reality.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
170.1d Add U-9 to Academy Classification

Submitted by: Bryan McDermott, Georgia Soccer VP, Youth

Existing Rule:

170.1d **ACADEMY:** Age groups will be: U-10, U-11 and U-12.

Rule w/ proposed change:

170.1d **ACADEMY:** Age groups will be: **U-9**, U-10, U-11 and U-12.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

170.1d **ACADEMY:** Age groups will be: U-9, U-10, U-11 and U-12.

Rationale:

The current reality is that Academy programs start with U9 teams. This changes the rules to match that reality. This does not take into account the existence of U8 pre-Academy programs, but those are usually handled differently from the actual Academy.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
180.3 Team Registration (housekeeping)

Submitted by: Bryan McDermott, Georgia Soccer VP, Youth

Existing Rule:

180.3 Any team with a player on its roster who is overage, who is a member of another team's roster (except where these regulations specifically allow for dual rostering of players or when using the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System) of players or who utilizes a player not on the official state roster in violation of Georgia Soccer Youth Rules and Regulations, shall forfeit each game in which that player takes part and the coach may be suspended from all Georgia Soccer Youth participation for up to 1 year.

Rule w/ proposed change:

180.3 Any team with a player on its roster who is overage, who is a member of another team's roster **of players** (except where these regulations specifically allow for dual rostering of players or when using the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System) **of players** or who utilizes a player not on the official state roster in violation of Georgia Soccer Youth Rules and Regulations, shall forfeit each game in which that player takes part and the coach may be suspended from all Georgia Soccer Youth participation for up to 1 year.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

180.3 Any team with a player on its roster who is overage, who is a member of another team's roster of players (except where these regulations specifically allow for dual rostering of players or when using the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System) or who utilizes a player not on the official state roster in violation of Georgia Soccer Youth Rules and Regulations, shall forfeit each game in which that player takes part and the coach may be suspended from all Georgia Soccer Youth participation for up to 1 year.

Rationale:

Moving “of players” to the other side of the bracketed text makes this rule read more logically and makes it easier to understand.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
220.5 Remove coach's signature from coach card

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: Member affiliate responsibilities

220.5 All select program youth coaches and assistant coaches of a Georgia Soccer youth select program team, shall receive a registration card. No more than four such cards will be issued per team. The card shall indicate the current license level of the holder, if appropriate. A recent picture of the individual must be affixed to the card along with the signature and shall be presented to the referee with the player cards so as to properly identify the coach(es) of the team. Refer to rule 420.1a for further clarification.

Rule w/ proposed change:

220.5 All select program youth coaches and assistant coaches of a Georgia Soccer youth select program team, shall receive a registration card. No more than four such cards will be issued per team. The card shall indicate the current license level of the holder, if appropriate. A recent picture of the individual must be affixed to the card ~~along with the signature~~ and shall be presented to the referee with the player cards so as to properly identify the coach(es) of the team. Refer to rule 420.1a for further clarification.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

220.5 All select program youth coaches and assistant coaches of a Georgia Soccer youth select program team, shall receive a registration card. No more than four such cards will be issued per team. The card shall indicate the current license level of the holder, if appropriate. A recent picture of the individual must be affixed to the card and shall be presented to the referee with the player cards so as to properly identify the coach(es) of the team. Refer to rule 420.1a for further clarification.

Rationale:

Signatures on cards are no longer needed.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
230.1c Grade 9 Referees

Submitted by: Bryan McDermott, Georgia Soccer VP, Youth

Existing Rule:

230.1c No Grade 9 referee shall act as Center Referee in any match U-15 or older.
No Grade 9 referee shall act as Center Referee in a select match under any circumstances.

Rule w/ proposed change:

230.1c No Grade 9 referee shall act as Center Referee in any match U-15 or older.
No Grade 9 referee shall act as Center Referee in **a an 11v11** select match under any circumstances.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

230.1c No Grade 9 referee shall act as Center Referee in any match U-15 or older.
No Grade 9 referee shall act as Center Referee in an 11v11 select match under any circumstances.

Rationale:

US Soccer has changed the policy on Grade 9 referees, allowing them to be the center referee for all small sided games. Since Academy games are considered to be select games, this sentence prevents Grade 9 referees from doing 6v6 and 8v8 Academy games. Changing the sentence would bring our rules in compliance with US Soccer's policy.

Per US Soccer, it still does not allow a Grade 9 referee to be the center referee on a U12 11v11 game nor any select game U13 and older.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
230.8 d-f Reports to State Office

Submitted by: Bryan McDermott, Georgia Soccer VP, Youth

Existing Rule:

230.8d The member affiliate of the home team shall maintain and forward to the state state office in a manner specified by the Georgia Soccer Board of Directors, a record of all games played and registered officials employed in them.

230.8e At the conclusion of each playing season, each member affiliate shall pay a fine per official for each occasion in which (a) a game was played but a registered official was not used as a referee or assistant referee, or (b) a game was postponed, but not in accordance with the rules of the appropriate division.

230.8f Member affiliate fines due under this provision shall be paid before any of that affiliate's teams shall be registered in the select programs divisions for the following season.

230.8e At the conclusion of each playing season, ...

230.8f Member affiliate fines ...

Rule w/ proposed change:

230.8d ~~The member affiliate of the home team shall maintain and forward to the state office in a manner specified by the Georgia Soccer Board of Directors, a record of all games played and registered officials employed in them.~~

230.8ed At the conclusion of each playing season, ...

230.8fe Member affiliate fines ...

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

230.8d At the conclusion of each playing season, ...

230.8e Member affiliate fines ...

Rationale:

No one does this, so why do we have a rule that we are not going to follow?

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
420.3 Referees don't need to collect passes

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 420.3 Passes

420.3 Referees must collect and check the passes before each game.

Rule w/ proposed change:

420.3 Referees must ~~collect and~~ check the passes before each game.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

420.3 Referees must check the passes before each game.

Rationale:

All player identifying information is located on the game day lineup and collecting the passes is no longer needed to identifying players.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)

420.5 If you don't collect passes, you don't need to return them.

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 420.5 Passes

420.5 Passes will be returned after the match. The referee will send a written report to Georgia Soccer for all send-offs, dismissals, injuries and game terminations.

Rule w/ proposed change:

420.5 ~~Passes will be returned after the match.~~ The referee will send a written report to Georgia Soccer for all send-offs, dismissals, injuries and game terminations.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

420.5 The referee will send a written report to Georgia Soccer for all send-offs, dismissals, injuries and game terminations.

Rationale:

To coincide with change to 420.3; if passes are not collected, they will not be returned.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) **430.1-2 Team Obligations**

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 430 Team Obligations and Field setup

430.1 a The Home Team Coach is responsible for contacting the opposing coach the week of, and at least 72 hours prior to the game to verify location, time and uniform color.

430.1 b Coaches will be responsible for contacting the opposing coach the week of, and at least 120 hours prior, (Monday prior to a Saturday/Sunday scheduled game), for any game cancellations other than unplayable fields (see rule 430.2).

430.1 c The Home Team Coach will be responsible for notifying their member affiliate of any game cancellations. This applies to all regularly scheduled and make-up games.

430.2 The Home Team Coach will be responsible for contacting the opposing coach as early as possible if their game should be canceled due to unplayable field conditions.

Rule w/ proposed change:

430.1 a The Home Team ~~Coach~~ **representative** is responsible for contacting the opposing ~~coach~~ **team representative** the week of, and at least 72 hours prior to the game to verify location, time and uniform color.

430.1 b ~~Coaches~~ **Team representatives** will be responsible for contacting the opposing **team representative** ~~coach~~ the week of, and at least 120 hours prior, (Monday prior to a Saturday/Sunday scheduled game), for any game cancellations other than unplayable fields (see rule 430.2).

430.1 c The Home Team ~~Coach~~ **team representative** will be responsible for notifying their member affiliate **officials, which may include field and referee assignors**, of any game cancellations. This applies to all regularly scheduled and make-up games.

430.2 The Home Team ~~Coach~~ **representative** will be responsible for contacting the opposing ~~coach~~ **team representative** as early as possible if their game should be canceled due to unplayable field conditions.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

430.1 a The Home Team representative is responsible for contacting the opposing team representative the week of, and at least 72 hours prior to the game to verify location, time and uniform color.

430.1 b Team representatives will be responsible for contacting the opposing team representative the week of, and at least 120 hours prior, (Monday prior to a Saturday/Sunday scheduled game), for any game cancellations other than unplayable fields (see rule 430.2).

430.1 c The Home Team representative will be responsible for notifying their member affiliate officials, which may include field and referee assignors, of any game cancellations. This applies to all regularly scheduled and make-up games.

430.2 The Home Team representative will be responsible for contacting the opposing team representative as early as possible if their game should be canceled due to unplayable field conditions.

Rationale:

To allow for communication by team managers and assistant managers as needed.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
430.3 Defining Home Team

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule:

430.3 The home team is to provide the game ball, a properly lined and cut field, nets and corner flags.

Rule w/ proposed change:

430.3 The Home Team is to provide the game ball, a properly lined and cut field, nets and corner flags.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

430.3 The Home Team is to provide the game ball, a properly lined and cut field, nets and corner flags.

Rationale:

To define home team; to coincide with 120.7

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
430.5 *assistant referee for linesman*

Submitted by: Bryan McDermott, Georgia Soccer VP, Youth

Existing Rule or Bylaw:

430.5 When at all possible a LINE should be placed three to five (3 to 5) yards behind the touchline to keep coaches, spectators and substitutes back from the field and out of the linesman's way.

Rule w/ proposed change:

430.5 When at all possible a LINE should be placed three to five (3 to 5) yards behind the touchline to keep coaches, spectators and substitutes back from the field and out of the **linesman's assistant referee's** way.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

430.5 When at all possible a LINE should be placed three to five (3 to 5) yards behind the touchline to keep coaches, spectators and substitutes back from the field and out of the assistant referee's way.

Rationale:

The name of the officiating position was changed some time ago. This is to bring the rules in line with the proper terminology.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 530.2c Lineup Sheets

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 530.2c lineup sheets

530.2c For all other teams: If the electronic form is not available, the team roster shall be written on a member affiliate /club/state provided official game day roster and shall include the name and jersey number of each registered player on the team, including any Club Pass players if playing.

Rule w/ proposed change:

530.2c For ~~Academy all other teams and in house recreational games:~~ ~~If an the~~ electronic form is not available, the team roster shall be written on a member affiliate /club/state provided official game day roster and shall include the name and jersey number of each registered player on the team, including any Club Pass players if playing.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

530.2c For Academy and In house recreational games: If an electronic form is not available, the team roster shall be written on a member affiliate /club/state provided official game day roster and shall include the name and jersey number of each registered player on the team, including any Club Pass players if playing.

Rationale:

To define "all other teams".

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
530.3c Leaving the Field

Submitted by: Bryan McDermott, Georgia Soccer VP, Youth

Existing Rule:

530.3c All players should leave and enter the field at the middle of the field.

Rule w/ proposed change:

530.3c All players should ~~leave and~~ enter the field at the middle of the field.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

530.3c All players should enter the field at the middle of the field.

Rationale:

This brings the rule in line with the FIFA Laws of the Game. It is sometimes impractical for a player to leave at the middle of the field. Examples are in the case of an injury and also in the event where a player chooses to leave on the far side in order to take less time for the substitution to occur.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
540.2a Defining Home Team

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule:

540.2a In the event of a conflict of team colors, the home team shall be required to change to alternate jerseys.

Rule w/ proposed change:

540.2a In the event of a conflict of team colors, the Home Team shall be required to change to alternate jerseys.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

540.2a In the event of a conflict of team colors, the Home Team shall be required to change to alternate jerseys.

Rationale:

To define home team; to coincide with 120.7

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) **720.6b Defining Home Team**

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule:

720.6b Rainouts or unplayable field conditions will be determined by the referee at the field or the official of each home member affiliate. In cases where games are canceled by the member affiliate official or referee, the coach of the home team shall notify the opposing coach of the canceled game and of the rescheduled date, time and field within 5 days of original game date.

Rule w/ proposed change:

720.6b Rainouts or unplayable field conditions will be determined by the referee at the field or the official of each home member affiliate. In cases where games are canceled by the member affiliate official or referee, the coach of the **Home Team** shall notify the opposing coach of the canceled game and of the rescheduled date, time and field within 5 days of original game date.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

720.6b Rainouts or unplayable field conditions will be determined by the referee at the field or the official of each home member affiliate. In cases where games are canceled by the member affiliate official or referee, the coach of the Home Team shall notify the opposing coach of the canceled game and of the rescheduled date, time and field within 5 days of original game date.

Rationale:

Defining home team; to coincide with change 120.7

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
732.4 Suspended players on game-day roster

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 732.4 player misconduct

732.4 Players serving a suspension shall be identified on the game-day roster with an “R” or an “X” showing the suspended player’s ineligibility. The player serving a suspension must be included as one of the maximum number of players allowed on the game card, not as an additional name.

Rule w/ proposed change:

732.4 Players serving a suspension shall be identified on the game-day roster with an “SUS”, an “R,” or an ~~“X”~~ **indication by the referee** showing the suspended player’s ineligibility. **Any indication of ineligibility marked by the referee must be marked on both teams’ game day rosters.** The player serving a suspension must be included as one of the maximum number of players allowed on the game card, not as an additional name.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

732.4 Players serving a suspension shall be identified on the game-day roster with an “SUS”, an “R,” or an indication by the referee showing the suspended player’s ineligibility. Any indication of ineligibility marked by the referee must be marked on both teams’ game day rosters. The player serving a suspension must be included as one of the maximum number of players allowed on the game card, not as an additional name.

Rationale:

To update the rules based on current procedures of the scheduling system.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
750.2 Georgia State Cup Competition

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 750. Georgia State Cup Competition (Athena and Classic)

750.2 Any team that forfeits three (3) matches during the Fall playing season shall be suspended from Georgia Soccer State Cup Competition - Youth.

Rule w/ proposed change:

750.2 Any team that forfeits three (3) matches during the Fall or Spring playing season shall be suspended from Georgia Soccer State Cup Competition - Youth.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

750.2 Any team that forfeits three (3) matches during the Fall or Spring playing season shall be suspended from Georgia Soccer State Cup Competition - Youth.

Rationale:

To include penalty to U13 and U14 teams that play a spring season.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)

760. Discipline and Protest (D&P) and Ethics and Grievance (E&G)

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule:

760. Discipline and Protest (D&P) and Ethics and Grievance (E&G)

Rule w/ proposed change:

760. Discipline and Protest (D&P), ~~and~~ Ethics and Grievance (E&G), ~~and~~ Appeals

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

760. Discipline and Protest (D&P), Ethics and Grievance (E&G), and Appeals

Rationale:

To add Appeals committee into the list of committees that are outlined in all 760 rules

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) **900.2 Inter-affiliate Transfer**

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule:

900.2 Inter affiliate Transfer – Georgia Soccer authorized youth player movement from one member affiliate roster to another member affiliate roster. This transfer is processed by Georgia Soccer and requires a Transfer Form.

Rule w/ proposed change:

900.2 Inter affiliate Transfer – Georgia Soccer authorized youth player movement from one member affiliate roster to another member affiliate roster. ~~This transfer is processed by Georgia Soccer and requires a Transfer Form.~~

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

900.2 Inter affiliate Transfer – Georgia Soccer authorized youth player movement from one member affiliate roster to another member affiliate roster.

Rationale:

Transfers are processed by league registrars and no longer require Georgia Soccer to process or a paper form.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
230.1a-b Referees for in-house rec games

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 230. Referees

230.1a No referee or assistant referee shall officiate a game in which a relative is coaching or playing unless both coaches provide their specific prior consent by signing both game cards. (U-04, U-06 and U-08 are exempt from this rule.)

230.1b No referee or assistant referee shall officiate a game where they were a recent (within 1 year) member or coach of either team unless both coaches provide their specific prior consent by signing both game cards. (U-04, U-06- U-08 are exempt from this rule.)

Rule w/ proposed change:

230.1a No referee or assistant referee shall officiate a game in which a relative is coaching or playing unless both coaches provide their specific prior consent by signing both game cards. (~~U-04, U-06 and U-08 are exempt from this rule~~ In house recreational games / play are exempt from this rule.)

230.1b No referee or assistant referee shall officiate a game where they were a recent (within 1 year) member or coach of either team unless both coaches provide their specific prior consent by signing both game cards. (~~U-04, U-06 and U-08 are exempt from this rule~~) In house recreational games / play are exempt from this rule.)

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

230.1a No referee or assistant referee shall officiate a game in which a relative is coaching or playing unless both coaches provide their specific prior consent by signing both game cards. (In house recreational games / play are exempt from this rule.)

230.1b No referee or assistant referee shall officiate a game where they were a recent (within 1 year) member or coach of either team unless both coaches provide their specific prior consent by signing both game cards. (In house recreational games/play are exempt from this rule.)

Rationale:

To clarify and coincide with 230.6a

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
230.6a Referees for in-house games

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: Referees 230.6a

230.6a U-04 through U-08: Each member affiliate reserves the right to determine whether to use certified referees, club linesmen, coaches or parents for in-house games.

Rule w/ proposed change:

230.6a U-04 through U-~~08~~-U-19: Each member affiliate reserves the right to determine whether to use certified referees, club linesmen, coaches or parents for in-house games.

How the Rule reads after changes:

230.6a U-04 through U-19: Each member affiliate reserves the right to determine whether to use certified referees, club linesmen, coaches or parents for in-house games **or games not scheduled by Georgia Soccer.**

Rationale:

To allow member affiliate to best serve their games based on the referees available.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
230.6c Referees for U-10 inter-scheduled games

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 230.6c Referees - Recreational

230.6c U-10: Each member affiliate shall provide at least one certified referee for each game scheduled at its own fields.

Rule w/ proposed change:

230.6c U-10: For inter-scheduled games: Each member affiliate shall provide at least one certified referee for each game scheduled at its own fields.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

230.6c U-10: For inter-scheduled games: Each member affiliate shall provide at least one certified referee for each game scheduled at its own fields.

Rationale:

To clarify the need of referee types for inter-scheduled game and coincides with change to 230.6a

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
230.6e Referees - Recreational

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 230.6e Referees - Recreational

230.6e U-14 through U-19: Each member affiliate shall provide three appropriately certified USSF referees for each home game.

Rule w/ proposed change:

230.6e U-14 through U-19: ~~Each member affiliate shall provide three appropriately certified USSF referees for each home game.~~

~~For inter-scheduled games:~~ Each member affiliate shall provide at least one certified **center** referee for each game scheduled at its own fields.

How the Rule reads after changes:

230.6e U-14 through U-19: For inter-scheduled games: Each member affiliate shall provide at least one certified **center** referee for each game scheduled at its own fields.

Rationale:

To clarify the need of referee types for inter-scheduled games and coincides with change to 230.6a

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
421.2 Club pass to include U-12 Rec players

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 421 Club pass

421.2 Club-pass play is permitted for U-14 and older Recreational players; Athena Classic and Academy U-12 players. Club pass between Athena, Classic and Recreational Programs is not allowed.

Rule w/ proposed change:

421.2 Club-pass play is permitted for ~~U-14~~ U-12 and older Recreational players; Athena Classic and Academy U-12 players. Club pass between Athena, Classic and Recreational Programs is not allowed.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

421.2 Club-pass play is permitted for U-12 and older Recreational players; Athena Classic and Academy U-12 players. Club pass between Athena, Classic and Recreational Programs is not allowed.

Rationale:

To allow U-12 Rec players to club pass to other rec teams.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)

421.3 Club Pass for Rec

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 421.3 Club Pass System

421.3 Academy U12 and Select U13 and older players may club pass (1) to a team at the same age but a higher competitive level, and/or (2) to a team at an older age group at the same or higher competitive level. Academy U12 players may club pass to an affiliate's first and/or second division team(s) only. Recreational players may club pass to an older age team. The determining age is the age at which the player is rostered rather than the player's true age.

Rule w/ proposed change:

421.3 Academy U12 and Select U13 and older players may club pass (1) to a team at the same age but a higher competitive level, and/or (2) to a team at an older age group at the same or higher competitive level. Academy U12 players may club pass to an affiliate's first and/or second division team(s) only. Recreational players may club pass to an older age **recreational** team. The determining age is the age at which the player is rostered rather than the player's true age.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

421.3 Academy U12 and Select U13 and older players may club pass (1) to a team at the same age but a higher competitive level, and/or (2) to a team at an older age group at the same or higher competitive level. Academy U12 players may club pass to an affiliate's first and/or second division team(s) only. Recreational players may club pass to an older age recreational team. The determining age is the age at which the player is rostered rather than the player's true age.

Rationale:

To clarify recreational players may only club pass to recreational teams.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)

421.3 Club Pass for Select

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 421.3 Club Pass System

421.3 Academy U12 and Select U13 and older players may club pass (1) to a team at the same age but a higher competitive level, and/or (2) to a team at an older age group at the same or higher competitive level. Academy U12 players may club pass to an affiliate's first and/or second division team(s) only. Recreational players may club pass to an older age team. The determining age is the age at which the player is rostered rather than the player's true age.

Rule w/ proposed change:

421.3 Academy U12 and Select U13 and older players may club pass (1) to a team at the same age but a higher competitive level, and/or (2) to a team at an older age group at the same or higher competitive level. Academy U12 players may club pass to an affiliate's first and/or second ~~division~~ team(s) only. Recreational players may club pass to an older age team. The determining age is the age at which the player is rostered rather than the player's true age.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

421.3 Academy U12 and Select U13 and older players may club pass (1) to a team at the same age but a higher competitive level, and/or (2) to a team at an older age group at the same or higher competitive level. Academy U12 players may club pass to an affiliate's first and/or second team(s) only. Recreational players may club pass to an older age team. The determining age is the age at which the player is rostered rather than the player's true age.

Rationale:

To clarify first or second team regardless of division of play; first and second team is defined differently based on club.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) **440.2 Scoring by midnight**

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 440.2 - Scoring

440.2 Each team is required to electronically submit their game score into the ADG Scheduling / Gaming system within 72 hours of the match. Electronic game scoring for Athena and Classic teams consists of the following information: score by team, yellow / red cards for all players, and coach ejections for both teams. Electronic game scoring for Recreation Inter-Affiliate Scheduled games consists of the following information: yellow / red cards for all players, and coach ejections for both teams. Additional information can be supplied in the comments section and with the required Coach Incident Report outlined in Rule 730.1a.

Rule w/ proposed change:

440.2 Each team is required to electronically submit their game score into the ADG Scheduling / Gaming system ~~within 72 hours of the match~~ **by midnight of the game day.** Electronic game scoring for Athena and Classic teams consists of the following information: score by team, yellow / red cards for all players, and coach ejections for both teams. Electronic game scoring for Recreation Inter-Affiliate Scheduled games consists of the following information: yellow / red cards for all players, and coach ejections for both teams. Additional information can be supplied in the comments section and with the required Coach Incident Report outlined in Rule 730.1a.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

440.2 Each team is required to electronically submit their game score into the ADG Scheduling / Gaming system by midnight of the game day. Electronic game scoring for Athena and Classic teams consists of the following information: score by team, yellow / red cards for all players, and coach ejections for both teams. Electronic game scoring for Recreation Inter-Affiliate Scheduled games consists of the following information: yellow / red cards for all players, and coach ejections for both teams. Additional information can be supplied in the comments section and with the required Coach Incident Report outlined in Rule 730.1a.

Rationale:

Faster scoring of game information by the teams will allow better tracking of disciplinary items that are not prominently displayed on game day lineup sheets.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
530.3e Substitutions for small-sided play

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 530.3e Substitutions

530.3e Recreation: Each player must play a minimum of half of each half of a match, if he/she meets practice participation requirements set by their club/association.

1. U-04, U-06, U-08 and U-10: Half of each half is the mandated playing minimum per player. It is recommended that whenever possible all players should play three-fourths of each game, unless the player is unwilling or unable.

Rule w/ proposed change:

530.3e Recreation: Each player must play a minimum of half of each half of a match, if he/she meets practice participation requirements set by their club/association.

1. U-04 – U-12, ~~U-06, U-08 and U-10~~: Half of each half is the mandated playing minimum per player. It is recommended that whenever possible all players should play three-fourths of each game, unless the player is unwilling or unable.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

530.3e Recreation: Each player must play a minimum of half of each half of a match, if he/she meets practice participation requirements set by their club/association.

1. U-04 – U-12: Half of each half is the mandated playing minimum per player. It is recommended that whenever possible all players should play three-fourths of each game, unless the player is unwilling or unable.

Rationale:

To include U12 in the small-sided substitution rules.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
530.3f Required Playing Time U15 and Above

Submitted by: Bryan McDermott, Georgia Soccer VP, Youth

Existing Rule:

530.3f **Select:** Each player must play a minimum of half a match, if he/she meets reasonable practice participation requirements set by their club/association.

Rule w/ proposed change:

530.3f **Select U14 & Below:** Each eligible player must play a minimum of half a match, if he/she meets reasonable practice participation requirements set by their club/association.

How the Rule or Bylaw would read after proposed change:

530.3f **Select U14 & Below:** Each eligible player must play a minimum of half a match, if he/she meets reasonable practice participation requirements set by their club/association.

Rationale:

1. Since a team could potentially have more than 18 players on its roster, the word "eligible" is added so that only the 18 eligible players have to play half of the game.
2. Once players are in high school they are not guaranteed playing time in a game. This change would extend the concept to league play as well. Georgia is one of the few states that still require players to play half of the game in select play.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
530.3f Required Playing Time U15 and Older Classic I Athena A

Submitted by: Bryan McDermott, Georgia Soccer VP, Youth

Existing Rule:

530.3f **Select:** Each player must play a minimum of half a match, if he/she meets reasonable practice participation requirements set by their club/association.

Rule w/ proposed change:

530.3f **Select:** Each eligible player must play a minimum of half a match, if he/she meets reasonable practice participation requirements set by their club/association. For U15 and older teams, this will not apply at the Classic I and Athena A levels.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

530.3f **Select:** Each eligible player must play a minimum of half a match, if he/she meets reasonable practice participation requirements set by their club/association. For U15 and older teams, this will not apply at the Classic I and Athena A levels.

Rationale:

1. The same concept as above, but only to apply to Classic I and Athena A teams.
2. If the first change passes, this one will be withdrawn.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
530.3f Required Playing Time

Submitted by: Bryan McDermott, Georgia Soccer VP, Youth

Existing Rule:

530.3f **Select:** Each player must play a minimum of half a match, if he/she meets reasonable practice participation requirements set by their club/association.

Rule w/ proposed change:

530.3f **Select:** Each **eligible** player must play a minimum of half a match, if he/she meets reasonable practice participation requirements set by their club/association.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

530.3f **Select:** Each eligible player must play a minimum of half a match, if he/she meets reasonable practice participation requirements set by their club/association.

Rationale:

1. If neither of the above passes, this one is proposed to include the word “eligible” for reasons stated above.
2. If either of the first two changes pass, this one will be withdrawn.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
530.4e U-04-U08 Forfeits

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 530.4 Substitutions U04 through U-08

530.4e Failure of a team to follow the participation and/or substitution rule must result in a forfeit of the match; this includes playoffs and championship matches.

530.4f If this comes to the referee's attention during a match, he shall make a record of it on the game report, notify each coach, and then see that the match continues and is completed.

Rule w/ proposed change:

~~**530.4e** Failure of a team to follow the participation and/or substitution rule must result in a forfeit of the match; this includes playoffs and championship matches.~~

~~**530.4f** If this comes to the referee's attention during a match, he shall make a record of it on the game report, notify each coach, and then see that the match continues and is completed.~~

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

Delete 530.4e and 530.4f

Rationale:

U4-U8 games should not be forfeited

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
530.5c-d Substitutions after Send-off

Submitted by: Bryan McDermott, Georgia Soccer VP, Youth

Existing Rule:

- 530.5c** Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at the following times:
1. Prior to a throw-in in your favor.
 2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
 3. After a goal, by either team.
 4. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops the play.
Substitutions shall not be limited to only the injured player or his team.
 5. At half time.
 6. After a caution, by either team.
- 530.5d** Substitutions are not allowed during the stoppage of play for a player being sent off (red card).

Rule w/ proposed change:

- 530.5c** Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at the following times:
1. Prior to a throw-in in your favor.
 2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
 3. After a goal, by either team.
 4. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops the play.
Substitutions shall not be limited to only the injured player or his team.
 5. At half time.
 6. After a caution **or sending off**, by either team.

~~**530.5d** Substitutions are not allowed during the stoppage of play for a player being sent off (red card).~~

How the Rule reads after changes:

- 530.5c** Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at the following times:
1. Prior to a throw-in in your favor.
 2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
 3. After a goal, by either team.
 4. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops the play.
Substitutions shall not be limited to only the injured player or his team.
 5. At half time.
 6. After a caution or sending off, by either team.
- 530.5d** **A player who is sent off may not be substituted.**

Rationale:

When a player is sent off, a substitution may be warranted due to the need of a change in tactics or, in the most obvious case, if a goalkeeper is sent off and the team has another goalkeeper on the bench, would we not waste less time by allowing the goalkeeper to substitute for a field player immediately instead of waiting for the next stoppage in play?

Additionally, if play is stopped for a player to be sent off, this usually takes a little time to occur. If either or both teams have players already at the halfway line waiting to substitute, would it not make sense to do it at that stoppage instead of waiting?

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
730.1 Referee Reports

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 730 Misconduct

730.1 Referees must submit written reports of all game misconduct, with the exception of players cautioned, directly to Georgia Soccer electronically—or postmarked—within 48 hours after the game.

Rule w/ proposed change:

730.1 Referees must submit written reports of all game misconduct, with the exception of players cautioned, directly to Georgia Soccer electronically—or postmarked—within ~~48~~ **72** hours after the game.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

730.1 Referees must submit written reports of all game misconduct, with the exception of players cautioned, directly to Georgia Soccer electronically—or postmarked—within 72 hours after the game.

Rationale:

To be consistent in all deadlines for reporting game information

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
731.1 Coach Misconduct

Submitted by: Wade Rhodes, Rapids Futbol Club

Existing Rule: 731. Coach Misconduct

731.1 Any coach dismissed from a game shall be automatically suspended from the next game scheduled and played under US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition. The coach shall not be present at the field or in the parking lot or any adjacent area to the field of play.

Rule w/ proposed change: 731. Coach Misconduct

731.1 Any coach dismissed from a game shall be automatically suspended from the next game scheduled and played under the US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition. The coach shall not be present at the field or in the parking lot or any adjacent area to the field of play **eligible to participate until he/she receives a ruling from the Discipline and Protest Committee or its designee.**

How the Rule would read after proposed change: 731. Coach Misconduct

731.1 Any coach dismissed from a game shall be eligible to participate until he / she receives a ruling from the Discipline and Protest Committee or its designee.

Rationale:

Serving punishment before the due process is carried out is not consistent with innocent until proven guilty. Coach send offs are certainly up to the judgement of referees and some justified and some not. Judgement decisions are made under different conditions on a daily bases and punishment for send offs should only take place after the accused has the opportunity to present their case to the Discipline and Protest Committee. Serving the punishment before due process assumes all reports are accurate and correct and the judgement decision is justified.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 732.1 Player Misconduct

Submitted by: Wade Rhodes, Rapids Futbol Club

Existing Rule: 732. Player Misconduct

732.1 Any player sent off during a game shall be automatically suspended from the next game scheduled of the team in which he/she is rostered and played under US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition. Player is also ineligible for participation in the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System until the suspension is served.

732.1a Any player sent off for using racial or ethnic slurs or offensive language that includes derogatory comments about gender, sexual orientation, physical ability or religion shall serve a minimum of a two-game suspension. The Georgia Soccer – Youth Discipline and Protest Committee retains the right to increase the suspension.

Rule w/ proposed change: 732. Player Misconduct

732.1 Any player sent off during a game shall be ~~automatically suspended from the next game scheduled of the team in which he/she is rostered and played under US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition. Player is also ineligible for participation in the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System until the suspension is served~~ **eligible to participate until he/ she receives a ruling from the Discipline and Protest Committee or its designee.**

732.1a **A minimum of a one -game suspension, if warranted, will be served once all Discipline and Protest and due process policies and procedures are followed.**

732.1b Any player sent off for using racial or ethnic slurs or offensive language that includes derogatory comments about gender, sexual orientation, physical ability or religion shall serve a minimum of a two-game suspension. The Georgia Soccer – Youth Discipline and Protest Committee retains the right to increase the suspension.

How the Rule would read after proposed change: 732. Player Misconduct

732.1 Any player sent off during a game shall be eligible to participate until he/she receives a ruling from the Discipline and Protest Committee or its designee.

732.1a A minimum of a one -game suspension, if warranted, will be served once all Discipline and Protest and due process policies and procedures are followed.

732.1b Any player sent off for using racial or ethnic slurs or offensive language that includes derogatory comments about gender, sexual orientation, physical

ability or religion shall serve a minimum of a two-game suspension. The Georgia Soccer – Youth Discipline and Protest Committee retains the right to increase the suspension.

Rationale: Serving punishment before any due process is unconstitutional. Penalizing a player before presenting he or she's case is heard before the Discipline and Protest Committee is contrary to any law of the land. Serving the punishment beforehand is admitting guilt before the process has begun. Providing supreme power to the referee to make a decision for crime and punishment before any hearing is not for the good of the player or the game.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)

732.1a Game suspension for dual rostered player

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Chair, Youth Select committee

Existing Rule: 732. Player Misconduct

732.1 Any player sent off during a game shall be automatically suspended from the next game scheduled of the team in which he/she is rostered and played under US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition. Player is also ineligible for participation in the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System until the suspension is served.

732.1a Any player sent off for using racial or ethnic slurs or offensive language that includes derogatory comments about gender, sexual orientation, physical ability or religion shall serve a minimum of a two-game suspension. The Georgia Soccer – Youth Discipline and Protest Committee retains the right to increase the suspension.

Rule w/ proposed change:

732.1 Any player sent off during a game shall be automatically suspended from the next game scheduled of the team in which he/she is rostered and played under US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition. Player is also ineligible for participation in the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System until the suspension is served.

732.1a A player who plays up one or more age groups in the fall and received a red card on the last game played, and who wishes to dual roster in the spring because his/her primary team does not play a spring season, may serve the D&P suspension with the secondary team in the spring.

732.1a-b Any player sent off for using racial or ethnic slurs or offensive language that includes derogatory comments about gender, sexual orientation, physical ability or religion shall serve a minimum of a two-game suspension. The Georgia Soccer – Youth Discipline and Protest Committee retains the right to increase the suspension.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

732.1 Any player sent off during a game shall be automatically suspended from the next game scheduled of the team in which he/she is rostered and played under US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition. Player is also ineligible for participation in the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System until the suspension is served.

732.1a A player who plays up one or more age groups in the fall and received a red card on the last game played, and who wishes to dual roster in the spring because his/her primary team does not play a spring season, may serve the D&P suspension with the secondary team in the spring.

732.1b Any player sent off for using racial or ethnic slurs or offensive language that includes derogatory comments about gender, sexual orientation, physical ability or religion shall serve a minimum of a two-game suspension. The Georgia Soccer – Youth Discipline and Protest Committee retains the right to increase the suspension.

Rationale:

With our current rules, that player would be ineligible to play at all within Georgia Soccer until the following fall season.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 732.8 Accumulated Cautions

Submitted by: Wade Rhodes, Rapids Futbol Club

Existing Rule: 732. Player Misconduct

732.8: Any player receiving 3 cautions in a playing season will sit out the next scheduled and played game for the team he/she is rostered to under the US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition.

Rule w/ proposed change: 732. Player Misconduct

732.8 Any player receiving ~~3~~5 cautions in a playing season will sit out the next scheduled and played game for the team he / she is rostered to under the US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition.

How the Rule reads after changes: 732. Player Misconduct

732.8 Any player receiving 4 cautions in a playing season will sit out the next scheduled and played game for the team he/she is rostered to under the US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition.

Rationale: Yellow cards are exactly what they are stated: CAUTIONS. When properly used by the referee the cautions control the game from escalating and keeping players under control. Judgement upon the caution is at the discretion of the referee and this varies from individual to individual and from day to day and the number of games worked in a day. Punishing a player for receiving 3 cautions in a 10 game or more season is unrealistic and puts more control of the players participation in the hands of the referee instead of the coach and or the player.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
740.4 Team Suspension for Penalty Points Accumulation

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Select Committee Chair

Existing Rule: 740.4 – misconduct

740.4 If a team receives 13 penalty points during a season, the team is suspended until an in-person hearing takes place, within 14 days of the accrual of 13 penalty points, where the suspended team may argue why suspension is not warranted.

Rule w/ proposed change:

740.4 If a team receives ~~13~~12 penalty points during a season, the team is suspended until ~~an in-person~~ hearing takes place. ~~The hearing will take place within 14~~ 3 days of the accrual of ~~13~~ 12 penalty points, where the suspended team may argue why suspension is not warranted.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

740.4 If a team receives 12 penalty points during a season, the team is suspended until a hearing takes place. The hearing will take place within 3 days of the accrual of 12 penalty points, where the suspended team may argue why suspension is not warranted.

Rationale:

This would allow for review of a team if 3 forfeits are recorded in a season and the ability to address in a short time frame.

Recommendation:

The Youth Rules Subcommittee finds no conflicts with this proposed change.