

Proposed Change to Rule(s)

180.4c 08U Academy Registration Restrictions

Submitted by: Melissa Camp, Director of Youth Select;
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Existing Rule:

180.4c All Select Program teams are prohibited from including players who are not yet 8 years old on January 1st unless they are evaluated by the member affiliate's Academy coaches and deemed to be of exceptional talent. Players who are not yet 8 years old on January 1st may comprise no more than 20 percent of the Select Program team's roster at the next age group level.

Rule w/ proposed change:

180.4c All Select Program teams ~~are prohibited from including~~ **may add** players who are ~~not yet~~ **younger than** 8 years old ~~on January 1st unless~~ **if** they are evaluated by the ~~member-affiliate's~~ Academy coaches and deemed to be of ~~exceptional talent~~ **enough to play in the Academy program**. ~~Players who are not yet 8 years old on January 1st may comprise no more than 20 percent of the Select Program team's roster at the next age group level.~~

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

180.4c All Select Program teams may add players who are younger than 8 years old if they are evaluated by the affiliate's Academy coaches and deemed to be talented enough to play in the Academy program.

Rationale:

Place the leagues that are playing 8U pre-academy in compliance

Proposed Change to Rule(s)

230.9 Referee fees

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Vice President - Youth

Existing Rule:

230.9a If a game is postponed for failure to provide required officials within the time limit for a Georgia Soccer Youth Select Program Division game, the following criteria will apply.

230.9b The game will be replayed at the home field of the original visiting team.

230.9c In addition, the original home member affiliate will be billed for the cost of the referees required once the game has been replayed.

Rule w/ proposed change:

230.9a If a game is postponed for failure to provide required officials within the time limit for a Georgia Soccer Youth Select Program Division game, the following criteria will apply.

230.9b The game will be replayed at the home field of the original visiting team.

230.9c In addition, the original home member affiliate will be billed for the cost of the referees required once the game has been replayed. provided by email the cost of the referees & assignor fees by the original away member affiliate. With an email agreement from the original home member affiliate to pay for the referees, the AGC will rescheduled the game. The original home member affiliate is required to make payment prior to the game starting on match day. Failure to pay prior to game being played, the original home member affiliate will "forfeit" the game.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

230.9a If a game is postponed for failure to provide required officials within the time limit for a Georgia Soccer Youth Select Program Division game, the following criteria will apply.

230.9b The game will be replayed at the home field of the original visiting team.

230.9c In addition, the original home member affiliate will be provided by email the cost of the referees & assignor fees by the original away member affiliate. With an email agreement from the original home member affiliate to pay for the referees, the AGC will rescheduled the game. The original home member affiliate is required to make payment prior to the game starting on match day. Failure to pay prior to game being played, the original home member affiliate will "forfeit" the game.

Rationale:

The original away member affiliate is being stuck will the referee cost as money is not being paid by the original home member affiliate after the game is played.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
310.2h Team Transfer

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Vice President - Youth

Existing Rule:

310.2h No team shall be allowed to transfer from one member affiliate to another member affiliate during the seasonal year.

Rule w/ proposed change:

310.2h **Unless approved by current club of record, n**No team shall be allowed to transfer from one member affiliate to another member affiliate during the seasonal year.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

310.2h Unless approved by current club of record, no team shall be allowed to transfer from one member affiliate to another member affiliate during the seasonal year.

Rationale:

Clarifying the purpose of this rule.

Proposed change to Rule(s) 310.2j – Involuntary Release

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Vice President - Youth

Existing Rule:

310.2j The team coach and member affiliate may request that a player be released involuntarily from a team only if a player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:

1. Player had violated US Youth Soccer rules or state disciplinary rules.
2. Player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance.
3. Player is injured in such a manner that he/she will be unable to participate for the remainder of the seasonal year.
4. Player has abandoned team (i.e. been absent without excuse for four or more weeks).

To request the release, the coach and member affiliate must complete the player Release Form and submit it to the member affiliate's registrar.

Rule with proposed change:

310.2j The team coach and member affiliate may request that a player be released involuntarily from a team only if a player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:

1. Player had violated US Youth Soccer rules or state disciplinary rules.
2. Player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance.
3. Player is injured in such a manner that he/she will be unable to participate for the remainder of the seasonal year.
4. Player has abandoned team (i.e. been absent without excuse for four or more weeks).

To request the release, the coach ~~and member affiliate must complete the player Release Form and submit it~~ **must submit a written request** to the member affiliate's registrar.

How the rule would read after proposed change:

310.2j The team coach and member affiliate may request that a player be released involuntarily from a team only if a player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:

1. Player had violated US Youth Soccer rules or state disciplinary rules.
2. Player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance.
3. Player is injured in such a manner that he/she will be unable to participate for the remainder of the seasonal year.
4. Player has abandoned team (i.e. been absent without excuse for four or more weeks).

To request the release, the coach must submit a written request to the member affiliate's registrar.

Rationale:

To bring rule in line with current practice.

Proposed change to Rule(s)

330.1 Recruitment for Select Program

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Vice President - Youth

Existing Rule:

330.1 Once a youth player has signed a Georgia Soccer registration form or registered online, and that registration information has been submitted to Georgia Soccer by the member affiliate's registrar, no person may directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce that player to leave the team for which he/she has registered during the seasonal year, until the Tuesday following Memorial Day or fourteen days prior to the allowed start of tryouts for that age group, without fourteen days' written notice to the player's coach. For Academy players in the 09U through 12U age group, no person may directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce that player to leave the team for which he/she has registered until the Tuesday following Memorial Day.

Rule with proposed change:

330.1 Once a youth player has signed a Georgia Soccer registration form or registered online, and that registration information has been submitted to Georgia Soccer by the member affiliate's registrar, no person may directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce that player to leave the team for which he/she has registered during the seasonal year, until the Tuesday following Memorial Day or fourteen days prior to the allowed start of tryouts for that age group, without fourteen days' written notice to the player's coach, **or without an approved release on file in the electronic registration system**. For Academy players in the 09U through 12U age group, no person may directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce that player to leave the team for which he/she has registered until the Tuesday following Memorial Day.

How the rule would read after proposed change:

330.1 Once a youth player has signed a Georgia Soccer registration form or registered online, and that registration information has been submitted to Georgia Soccer by the member affiliate's registrar, no person may directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce that player to leave the team for which he/she has registered during the seasonal year, until the Tuesday following Memorial Day or fourteen days prior to the allowed start of tryouts for that age group, without fourteen days' written notice to the player's coach, or without an approved release on file in the electronic registration system. For Academy players in the 09U through 12U age group, no person may directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce that player to leave the team for which he/she has registered until the Tuesday following Memorial Day.

Rationale:

To include an approved released player as eligible to communicate.

Proposed change to Rule(s)
330.2 Recruitment for Select Program

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Vice President - Youth

Existing Rule:

330.2 No registered player may directly or indirectly contact any other team during the current seasonal year, until the Tuesday following Memorial Day or fourteen days prior to the allowed start of tryouts for that age group, without fourteen days' written notice to his/her present coach. For Academy players in the 09U through 12U age groups, no registered player may directly or indirectly contact any other team until fourteen days before the Tuesday following Memorial Day.

Rule with proposed change:

330.2 No registered player may directly or indirectly contact any other team during the current seasonal year, until the Tuesday following Memorial Day or fourteen days prior to the allowed start of tryouts for that age group, without fourteen days' written notice to his/her present coach, **or without an approved release on file in the electronic registration system**. For Academy players in the 09U through 12U age groups, no registered player may directly or indirectly contact any other team until fourteen days before the Tuesday following Memorial Day.

How the rule would read after proposed change:

330.2 No registered player may directly or indirectly contact any other team during the current seasonal year, until the Tuesday following Memorial Day or fourteen days prior to the allowed start of tryouts for that age group, without fourteen days' written notice to his/her present coach, or without an approved release on file in the electronic registration system. For Academy players in the 09U through 12U age groups, no registered player may directly or indirectly contact any other team until fourteen days before the Tuesday following Memorial Day.

Rationale:

To include an approved released player as eligible to communicate.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 420.2b Jersey Numbers on Roster

Submitted by: Melissa Camp, Director of Youth Select

Existing Rule:

420.2b A team must have the player jersey numbers pre-printed on the Game Day Roster.

Rule w/ proposed change:

420.2b A team must have the player jersey numbers pre-printed on the Game Day Roster.

420.2c Failure to do this will result in a “negative” one point per game assigned to your team totals. This “negative” one point per game shall be returned to the team if the team demonstrates to GSSA that they have fixed the issue within 72 hours (Wednesday) following the weekend games.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

420.2b A team must have the player jersey numbers pre-printed on the Game Day Roster.

420.2c Failure to do this will result in a “negative” one point per game assigned to your team totals. This “negative” one point per game shall be returned to the team if the team demonstrates to GSSA that they have fixed the issue within 72 hours (Wednesday) following the weekend games.

Rationale:

We have had one year since we introduced the need for player jersey numbers pre-printed on the Game Day Roster. We will now introduce the “possible” penalty points for failure to do this.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 421.2c Club pass system

Submitted by: Dan Esmond, Director of Youth Recreation

Existing Rule:

421.2a Club pass play from Athena to Classic is allowed but not Classic to Athena.

421.2b Club pass play from Recreational Girls to Recreational Boys is allowed but not Recreational Boys to Recreational Girls.

Rule w/ proposed change:

421.2a Club pass play from Athena to Classic is allowed but not Classic to Athena.

421.2b Club pass play from Recreational Girls to Recreational Boys is allowed but not Recreational Boys to Recreational Girls.

421.2c Club pass play from Recreational to Athena or Classic is not allowed.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

421.2a Club pass play from Athena to Classic is allowed but not Classic to Athena.

421.2b Club pass play from Recreational Girls to Recreational Boys is allowed but not Recreational Boys to Recreational Girls.

421.2c Club pass play from Recreational to Athena or Classic is not allowed.

Rationale:

To clarify that club pass play from the recreational program to the select program is not allowed.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) **421.4 Number of Club Pass Players**

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, VP of Youth

Existing Rule:

421.4 A player may play with the team on which he is registered and one other team on a given day. A player may not play in more than two games in any one day. 13U – 17U teams may use a maximum of three club-pass players in any one game. 18U – 19U teams may use a maximum of five club-pass players in any one game.

Rule w/ proposed change:

421.4 A player may play with the team on which he is registered and one other team on a given day. A player may not play in more than two games in any one day. 13U – 17U 16U teams may use a maximum of three club-pass players in any one game. 18U 17U – 19U teams may use a maximum of five club-pass players in any one game.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

421.4 A player may play with the team on which he is registered and one other team on a given day. A player may not play in more than two games in any one day. 13U – 16U teams may use a maximum of three club-pass players in any one game. 17U – 19U teams may use a maximum of five club-pass players in any one game.

Rationale:

17U have college visits, SAT / ACT testing, etc and being able to club pass 5 players will reduce the number of games having to be re-scheduled

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 540.2c Alternate Jersey

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Vice President - Youth

Existing Rule:

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

540.2b Alternate jerseys may be T-shirts of contrasting colors.

540.2c If a team is required to change to alternate jerseys, numbers on the jerseys shall not be required.

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.

540.2b Alternate jerseys may be T-shirts of contrasting colors.

540.2c If a team is required to change to alternate jerseys, numbers on the jerseys ~~shall not~~ **shall** be required.

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.

540.2b Alternate jerseys may be T-shirts of contrasting colors.

540.2c If a team is required to change to alternate jerseys, numbers on the jerseys shall be required.

Rationale:

Identification of players by number & name for the referees and D&P committee when handling yellow cards and red cards

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 720.6 Forfeits and Reschedules

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Vice President - Youth

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.

720.6c The opposing coach must be given 5 days notice of the new game date except where minimum 5 day notification would cause the game to be played after the last scheduled playing season date established by the Georgia Soccer.

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~~ **a staff member** of the Home Team shall notify ~~the opposing coach~~ **a staff member of the Opposing Team** of the canceled game ~~and of the rescheduled date, time and field within 5 days of original game date.~~

720.6c ~~The opposing coach must be given 5 days notice of the new game date except where minimum 5 day notification would cause the game to be played after the last scheduled playing season date established by the Georgia Soccer.~~ **Both teams shall agree to a reschedule date, time, and field within 7 days of the agree date to cancel the game, and shall report to the AGC for website update.**

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, a staff member of the Home Team shall notify a staff member of the Opposing Team of the canceled game.

720.6c Both teams shall agree to a reschedule date, time, and field within 7 days of the agree date to cancel the game, and shall report to the AGC for website update.

Rationale:

Housekeeping – all team staff members can communicate to the opposing team

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 733.2 Parent and Spectator Misconduct

Submitted by: Juan Castillo, Director At Large

Existing Rule:

733.1 Misconduct of parents and spectators will be handled by the Georgia Soccer – Youth D&P Committee using the same standards of conduct and behavior and sanctions as those used with players, coaches or administrators.

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

733.3 Any parent or spectator dismissed from a game must immediately leave sight and sound of the field and cannot return to the field of play until the referee crew has left the field after the completion of the game.

733.4 Failure to leave sight and sound after a dismissal may result in the game being terminated by the referee. Parents and Spectators are not permitted to have any contact with players, team management or other coaches during the course of the game from which they are dismissed.

733.5 Once dismissed from the game, parents and spectators may not approach the referee crew during or after the match.

Rule w/ proposed change:

733.1 Misconduct of parents and spectators will be handled by the Georgia Soccer – Youth D&P Committee using the same standards of conduct and behavior and sanctions as those used with players, coaches or administrators.

733.2 Parents, spectators are not allowed to verbally question, address or critic (criticize) any game official's judgement during or after the match. The first instance that any Parent/Spectator violates this rule the game official will ask the appropriate coach to address the situation. If there is a second instance, a second warning will be given to the coach. If there is a third instance the game official will ask the coach to remove the offending Parent/Spectator(s).

* If the parent/spectator is using "offensive vulgar language" at any game official during or after the match, that parent/spectator will be instantly sent off on the first instance.

* If the offending Parent/Spectator(s) refuse to leave the coach will be sent off.

* If the offending Team coach refuses to address the parents when asked to be the official, the coach will be sent off.

* Any further instance by parents/spectators the game will be terminated

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

733.34 Any parent or spectator dismissed from a game must immediately leave sight and sound of the field and cannot return to the field of play until the referee crew has left the field after the completion of the game.

733.45 Failure to leave sight and sound after a dismissal may result in the game being terminated by the referee. Parents and Spectators are not permitted to have any contact with players, team management or other coaches during the course of the game from which they are dismissed.

733.56 Once dismissed from the game, parents and spectators may not approach the referee crew during or after the match.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

733.1 Misconduct of parents and spectators will be handled by the Georgia Soccer – Youth D&P Committee using the same standards of conduct and behavior and sanctions as those used with players, coaches or administrators.

733.2 Parents, spectators are not allowed to verbally question, address or critic (criticize) any game official's judgement during or after the match. The first instance that any Parent/Spectator violates this rule the game official will ask the appropriate coach to address the situation. If there is a second instance, a second warning will be given to the coach. If there is a third instance the game official will ask the coach to remove the offending Parent/Spectator(s).

* If the parent/spectator is using "offensive vulgar language" at any game official during or after the match, that parent/spectator will be instantly sent off on the first instance.

* If the offending Parent/Spectator(s) refuse to leave the coach will be sent off.

* If the offending Team coach refuses to address the parents when asked to be the official, the coach will be sent off.

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

733.4 Any parent or spectator dismissed from a game must immediately leave sight and sound of the field and cannot return to the field of play until the referee crew has left the field after the completion of the game.

733.5 Failure to leave sight and sound after a dismissal may result in the game being terminated by the referee. Parents and Spectators are not permitted to have any contact with players, team management or other coaches during the course of the game from which they are dismissed.

733.6 Once dismissed from the game, parents and spectators may not approach the referee crew during or after the match.

Rationale:

Parent/Spectator behavior should not be the referee responsibility, it is better managed by the appropriate coaching staff. Parent/spectator suspension penalties are not easily enforceable. The proposed rule assigns responsibility back to the coach that in most cases will be more influential. Penalizing the parent/spectator is not an effective deterrent. Parent/spectator behavior that will result in penalties that will impact the team will discourage parent/spectator issues.

Proposed change to Rule(s) 860 – Release

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Vice President -Youth

Existing Rule:

860. Release -- Georgia Soccer authorized removal of a player from a team roster. The player's player pass must be returned to the member affiliate office upon the release. If a full transfer is in order, the player must go back to his/her original member affiliate and initiate a transfer request with that member affiliate.

Rule with proposed change:

860. Release -- ~~Georgia Soccer~~ **Member affiliate-**authorized removal of a player from a team roster, **which puts the player in inactive status.** The player's player pass must be returned to the member affiliate office upon the release. ~~If a full transfer is in order, the player must go back to his/her original member affiliate and initiate a transfer request with that member affiliate.~~ **In order to be returned to active status during the same seasonal year, the player must go back to his/her original member affiliate and re-register or initiate a transfer request with that member affiliate.**

How the rule would read after proposed change:

860. Release -- Member affiliate-authorized removal of a player from a team roster, which puts the player in inactive status. The player's player pass must be returned to the member affiliate office upon the release. In order to be returned to active status during the same seasonal year, the player must go back to his/her original member affiliate and re-register or initiate a transfer request with that member affiliate.

Rationale:

To make 860 congruent with other rules referencing Releases

Proposed change to Rule(s)

860.1 – Involuntary Release

Submitted by: Delroy Ziadie, Vice President -Youth

Existing Rule:

A player may be involuntarily removed from a roster by a coach or club for one of the following reasons:

860.1 Player has violated US Youth Soccer Association's rules or state disciplinary rules.

860.2 Player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance.

860.3 Player is injured in such a manner that he/she will be unable to participate for the remainder of the season.

860.4 Player has abandoned team (i.e. been absent without excuse for four or more weeks).

Rule with proposed change:

860.1 A player may be involuntarily removed from a roster by a coach or club for one of the following reasons:

860.1a Player has violated US Youth Soccer Association's rules or state disciplinary rules.

860.2 860.1b Player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance.

860.3 860.1c Player is injured in such a manner that he/she will be unable to participate for the remainder of the season.

860.4 860.1d Player has abandoned team (i.e. been absent without excuse for four or more weeks).

To request an involuntary release, the coach must submit a written request to the member affiliate's registrar.

How the rule would read after proposed change:

860.1 A player may be involuntarily removed from a roster by a coach or club for one of the following reasons:

860.1a Player has violated US Youth Soccer Association's rules or state disciplinary rules.

860.1b Player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance.

860.1c Player is injured in such a manner that he/she will be unable to participate for the remainder of the season.

860.1d Player has abandoned team (i.e. been absent without excuse for four or more weeks).

To request an involuntary release, the coach must submit a written request to the member affiliate's registrar.

Rationale: To define the process of an involuntary release.