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Proposed Changes to Youth Rule 310.3 Dual Rostering for Spring Season

Submitted by: Sue Eutermoser, Registrar, AFC Lightning and FCYSL

Existing Rule:

310.3 Dual Rostering of Players

- 310.3a** All recreational and select players may be rostered to an outdoor team and an indoor team during the same seasonal year.
- 310.3b** True Under14 select program players playing up one or more age groups during the fall season will be permitted to dual roster for the spring season with an Under 14 team that participated in the fall season. Both teams must participate in the same program and the same or higher division within that program (Classic I, Classic II, Athena A, Athena B etc.), or the equivalent thereof.
- 310.3c** Any select program player U-15 and above whose primary team does not participate in a spring season may dual roster with another Select team, either with its member affiliate or with another member affiliate that is participating in the spring season.
- 310.3d** The player's fall season team will be considered the primary team. Primary team games will take precedence over all other games, and players may not participate with both teams on the same day.
- 310.3e** If a player is rostered with both teams, that player may only participate in the Georgia State Cup with the primary team
- 310.3f** A team that adds players through dual rostering as in Rule #310.3b may have its spring season record discounted by the playing program committee when it decides promotion and relegation of teams.
- 310.3g** A player registered in a non-traditional youth program may also register with a team in a Recreation, Classic, Athena or Academy program. In such instance, events related to the Recreation, Classic, Athena or Academy team will take preference over events of the non-traditional team.

Rule w/ proposed change:

310.3 Dual Rostering of Players

- 310.3a** All recreational and select players may be rostered to an outdoor team and an indoor team during the same seasonal year.
- 310.3b** True **Under U14** select program players playing up one or more age groups during the fall season will be permitted to dual roster for the spring season with **an Under a U14 select** team that participated in the fall season. **The secondary team (see rule 310.3d)** must participate in the same program and the same or higher division within that program (Classic I, Classic II, Athena A, Athena B etc.) **as the primary team**, or the equivalent thereof.

- 310.3c** Any select program player ~~U-15 and above~~ whose true playing age group is U15 and above and whose primary team does not participate in a spring season may dual roster with ~~another Selecta recreational~~ team, either with its member affiliate or with another member affiliate, that is participating in the spring season.
- 310.3d** The player's fall season team will be considered the primary team, and the spring season team will be considered the secondary team. Primary team games will take precedence over all other games, and players may not participate with both teams on the same day.
- 310.3e** If a player is rostered with both teams, that player may only participate in the Georgia State Cup with the primary team.
- 310.3f** A team that adds players through dual rostering, as in Rule #310.3b, may have its spring season record discounted by the playing program committee when it decides promotion and relegation of teams.
- 310.3g** A player registered in a non-traditional youth program may also register with a team in a Recreation, Classic, Athena or Academy program. In such instances, events related to the Recreation, Classic, Athena or Academy team will take preference over events of the non-traditional team.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

310.3 Dual Rostering of Players

- 310.3a** All recreational and select players may be rostered to an outdoor team and an indoor team during the same seasonal year.
- 310.3b** True U14 select program players playing up one or more age groups during the fall season will be permitted to dual roster for the spring season with a U14 select team that participated in the fall season. The secondary team (see rule 310.3d) must participate in the same program and the same or higher division within that program (Classic I, Classic II, Athena A, Athena B etc.) as the primary team, or the equivalent thereof.
- 310.3c** Any select program player whose true playing age group is U15 and above and whose primary team does not participate in a spring season may dual roster with a recreational team, either with its member affiliate or with another member affiliate, that is participating in the spring season.
- 310.3d** The player's fall season team will be considered the primary team, and the spring season team will be considered the secondary team. Primary team games will take precedence over all other games, and players may not participate with both teams on the same day.
- 310.3e** If a player is rostered with both teams, that player may only participate in the Georgia State Cup with the primary team.
- 310.3f** A team that adds players through dual rostering, as in Rule #310.3b, may have its spring season record discounted by the playing program committee when it decides promotion and relegation of teams.

310.3g A player registered in a non-traditional youth program may also register with a team in a Recreation, Classic, Athena or Academy program. In such instances, events related to the Recreation, Classic, Athena or Academy team will take preference over events of the non-traditional team.

Rationale:

The addition of the word *select* in Rule 310.3b is just for clarification. Change from Under 14 to U14 is housekeeping.

In Rule 310.3b, the original intent of the rule was that the spring team must be the same or higher playing division within the same program as the fall team. At some point, a change was made to the rule, and the current wording does not reflect the original intent.

In Rule 310.3c, since Georgia Soccer no longer provides a spring friendly season, there are no select teams for a select player U15 and up to dual roster with. Changing the wording to Recreational instead of Select allows Select players U15 and up who may not have an opportunity to participate in a school soccer program a place to play in the spring, but still allows them to participate in the Georgia State Cup or President's Cup with their primary team, without having to complete a second transfer.

In rule 310.3d, the definition of secondary team was added to make the distinction between the fall and spring teams clearer.

Changes to rules 310.3f and 310.3g are strictly grammatical, as is the comma in rule 310.3c.

Recommendations:

The Youth Rules Sub-Committee finds no fundamental problems or conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Youth Rule 310.3h (New) Dual Rostering and Recruiting Rules

Submitted by: Nancy Marsden and Delroy Ziadie

Existing Rule:

New Rule, to have number 310.3h

Rule w/ proposed change:

310.3 Dual Rostering of Players

310.3h When dual rostering a player, the primary coach must be given a minimum of five days written notice of intent to dual roster and the original player ID number and profile must be used by the secondary team.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

310.3 Dual Rostering of Players

310.3h When dual rostering a player, the primary coach must be given a minimum of five days written notice of intent to dual roster and the original player ID number and profile must be used by the secondary team.

Rationale: Clearly describes that recruiting rules must be adhered to in cases of dual rostering of players.

Recommendations:

The Youth Rules Sub-Committee finds no fundamental problems or conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Youth Rule 310.3i (New) Ineligible Player

Submitted by: Nancy Marsden and Delroy Ziadie

Existing Rule:

New Rule, to have number 310.3i

Rule w/ proposed change:

310.3 Dual Rostering of Players

310.3i Any player found to be playing for a team on which that player is not eligible to participate will be deemed an ineligible player and a forfeit will be charged against the team with which the player participated. The D&P Committee has the right to add additional sanctions against either or both the player and the coach after a hearing to determine intent.

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Rationale: Clearly describes consequences of dual rostering ineligible players.

Recommendations:

The Youth Rules Sub-Committee finds no fundamental problems or conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Youth Rule 730.4 Sanctions for Ineligible Player or Coach

Submitted by: Nancy Marsden and Delroy Ziadie

Existing Rule:

730.4 Any player or coach who participates in a game while ineligible will cause that game to be charged as a forfeit. Additional sanctions or suspensions may be assessed at the discretion of the D&P Committee after a hearing. This includes failure to serve a mandatory suspension for a red card or a coach dismissal, for yellow card accumulation, for handwriting a player's name on a game card, for illegal club pass use, or for any other reason that a player participates who is not eligible to do so.

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Rationale: More clearly establishes the protocols of playing or coaching while ineligible.

Recommendations:

The Youth Rules Sub-Committee finds no fundamental problems or conflicts with this proposed change.

Proposed Change to Youth Rule 730.5 Review of Referee Misconduct

Submitted by: Kevin Heid, Chair, Youth Discipline & Protest committee

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, postmarked, emailed, or faxed within 48 hours after the game.

730.1a Coaches should submit a written incident report to the Georgia Soccer D&P Committee - Youth regarding all game misconduct issues within 72 hours of the game.

730.1b Coaches who elect not to submit a written incident report within 72 hours of the game forfeit their right to request an administrative review of all sanctions of three games or less.

730.2 Games forfeited and then played as scrimmage games will not count for the game suspension(s).

730.3 All outdoor suspensions apply to outdoor, and all indoor suspensions apply to indoor.

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730.5 Reports of alleged misconduct by referees submitted to the Georgia Soccer – Youth Discipline and Protest committee via a coach incident report will be reviewed in conjunction with the State Referee Committee. If additional action is deemed necessary, the policies and procedures as outlined in the Referee Ethics and Grievance procedures will be followed.

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Rationale: The reason that we are requesting this rule change is to allow coaches the option of bringing any acts of referee misconduct forward in an easy way and give the D&P the opportunity to work with the SRC to try and make sure that referees are being held accountable as well.

Recommendations:

The Youth Rules Sub-Committee cannot support this proposed change. We believe that the finding of “referee misconduct” based upon the referee’s testimony at a D&P hearing is in violation of USSF Bylaw 701 (Hearing Procedures) and USSF Policy 531-10 (Misconduct of Game Officials).

Proposed Change to Youth Rule 740.1h (New) Forfeiture Points

Submitted by: Nancy Marsden and Delroy Ziadie

Existing Rule:

**740. Misconduct -- Penalties for Players, Coaches, Teams and Member Affiliates
[Athena and Classic Programs]**

740.1 Points will be deducted from standing points as the result of player and/or coach misconduct during games played during the regular season in the following manner:

740.1a Player caution (yellow card) 0 points

740.1b Player dismissal (red card) 2 points

740.1c Coach send-off 3 points

740.1d Game termination (team responsible) 4 points

740.1e Game forfeiture 4 points

740.1f If at the end of the playing season, a team has 5 penalty points or less, no deductions from the standings will be charged to the team.

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Rationale: Forfeiture points should be severe and immediate to reduce the opportunities for teams to refuse to travel to games that are not geographically close.

Recommendations:

The Youth Rules Sub-Committee finds no fundamental problems or conflicts with this proposed change.