

Proposed Change to Rule(s)

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Existing Rule:

530.5c

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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.

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How the Rule would read after proposed change:

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Rationale:

This change would put the rules more in line with the US Youth Soccer general rule on substitution as well as many other current youth competitions.

The US Youth Rule reads:

Rule 302. SUBSTITUTIONS

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