



**AMENDMENTS
TO THE
POLICY ON THE US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Section 3 of Rule 104 is amended to read as follows:

Section 3. The players and coaches of each of the 4 teams that are first, second, third, and fourth place teams competing in the National Championships at the national level in each of the boys and girls age groups shall be awarded individual medals.

This amended rule provision is effective beginning with the 2008 National Championships in North Little Rock, AR.

2. Section 1(5) of Rule 221 is amended to read as follows:

(5) Teams that can have a maximum of 18 players must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the league and National Championships competitions by maintaining a minimum of 9 players common to the roster of both competitions, and teams that can have a maximum of 22 players must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the league and National Championships competitions by maintaining a minimum of 11 players common to the roster of both competitions.

This amended rule provision is effective beginning with the 2008-2009 National Championships competitions.

3. Section 3(1) of Rule 221 is amended to read as follows:

(1) Team Roster

The team roster shall be approved by the State Association where the team resides. For U-15 and younger teams, the team roster shall not have more than 18 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. **For U-16 and older teams, the team roster may have up to 22 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year.** Every team roster shall have a minimum of 7 players on the roster at all times.

This amended rule provision is effective beginning with the 2008-2009 National Championships competitions.

4. Section 2(a)(1) of Rule 226 is amended to read as follows:

Section 2. (a) To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest—

(1) must be orally lodged by a team official listed on the team roster involved in the game with the referee and with the opposing coach at the game site before entering the field of play or leaving the game site, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section; and

This amended rule provision is effective beginning with the 2008 National Championships competitions at the regional and national levels.

5. Section 4 of Rule 242 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 242. PLAYING RULES

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Section 4. (a) At the National Championships competitions at the regional and national levels, unfinished games due to any cause shall be replayed if neither team is at fault and play has not begun in the second half. If play is stopped during the second half and play cannot be resumed and if neither team is at fault, the Regional or National Championships Committee may deem the game complete. However, if play is stopped at any time due to one of the teams being adjudged to be at fault, it shall be at the discretion of the Regional or National Championships Committee whether the game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit.

(b) At the National Championships competitions at the regional and national levels, all protests and appeals must be submitted by a team official listed on the team roster involved in the game. For protests involving completed games, see sections 1 and 2 of Rule 226.

This amended rule provision is effective beginning with the 2008 National Championships competitions at the regional and national levels.