

## **Levels of Play Offered By South Texas**

It is the mission of South Texas Youth Soccer Association to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of the youth of South Texas by offering an environment that makes soccer fun and instills a lifelong passion for the game in its players and their families. To accomplish this goal, STYSA provides various levels of play designed to fulfill the needs of players age 4 through 19 of various skill levels.

### **Division IV - Recreational – Under-10 and younger players**

Children learn the basics of soccer through positive, fun training sessions that include short demonstrations and lots of participation. The primary goal of this play level is fun and the opportunity to play. There is a requirement that coaches make every effort to play each player at least 50% of each game.

At this time a limited number of Texas United teams participate in Division IV – Recreational – HYSA. The registration and uniform cost is higher than our recreational program. These teams travel for 50% of the games to play other area clubs.

### **Division III - Recreational – Under-11 through Under-19**

Designed for players who enjoy the sport for the social aspect as well as developing their skills, recreational teams in these age groups are formed through assignment of all interested participants to a team. There is a requirement that coaches make every effort to play each player at least 50% of each game.

Texas United currently only has teams at U11G, U11B and U12B.

### **Division II – Competitive – Under-11 through Under-19**

This introductory level of competitive play is designed for those who enjoy the social aspect of the game and want to continue to develop their skills through better competition. There is a requirement that coaches make every effort to play each player at least 50% of each game.

### **Qualifying – Competitive – Under-11 through Under-13**

Recognized as the highest level of play within the state, players may be selected from across the state based on their ability, skill and commitment to the sport including a more demanding practice and game schedule. There is a requirement that coaches make every effort to play each player at least 50% of each game.

### **Super II – Competitive – Under-11 through Under-19**

Selection of players based on talent and ability is permitted and generally includes a pool of players from a broader spectrum. Teams participate in the Super II league within the District which requires more commitment with regard to travel and expense. There is a requirement that coaches make every effort to play each player at least 50% of each game.

### **Division I – Competitive – Under-14 through Under-19**

Recognized as the highest level of play within the state, players may be selected from across the state based on their ability, skill and commitment to the sport including a more demanding practice and game schedule. There is no play time requirement at this level.

### **State Classic League – Under-14 through Under-18**

Still in the organizational stage, this level of play is designed to provide play between the top teams in each District during the regular season. There is no play time requirement at this level.

### **Region III Premier League**

The US Youth Soccer Region III Premier League provides an opportunity for the most competitive teams in Region III to play each other on a scheduled basis. The league is comprised of boys and girls teams in the Under-14 through Under-18 age groups with each participating state association determining the criteria for identifying the teams to be included in the Premier League.

Teams of all levels play through their Member Association or a designated play group (Super II, Division I, State Classic, and Premier League) during the fall season and, in some play levels, have the opportunity to advance to post season play in the Fall or enter Spring Cup competitions.