



# South Texas Youth Soccer Association

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Dear SAYSA,

I would just like to recognize and congratulate you on your commitment to the development and growth of youth soccer in the South Austin area. Your vision and dedication to change for the benefit of every player in your program is a model for all programs in South Texas.

The festival format for u5's is a wonderful idea; small-sided games for u6, 8 & 9 has you ahead of the dates STYSA have set for the changes. The long-term benefits of small-sided games will be immense for the growth and success of your program on and off the field. There will always be a few hurdles in the early stages of change because nobody likes changes, but you are doing the right thing for the kids. The 6v6 for u15's and older is a great way of keeping more recreational players involved in soccer.

BJ has been offering coaching education during the week for all the coaches, he is now a qualified STYSA instructor; this is a huge asset to your club. Education for coaches & parents is the way forward and having an in-house STYSA instructor is a benefit to all your members.

Please keep up the great work and remind everyone the reasons for the changes are for the benefit of the children.

Yours Sincerely,

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