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Hello South Texas Members,

As we ramp up the spring cups and spring leagues, it's very important to remind ourselves of the basic reasons why we're here; so that kids have the opportunity to participate in soccer competition. We have to be vigilant that it's a game for kids. Parents and coaches must be mindful that certain vicarious actions may impact the enjoyment of the kids on the field. Parents are to be reminded to behave themselves appropriately on the sidelines. Coaches are to be reminded to allow the game officials to manage the games without undue interference from the sidelines. Mistakes will be made by players. Mistakes will be made by coaches. Mistakes will be made by game officials. Such is the reality in the game of soccer and in the game of life. We learn by doing. Let the coaches' coach. Let the referees officiate. Let the kids play. Let the parents spectate.

We look forward to seeing many of our Association and club leadership at the summer Governing Board Meeting. We strongly encourage club leaders to attend the event in addition to the association leaders. We will have workshop sessions covering:

- Board Leadership which will address business details on the roles and responsibilities of serving on a board; what you don't know but you need to know if you're an elected board member, especially if you're an officer.
- D & P: this session will include a mock disciplinary & protest hearing process: do's and don'ts and active participation. Board leaders don't want to miss this one.
- Financial Management: The STYSA CPA will conduct a session on financial management for your club and association. Again, more do's and don'ts to protect yourself and your organization's finances

These are just three examples of our workshop line up for this summer's event, plus the Annual STYSA Awards luncheon. You don't want to miss any of the work and fun.

Are you looking for a guest speaker for your Association or club meetings? I would be more than happy to attend a meeting with your members or participate in open conversation about soccer life and the pursuit of soccer happiness. Touch base with me and we'll make our best efforts to coordinate schedules for a meet and greet. I look forward to joining you, at your invitation.

For the good of the game,



Kelly Ross
Executive Director