

KHSL Referee Guide



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Kearney-Holt Soccer League
A Soccer Organization for Youth (SAY) League



Dear Referee:

Thank you for officiating for the Kearney-Holt Soccer League!

At KHSL, we offer recreational soccer to approximately 500 local children each season. We strive to offer kids an opportunity to learn soccer and to have fun – all in a safe and recreational environment. We take our responsibility seriously and this extends to our officials, as well.

We know it's not always easy being an official. As a referee, you are responsible for all activities on the field. Players, coaches, and parents all look to you to assure a safe and fair game.

We have developed this Guide to provide you with administrative information that you need to know in order to ref our games. We also periodically schedule various training activities designed to keep your skills sharp and to allow you to continue your own development.

Please review all the information in this Guide before the season starts and contact us immediately with any questions. Make sure you know and understand all the Rules of Play, including the exceptions to FIFA rules. We strongly recommend you bring a copy of this Guide with you to games, in case you need to refer to it during a dispute.

As a KHSL official, we expect you to do your best. We understand you will sometimes make mistakes or flub a call. All refs do. If you're doing the best job you can, you'll treat it as a learning experience and move on. We will always support you in your on-field decisions. In return, we ask you to work the games you're scheduled for, to be on-time, and to take your officiating duties seriously. Remember – this is a job!

We realize this is a lot of responsibility and we stand ready to assist you in whatever way we can. Please let us know how we can support you in your officiating.

Kearney-Holt Soccer League Board of Directors



Contact Information

www.bluesombrero.com/kearneyholtsoccer

Contains general League information, important announcements, key dates, game schedules, contact information, etc.

Rainouts

816-903-KHSL. KHSL Rain-out Line. This recorded line is updated immediately with decisions to cancel games due to inclement weather. We recommend always checking this line before heading out to the fields.

Occasionally, inclement weather forces us to call off practices and games. Generally, this is determined by the City of Kearney and is intended to protect the soccer fields from the wear and tear of cleats on the wet grass.

If the grounds are excessively wet or there is lightening in the area, KHSL and the City will cancel all activities at Jesse James Park. In these situations, 903-KHSL will be updated with a recording that all games and practices are cancelled.

NOTE: It is KHSL policy to always immediately cancel all outdoor activities when lightening is in the area. If you are on the fields and see lightening, please immediately notify the coaches to move the kids off the fields to the safety of their parents' cars. You may resume the game when the lightening ceases.

Requirements for Refereeing

All officials must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 14 years old as of the first game of the season.
- Have successfully completed USSF Entry Level 9 certification or the equivalent SAY certification course. If no SAY courses are scheduled, information about USSF clinics sponsored by the Western Missouri Soccer League may be obtained at www.wmsl.org/refclinic.htm.
- Attend any mandatory meetings or training held by KHSL. More information about these meetings will be available early each season.
- Supply the following equipment at each game officiating: official referee jersey, black shorts/sweats, stop watch, whistle/lanyard, penalty cards, and paper/pen to keep track of the score.

When assigning refs to games, priority is given to current KHSL players.

If you are interested in officiating for KHSL games, please contact us AFTER you have completed the proper certification course.



Payment

All cities in Tri-County pay officials according to the following schedule:

U8	U10	U12	U15
1 center @ \$13.50	2 centers @\$20.50	2 centers @ \$23.00	1 center @ \$33.00 2 ARs @ \$28.00

Checks are written by the following weekend for all games officiated the prior weekend; checks are mailed to officials. You are responsible for reporting back to the league which games you actually worked, not just the ones you were assigned.

Who We Play

KHSL plays teams within the Tri-County structure of cities. Our U8 teams play teams from Plattsburg, and Lathrop. Our U10+ teams play teams from Plattsburg, Lathrop, and Lawson. The website has soccer complex locations with a map and directions to each city.

General Game Information

KHSL generally follows FIFA rules of play, with some stated exceptions. These exceptions may be viewed in Exhibit I. **Please assure you know and understand these rules.** Review them frequently; bring a copy of this Guide to the games, and don't hesitate to refer to it in the event of a dispute.

1. Please arrive 15 minutes before your first game. Locate your field and be ready to start the game on-time.
2. Don't forget to perform an equipment check before the game. Any players not in compliance must leave the field immediately until they comply. NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - a. Athletic shoes or soccer cleats must be worn by all players. Make sure all cleats are soccer cleats. Baseball, football, and golf cleats are not allowed on the fields. No toe cleats!
 - b. Check for shinguards. Additionally, the shinguards must be covered by socks so there are no exposed edges from the shinguards. Combination socks/shinguards are acceptable.
 - c. All jewelry (including stud earrings) must be removed – no taping is allowed.



3. Keep an eye on the time. Games are generally scheduled back-to-back, so if one game falls behind schedule, all subsequent games will also. Please make sure your watch is working properly and keep an eye on it. Assure quarters, halves, and breaks are the proper lengths.
4. The teams must change directions on the field at half-time. This is NOT optional, even if the coaches agree.
5. Make sure you understand the mercy rules for each age division where you ref. You are responsible for coordinating/enforcing this rule. Often, the coaches do not fully understand it.
6. Parents must sit on one side of the field and the players/coaches on the other. Again, this is NOT optional.



TRI-COUNTY RULES OF PLAY

QUICK REFERENCE

Revised and Approved as of March 2008

*All players should play at least 50 percent of each game—
coaches are responsible for tracking this.*

KICK-OFF

- 1) Ball must go forward; if not - kick again.
- 2) If defensive player enters circle at the start of the kick - kick again.
- 3) If any player past centerline at kick - kick again.
- 4) If kicking player kicks twice – kick again.
- 5) U10 and up, indirect kick given to other team.
- 6) ***Can sub as many players as desired.***
- 7) Cannot score unless another player from either team touches the ball.

THROW IN

- 1) Both hands equally from behind the head, both feet on the ground, stand on or outside the sideline. **U8 players may re-do the throw-in until done properly.**
- 2) If the ball does not come inbound on throw – throw again.
- 3) Player throwing in the ball cannot play the ball until another player of either team touches the ball first.
- 4) Other team cannot impede throw in, if done – throw again.
- 5) ***Can sub several players even on opponents throw in, if the opponent is subbing. If not, the team cannot sub.***
- 6) Cannot score unless another player from either team touches the ball first.

GOAL KICK

- 1) Ball must leave the penalty area, if not – kick again.
- 2) All players of the now goal kicking team must be out of the penalty area when ball is kicked, if not – kick again.
- 3) Goal kick player cannot play ball he/she kicked until another player has touched the ball first.
- 4) ***Can sub several players, either team.***
- 5) Cannot score unless another player from either team touches the ball first.

CORNER KICK

- 1) Corner kick player cannot play the ball he/she kicked until another player from either team touches the ball first.
- 2) Can score without another player touching the ball.
- 3) ***Cannot sub, except U8. U8s may substitute players –either team – on any dead ball.***

DROP BALL

- 1) If referee cannot tell who kicked the ball out of bounds.
- 2) Ball must be dropped, not thrown down by the referee.
- 3) Ball must hit ground before players can kick. If kicked before the ball hits the ground, drop again.
- 4) Restart play after injury.
- 5) ***Cannot sub, except U8. U8s may substitute players –either team – on any dead ball.***

Game Play

If a team is short on players, the opposing team plays down to match the numbers of the other team. The team that is short on players must play ALL players. They cannot have subs. This rule is subject to the following minimums:

U8 – 4 players. If a team has 3 or fewer players, they must forfeit.

U10 – 6 players. If a team has 5 or fewer players, they must forfeit.

U12 and up – 8 players. If a team has 7 or fewer players, they must forfeit.



U8

Ages of Players ¹	6 and 7 years old
Coed?	No
Location of Practices	Jesse James Park
Location of Games	Jesse James Park (Kearney), Plattsburg, Lathrop
Length of Games	Four 10-minute quarters (4 x 10min)
Ball Size	3
# Players on Field	5 v 5
Referee	Licensed; if no ref available, coaches ref
Keep Score?	Yes
Goalie?	Yes
Division-specific Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No slide tackles. Mercy rule: the team behind adds 1 player to the field when behind by 5 points. For every point lost thereafter, the team behind adds one more player. As points are gained, players come off the field one at a time, until 5 players remain. No off-sides, but offense may not “camp” in the opponent’s goal area.

¹ Age as of July 31 of previous year.

U10

Ages of Players ¹	8 and 9 years old
Coed?	No
Location of Practices	Jesse James Park
Location of Games	Jesse James Park (Kearney), Lawson, Plattsburg, Lathrop
Length of Games	Two 25-minute halves (2 x 25min)
Ball Size	4
# Players on Field	8 v 8
Referee	Licensed
Keep Score?	Yes
Goalie?	Yes
Division-specific Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modified FIFA Rules Mercy rule: the team ahead removes 1 player from the field when ahead by 5 points. For every point gained thereafter, the team ahead removed one more player, until 6 players remain on the field.

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U12

Ages of Players ¹	10 and 11 years old
Coed?	Yes
Location of Practices	Jesse James Park
Location of Games	Jesse James Park (Kearney), Lawson, Plattsburg, Lathrop
Length of Games	Two 30-minute halves (2 x 30min)
Ball Size	5
# Players on Field	11 v 11
Referee	Licensed
Keep Score?	Yes
Goalie?	Yes
Division-specific Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified FIFA Rules • Mercy rule: the team ahead removes 1 player from the field when ahead by 5 points. For every point gained thereafter, the team ahead removed one more player, until 8 players remain on the field.

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U15

Ages of Players ¹	12, 13, and 14 years old
Coed?	Yes
Location of Practices	Jesse James Park
Location of Games	Jesse James Park (Kearney), Lawson, Plattsburg, Lathrop
Length of Games	Two 40-minute halves (2 x 40min)
Ball Size	5
# Players on Field	11 v 11
Referee	Licensed
Keep Score?	Yes
Goalie?	Yes
Division-specific Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified FIFA Rules • Mercy rule: the team ahead removes 1 player from the field when ahead by 5 points. For every point gained thereafter, the team ahead removed one more player, until 8 players remain on the field.

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