



What's New for Fall 2018

Welcome to Fall soccer! Want to update coaches, parents and players to make Fall registration easier. The following document provides general information and links to guide you based on the most frequently asked questions at SCSA. Documents are available at: www.scsasoccer.com – Forms/Documents.

NEW FALL 2018 SCSA RULE CHANGES:

Guest players allowed for league play: Effective Fall 2018, guest players are allowed to play in the league. Complete guidelines are found at the SCSA website – Forms/Documents. Key information is below:

- Maximum of three (3) guest players allowed per competitive team (U9 – U19) per game.
- No guest players allowed for recreational teams (U5-U8).
- Teams may not exceed the maximum roster allowed on game day by adding guest players.
- Guest players will not be added to the official roster or required within Got Soccer.
- No fee to add a guest player through the KSYSA website for SCSA league.
- Each guest player must have a KSYSA guest player permit submitted at game time. Failure to submit guest player form at game time may make player ineligible and result in forfeit of the game.
- Guest player must have their primary player card and guest player permit to be eligible for game day.
- Limits of what divisions the guest player is eligible to play, check complete rules before finalizing roster.

Club pass roster option eliminated for SCSA league: With the implementation of guest players for league play, club pass has been eliminated. All teams may change their rosters weekly through guest players.

Division assignments & placement: SCSA will automatically move a team who won their division up to the next division if placed first in Division 2, 3 or 4. Division winners in Division 1 will have the option of staying in their age Division 1 or moving up to the next age. Teams who finished last in a division will have the option to move to the next lowest division or remain in the current division.

Change in early registration discount: An early registration \$25 discount has been eliminated. For teams and/or clubs who enter/edit current and new player information themselves, SCSA will give \$25 per team credit. The player entry must be complete before the coach's meeting to qualify for the credit. If the registration is completed by the coach's meeting, a \$25 credit will be applied to the team to be used throughout the season. **Training is required for any team or club to be eligible for the credit.** Schedule a time with SCSA for 1-hour training session. Teams or clubs may still have SCSA complete the entry but are not eligible for the credit.

Registration team/player deadline and late fee: Any team registering after the deadline and/or fees are not paid at time of deadline will be assessed a \$25 late fee. *Each team is required to have their roster submitted on or before the team deadline with full payment per player.* Player forms or online entry may be submitted after the deadline for those players listed on the roster.

Player releases & transfers: Once a player is released from their team within the season, that player is unable to transfer to another team within their original division or a lower division until after the end of the season. The released player may play for a higher division team from original team within the same season.

Multiple rostered players in multiple divisions: Multiple roster or guest players are limited to playing in two consecutive divisions within an age group. For example, a player in the U12 age group may play U12 Division 1 and U12 Divisions 2. However, the player may not play U12 Division 1 and U12 Division 3. Players can multiple roster or guest play up to the next age group without limitations. [Operations Manual III. F. 1.] The primary team should be in the lower division with the player playing up as secondary.

Upload birth certificates in Got Soccer: While moving to online processes, all birth certificates will be uploaded in Got Soccer. A clear copy of the birth certificate should be uploaded in Got Soccer – player profile – Documents - Select Upload Document – enter description “Birth Certificate” – Choose File from your downloads – “Upload File”. All forms are encrypted. SCSA will continue to require to see the birth certificate if not uploaded to verify proof of birth.

Recommend all current player’s birth certificates and/or passports be uploaded during Fall 2018 and for any new players as added to the roster. Spring 2018, it will be required to be uploaded.

Player pictures require updates (U9 and older): Effective June 30th, all player pictures 2017 or older will be deleted and updated picture for Fall 2018 required. Reminder to take pictures during tryouts or practices to be ready for registration. Best if clear headshot only of the player. Welcome to load the current player pictures any time as Got Soccer date stamps each picture to show if in 2018. SCSA will review all player and coach pictures in June to improve quality. If unable to improve, we will delete and notify team officials at time of registration to update their picture.

REGISTRATION TOPICS

Team Conflicts for scheduling: The Conflict form provides no more than 6 days to conflict or block. More than 6 days may not be honored or guaranteed. The rainout dates of November 10-11 are not allowed to be blocked. If a team has it blocked and the rainout is required, the initiating team is required to reschedule their own game through SCSA. *Keep in mind, limit the number of multiple rostered players as this is not an acceptable conflict.*

Trapped 8th grader – This rule applies to U15 players who are enrolled in 8th grade but not playing for a high school team. KSHSAA requires any club player enrolled in HS to play for their HS team during the HS season. KSHSAA does allow the following exceptions: a) if the U15 player is not in HS but enrolled in 8th grade; b) player opted out of HS soccer; c) home schooled players, or d) player’s high school does not offer soccer. [Girls: Fall club season and Spring HS season; Boys: Fall HS season and Spring club season]. During the specific club season, the U15 player must play on an age-appropriate team. Since the player is responsible for compliance with KSHAA rules, no documentation is required to be submitted to SCSA.

Example: John Doe, U15 player, may play Fall club soccer with a U14 team. John Doe will then move to a U15 team for the Spring club season. Jane Doe, U15 player, must play Fall club soccer with a U15 team then may transfer to a U14 team for Spring club soccer.

Coaches of U14 teams are encouraged to play in the U15 division if they have 5 or more U15 players. The number of trapped 8th graders increased due to the changes in the calendar year age group chart. A separate U15 division will be created if there are 5 or more teams in the season. Otherwise, they will be placed in the highest division of the U14 age division.

U15-U16-HS Divisions: If 5 or more teams request U15 and U16, separate divisions will be scheduled. Historically, the HS divisions of U15 and older are smaller, therefore, multiple divisions were not scheduled. Based on previous boys and girls divisions, SCSA had a combined U15/16 division and a HS division of U17 and older teams. If enough HS teams register, we will divide the HS divisions into Division 1 and Division 2. A minimum of 5 teams are required before an additional division in any age is created.

Teams looking for players –

SCSA keeps a list of teams looking for players to help players and teams connect. To be added to this list, email SCSA with your team name, contact info and where your team practices (N-S-E-W).

- **Competitive:** As parents/players call in looking for teams, SCSA refers the parent first to the tryout website then to this list of teams looking for players.

- **Recreational:** As of July 1st, SCSA keeps a waiting list for U5, U6, U7, U8 players looking for teams. As teams register and need players, SCSA match the waiting list players to these teams. SCSA contacts the coach to provide the player's contact information. All paperwork is then completed with the team before being rostered with SCSA.

COACH TOPICS

Requirements to coach at SCSA:

1. **Abuse Prevention Training video** – KSYSA sent email to all current coaches and will update periodically for new coaches. Required to be in compliance for the federal mandated Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017.
2. **Grassroots Pathway Initiatives** – online & in-person licensing – all coaches by 8/1/2018, unless had an E or above license as of 1/1/2018. See Grassroots Pathway Coach Info on website – Forms/Documents.
3. **Risk management** – background check approved every 2 years.

NEW Fall 2018: Abuse Prevention: *All coaches, managers, trainers and administrators are required to complete the online training to be in compliance with the Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 and the KSYSA Prohibited Conduct Policy.* KSYSA will send a link to the online training to each coach, manager, trainer or administrator. Please do not share the training link as it is specific to each person.

The training is required to be completed on or before the Fall 2018 league season begins and is monitored by KSYSA Administrators. There are a series of videos and questions which take 1-1.5 hours to complete. Please know that the information is there to help you identify suspected child abuse. *It is worth an hour of your time to protect one child.*

Grassroots Pathway Initiatives - online: As of January 1, 2018, all competitive coaches are required to take online courses through KSYSA website, www.kansasyouthsoccer.org – Coaches – Digital Coaching Center. This is required by KSYSA and there are no waivers. Two online courses are required:

1. Introductory to Grassroots Coaching – free – provides information on the pathway
2. Age appropriate online course of 7v7, 9v9, 11v11 – fee is \$25 each online course

Grassroots Pathway Initiatives – In person courses: As of January 1, 2018, coaches may take in person courses to further their coaching skills. In person courses are offered throughout the State and in Wichita twice a year as long as sufficient people are enrolled. Age appropriate courses are designed for 7v7, 9v9, and 11v11 in a 4 hour class & field work format. These courses will be held in Wichita on June 30th (7v7 and 9v9) and July 1st (11v11). Register at KSYSA website – Coaches – Courses – Licensing – Course Info Schedules – District 2 (Wichita). This is a hands-on clinic so wear workout clothing and bring water to drink.

Risk management (RM): All coaches, assistant coaches, managers must complete a background check every 2 years through a third party. There is a cost of \$20 for the 2 years. Any team official to be on the team sideline must have an approved RM. A manager may or may not get approved but would not be eligible to be on the sideline until RM approved.

SCSA will email all current coaches whose risk management has or will expire as of 7/5/2018 with the link and user name to renew for 2 years. Follow the link to renew the RM and be added to your team for Fall 2018. Approval can take up to 5-7 business days or longer in registration period so don't delay in completing the background check.

If your RM expires 7/1/2019, no further action is needed. Please do not complete a new RM unless yours has expired as it only creates a duplicate record in the database and charges you \$20.

New coaches should complete the Team Official form found at the SCSA website – Forms/Document #7 Team Official Membership Form. This may be delivered to SCSA in person, by email or fax. The \$20 RM fee is due at time of the RM link origination. Be sure to add the team official picture while in "Pending" status so it is ready to print the coach pass when approved.