



What's New for Fall 2019

Welcome to WRSA and the Fall 2019 season! Looking forward to another great season at Stryker Sports Complex. The following provides information that is new, changed from last season or links to how to find information on the Stryker website, www.strykersportscomplex.com.

Warm welcome to Vanessa Campos, our newest addition to the Stryker Team. Vanessa will be working with Lori and Mary in the office as well as around the complex. Stop by to meet Vanessa and say hi!

Fall 2019 office hours during registration will remain the same with other times available by appointment. You will find us at the Stryker Complex, 2999 N Greenwich, Indoor Building. We are moving into Meeting Room #1 and #2 through the registration deadlines.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Monday and Friday by appointment

Contact us several ways, so pick the one that works best for you. Remember during registration, email is the quickest way to reach us as it is difficult to answer phones while meeting with teams. Please leave a message and we will return voice mails promptly. Make sure to leave your name, team name and brief message.

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Key dates and deadlines:

Tuesday, July 23rd U11 through U19 team registration
Tuesday, July 30th U5 through U10 team registration
Thursday, August 8th Coaches meetings – all divisions – Stryker Indoor Building
August 9th-10th-11th Stryker Fall Opener Tournament
August 16th-17th-18th Opening weekend of WRSA league

Changes from Spring 2019 season:

1. Increased National dues result in increased KSYSA player fees

An \$1.25 increase, first in over 10 years, from USYSA National resulted in same increase to the KSYSA player fees. This fee is paid annually the first time the player registers during the seasonal year. WRSA collects the fee per player but paid directly to KSYSA. The state player fee covers the national and state dues, player cards, official rosters and supplemental player insurance if injured on the team the player is rostered at a tournament, league game or practice.

Competitive fee (U9–U19)	formerly \$13.00	+ \$1.25	now \$14.25/player
Recreational fee (U5-U8)	formerly \$7.00	+ \$1.25	now \$8.25/player

2. New KSYSA coach fee implemented, effective Fall 2019.

A new fee of \$5.00 was implemented per the coach not the team rostered. The \$5.00 coach fee also provides supplemental insurance in case of injury, same as player fee. New fee required to replenish the coach's insurance fund. WRSA will collect the fee and pay KSYSA directly.

3. Change to playing format of U7 and U8 teams from 4v4 to 5v5. U5 and U6 teams remain 4v4.

Recreational teams age U7 and U8 will change from 4v4 to a 5v5 playing format effective Fall 2019. This allows for 10-player maximum with 4 players on the field plus goalie. A center referee will be assigned for each game. This change was requested by teams to create play closer to the game.

No change for the U5 and U6 teams, they will remain 4v4 on the field without a goalie, and 8-player maximum. A center referee will be assigned. Coaches will coach from the sideline, not on the field.

4. Division Placement Policy available on the website

To provide parity and the competitive divisions, WRSA Management Team formalized how division placement will be completed each season. Teams may still request a specific division; priority will be given to WRSA prior season's game record then the requested division. Division winners will automatically be moved to the next appropriate division. A team at the bottom of the division will be moved down to the next age appropriate division. Further information is found at the Division Placement Policy, www.strykersportscomplex.com – Policies/Procedures.

New teams to WRSA will be required to submit their prior league's standings if requesting a change to preliminary divisions. Seeding changes will not be based on multiple rostered or guest players.

5. Implementation of \$25 reschedule fee effective Fall 2019.

WRSA implemented a reschedule fee of \$25/game, paid by the initiating team. Fee required to be submitted prior to the reschedule request approved. The online reschedule request must be completed by both teams to be approved; and must be submitted 10 days prior to the originally scheduled game, or the date you are requesting to play, whichever is sooner. We will implement an online payment method to assist in timely payments. See Reschedule Procedure at the Stryker website – Policies & Procedures (scroll to bottom of any page).

6. Change in penalty points from red and yellow cards during league play.

To encourage positive behavior by team officials and players, WRSA increased the penalty points given when coaches or players receive a red or yellow card. Penalty points are cumulative through each season and monitored through league standings by team on the Stryker website - League page – Standings and Schedules.

- a. Final team points earned from wins and ties during the season are reduced by the penalty points as follows:

Red card	-5 points deducted per red card received
Yellow card	-3 points deducted per yellow card received
- b. Players receiving 3 yellow cards during the season will be given 1 red card after 3rd yellow received during the season. Count starts over for following season. While WRSA intends to notify the head coach when players have 2 yellow cards, it is the team and head coach's responsibility to monitor individual player's penalty points.

Reminders or General Information:

1. Team playing in Heartland or attending a Summer tournament prior to August 8th?

Alert the WRSA office ASAP or at registration to ensure official rosters are completed prior to required deadlines. Teams need to submit all documentation prior to the deadline to ensure adequate preparation time. Player cards and official team rosters will be distributed at the 8/8 coach's meeting.

2. Coach licensing through the KSYSA Grassroots Pathway Courses.

The KSYSA Grassroots Pathway courses are available to all coaches but only required for those who coach at the State Cup tournaments. All coaches are strongly encouraged to use the Pathway to strengthen their coaching skills at all levels. Pathway courses are offered throughout the State and twice a year in Wichita. Review the course offerings at KSYSA website, www.kansasyouthsoccer.com – Coaches – Courses. Link to the free Introductory session and registration for the 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11 courses Digital Coaching Center.

3. Teams are encouraged to enter player documents into Got Soccer for league & tournaments.

One-time entry into Got Soccer for players of birth certificate and medical releases eliminates paper documents at tournaments, allows quick online check-in and provides more security of sensitive documents. All documents are encrypted to protect personal information. Go to Got Soccer – click on player profile – Documents – add document. Make sure to name each document (i.e. Birth Certificate or Medical release) when downloading.