



What's New for Spring 2020?

Welcome to WRSA and Spring 2020 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 Gideon Root and Richard Racy, our newest additions to the Stryker Team. Gideon and Richard are working with Lori and Mary in the office as well as around the complex. Stop by to say hi!

Office hours the same with other times available by appointment. You will find us at the Stryker Complex, 2999 N Greenwich, Indoor Building.

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

Contact us several ways. While email is the quickest way to reach us, welcome to 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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Complex improvements from Fall 2019:

1. The Stryker Indoor building added some new features. A water fountain is now available for you inside and able to refill bottles. Also added is assorted flyers keeping you up to date on Stryker tournaments, Field rentals, Referee certification, Fundraisers and more. Both the fountain and flyer wall are located near the men's and women's restrooms, check them out!
2. New parking lot being paved next to Field #8 adding 200 new parking stalls. This new lot is expected to be ready for the start of the Spring 2020 league. We are excited to have this new lot striped and ready to go!

Seasonal reminders:

3. **Registration Deadlines earlier for teams and then second deadline for final player rosters.** As the league continues to grow, WRSA is looking for ways to ensure schedules are provided timely for all teams. Please contact your team parents and players during the June tryout period to verify teams will be formed. With 1300+ games to be scheduled, WRSA will have 2 deadlines for all teams:
 - a. **Team Entry Deadline** – team entry fee and online application required to hold a division spot. Conflicts are required to be completed to allow schedules to start.
 - b. **Final Player roster and fee deadline** – 2 weeks prior to the start of the Fall league to ensure all player changes are implemented.
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, but 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 found at www.strykersportscomplex.com – Policies/Procedures – Division Placement policy.
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 originally scheduled game, or 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. **Effective Fall 2019, National USYS dues increased which resulted in increased KSYSA player fees and a new KSYSA coach fee.** An \$1.25 increase, first in over 10 years, from National USYS resulted in same increase to the KSYSA player fees. This fee is paid annually the first time the player registers during the seasonal year.

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
Competitive coach (U9-U19)			now \$5.00/coach

7. **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 now be assigned. Coaches will coach from the sideline, not on the field.

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

Effective Fall 2019, WRSA increased the penalty points given when coaches or players receive a red or yellow card to encourage positive behavior by team officials and players. Penalty points are cumulative through each season and may be monitored in 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:

Red card -5 penalty points per red card received

Yellow card -3 penalty points per yellow card received

Once 10 penalty points or more are accumulated, a deduction of -3 is taken from standings.

- 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. **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 State Cup tournaments. 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.

- Next classes in Wichita at Stryker Sports Complex
 - March 1, 2020 7v7 8 am – 12 pm
 - March 1, 2020 11v11 1 pm – 5 pm

2. **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.

3. **Effective next Fall 2020, WRSA will require all player pictures to be updated.** All player pictures, 6 months or older (1/1/2020) will be deleted. Every 2 years, we update player pictures to ensure the most recent player pictures are used for team cards. Get out those cameras and update at time of tryouts or those first summer practices to make sure you have those updated smiles.

4. **KSUSA Insurance certificate required for all practice locations.**

Every team is required to have a Certificate of Insurance (COI) on file for their specific practice location. Your KSUSA fees cover this insurance so no additional charge. If your team practices at Stryker, WRSA has already filed the COI on your behalf. All other practice locations outside of Stryker will need to send the WRSA Office the following information:

- Name of practice location:
- Full address including zip code of practice location:
- Practice start and end dates:
- Team contact person:
- Email and phone number of contact person:

Once the information is received, WRSA will file the COI on the team's behalf with KSUSA. A COI will be emailed from KSUSA to the contact person listed within 24-48 hours.

5. **Travel permits required for all teams traveling to tournaments outside the State of Kansas:**

To ensure your players and coaches are covered by the KSUSA insurance at tournaments, a travel permit is required to be completed PRIOR to the non-Kansas tournament (including Missouri). Travel permits are obtained through the KSUSA website, www.kansasyouthsoccer.org – Admin – Travel Permit/Guest Player. Fee is \$25 if submitted 30 days or more in advance of the tournament. If submitted within 30 days of the tournament, fee is \$50 per team. A tournament brochure, invitation or other applicable tournament information must be submitted at time of application. Once approved, KSUSA will forward a travel permit and approval to the tournament. The team will be required to carry the approved permit while traveling. Go to KSUSA Procedures Rule 6.4 for specific information.