



## What's New for Fall 2022

Welcome to WRSA and the Fall 2022 season! We are looking forward to another great season at Stryker Sports Complex. The following provides information that is new, changed from last season or links to find information on the Stryker website, [www.strykersportscomplex.com](http://www.strykersportscomplex.com).

Fall 2022 office registration hours remain the same, other times available by appointment. Find us at the Stryker Complex, 2999 N Greenwich, in the Indoor Building, Meeting Room #1-2 through the registration deadlines.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Monday and Friday by appointment

Email is the quickest way to reach us as difficult to answer phones while meeting with teams. Please leave a message, 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:

June 10<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup> Free agency begins with tryouts held during these dates  
Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> Fall 2022 registration opens  
**Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> U11 through U19 team registration deadline**  
Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> High School and U15 Division Placement Meeting  
Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> U14 and U13 Division Placement Meeting  
Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> U12 and U11 Division Placement Meeting  
**Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> U5 through U10 team registration deadline**  
Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> U10 and U9 Girls Division Placement Meeting  
Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> U10 and U9 Boys Division Placement Meeting  
**Tues, August 2<sup>nd</sup> Coaches meeting – U11-U19 – Stryker Indoor 6:00 pm**  
**Wed, August 3<sup>rd</sup> Coaches meeting – U5-U10 – Stryker Indoor 6:00 pm**  
August 12-13-14 Opening weekend of WRSA league  
August 26-27-28 Stryker Cup tournament  
Sept 30 Oct 1-2 Stryker Wichita Open tournament  
October 28-29-30 WRSA last weekend of league  
Nov 4-5-6 Stryker Wichita Finale tournament

### Changes for Fall 2022 season:

#### 1. Conversion of online software from Got Soccer to Got Sport effective Fall 2022.

- WRSA office staff is working on the conversion to import players and create teams on behalf of the WRSA teams and clubs. Training will be available as we approach the deadlines. While change is never easy, everyone will need to be patient as we work through the conversion.
- Items that are needed from every team
  - Updated pictures of every player, coach, and manager. Teams will load the pictures into Got Sport, recommend taking an updated picture at time of tryouts or practices.
  - **NEW Fall 2022:** All coaches, U5-U8, will have coach cards printed which require all coaches to have both background check and safe sport completed prior to being on the sideline. No change for U9-HS teams, continue required to be certified and coach cards printed.
  - **NEW Fall 2022:** WRSA will print upon request player cards for recreational U5-U8 teams. To request this option, pictures must be added to the player profiles prior to printing along with birth certificate presented to WRSA office.

## 2. Guest player policy changes since Spring 2022:

- Based on the increased number of violations noted in the Spring 2022 season, a copy of the updated Guest Player policy will be provided to each team with your updated roster and player cards. Please make sure all coaches and managers are familiar with the policy.
- **NEW Fall 2022:** Violations will be addressed based on a tier of actions. The most common violations are listed in the Guest Player policy.
  - **First violation** receives an email from WRSA sent to the head coach documenting the type of violation warning of future actions taken.
    - Warning sent to a coach applies to all teams the coach is rostered as a team official.
    - Warning for one of the violations listed above applies to all violations included in the policy.
  - **Second violation** results in a forfeit for the game in which the illegal/ineligible guest player played.
  - **Third violation** results in a forfeit for the game, an administrative red card and a one (1) game suspension for the head coach responsible for the ineligible or illegal guest player.
- WRSA will continue to address these same issues with referees to ensure guest player permits are submitted timely after games.
- Any guest player is required to have the guest player permit completed through the KSYSA website – Admin – Guest Player prior to game time. The required permit is to be submitted at check-in with the original player card. Record the guest player's name on the line-up card with "G" next to their name. Primary team coach's permission is documented by sharing that team's player card. Please record the Primary coach's email on the guest player permit to alert them the process has been completed.

## 3. Reschedule procedures remain in effect.

The reschedule procedures were updated for Fall 2022 to include specific cancellation deadlines and related fines for late cancellations. Late cancellations are detrimental to the league and opposing teams. See Reschedule procedures at Stryker website, [www.strykersportscomplex.com](http://www.strykersportscomplex.com) – Coaches – Reschedule policy.

- A reschedule game fee is \$25/game, paid by the initiating team. Fee must be submitted prior to the reschedule request approved.
- The reschedule request must be completed through the Stryker website online form by both teams to be approved. The online form must be submitted 10 days prior to originally scheduled game, or date you are requesting to play, whichever is sooner.
- Cancellations to WRSA must be in writing via email. Phone calls or in-person statements will not be accepted by the WRSA office.
- Teams are encouraged to reschedule upon the timely request by the opposing team. Late notice or lack of alternative dates do not promote cooperation.
- A forfeit by a team due to reschedule or no-show results in the forfeiting team to no longer be eligible to win their division.
- **NEW Fall 2022:** Late cancellation of a WRSA league game is defined as
  - If BEFORE the 10 business days before the originally scheduled league game, follow the reschedule procedures to find an approved alternative date.
  - If within the 10 business days before the originally scheduled league game but before the Friday at noon, WRSA will no longer reschedule the game.
    - At the time of cancellation, WRSA will record the game as a forfeit (0-3 score) by the initiating team. The score is updated once the teams play a friendly.
    - Both teams may play the game as a friendly. Once played, the teams should report the friendly score to the WRSA office to have the score recorded in the final standings if the friendly or reschedule is played prior to the last game of the league.
  - Any game cancelled on Friday at 12:00 noon or later before the originally scheduled game, will have the following actions taken:
    - Cancelled game is recorded as a 0-3 forfeit for the initiating team
    - \$50.00 forfeit fine will be assessed for late cancellation
    - The \$50.00 forfeit fine must be paid before the initiating team's next league game or referees will not be assigned and next team game may also result in forfeit.

#### 4. Disciplinary Action changes for Fall 2022

Based on review of disciplinary issues noted in prior seasons, changes are being implemented.

- If a coach or spectator receives a red card, they are to immediately gather their belongings and leave the Stryker complex. The red carded adult is not to remain on the field or complex for the remainder of the league weekend. If their child is playing in the game or at complex, they need to make arrangements for the child to be brought to them after the game off Stryker property.
- If a player is red carded, that player is to move to the spectator side immediately to wait for their parent or coach to take them home. The player is not to be on the team sideline after receiving a red card.
- Penalty points are being adjusted effective Fall 2022
  - **NEW Fall 2022:** Effective Fall 2022, a yellow card will now be assessed 2 penalty points instead of the current 3 penalty points.
  - Red cards are now 5 penalty points and will remain the same for Fall 2022.
  - A total of 10 penalty points for any team results in a deduction of a negative (-3) points in the standings.
  - Currently, once player or coach receives 4 yellow cards, they are issued an administrative red card which results in a 1 game suspension.

#### 5. Division placement procedural reminders for Fall 2022.

- After preliminary divisions are posted, WRSA will host a seeding meeting for each age group. The division placement policy link is: <https://strykersportscomplex.com/policies-procedures/>
- WRSA will complete initial seeding for the preliminary divisions based on criteria listed within the policy.
- If a coach does not agree with the preliminary division seeding, that coach must be ready to defend their position and any requested moves with roster changes to the peer coaches.
- Each team is allowed **only one** representative present at the division placement meeting.
- Head coach or club manager is required to RSVP prior to the meeting. If not available, head coach must provide written permission for another representative.
- Head coach or their representative **MUST** be present at the meeting to vote or be in discussion. Outside phone calls or texts are not allowed for input or to vote in the final decision.
- Zoom calls and input from those teams are allowed only for teams over 40 miles from Wichita. These are scheduled prior to the division's placement meeting with the specific coach.
- High School divisions are determined by WRSA Office in the following manner:
  - HS Division 1: highest level of competition and predominant age of players is U17-U19
  - HS Division 2: lower competitive U17-U19 teams and higher competitive U16 teams
  - HS Division 3: higher competitive U15 teams and true U16 teams
  - U15 Division: true U15 teams and higher competitive U14 teams

#### 6. Safe Sport Certification

- The U.S. Center for SafeSport is a non-profit organization focused on ending all forms of abuse in sport. They endeavor to make athlete well-being the centerpiece of the nation's sports culture through abuse prevention, education, and accountability.
- USYSA requires all youth coaches to complete Safe Sport Certification before the coach is eligible to be on the sideline and receive their coach's card for the upcoming season.
- **This applies to anyone that wishes to be on the sideline during a game.**
  - Reminder to use same name as shown in Got Soccer/Got Sport such as middle initial used or not. If your legal name is different, the profile will not link to your account which means you don't get credit for your training. Retain your completed certificate to ensure your credit is applied correctly.
  - **New coaches:** online training can take up to 2 hours so don't wait to complete. The training can be broken into several sessions if unable to do at one sitting.
  - **Current coaches:** if already completed the 2-hour initial course, a shorter refresher may be required. Check your account to determine if required.
- Log in to your Got Soccer coach account to determine if you need to complete this training. If you need your login information, contact WRSA office via email and will be emailed to you. More information on Got Sport certification as becomes available.

## Reminders or General Information:

### 1. Fall 2022 fees for WRSA and KSYSA:

- **WRSA league team fees:** 11v11 \$1,100; 9v9 \$915; 7v7 \$835; 5v5 \$700; 4v4 \$670
- **KSYSA player and coach fees:** Annual fees are required for each player and coach at the first registration of the seasonal year. There are no fee changes from prior seasons.
  - \$14.25 competitive primary player
  - \$8.25 recreational player
  - \$5.00 secondary player per secondary team
  - \$5.00 competitive coach (per coach, not team) – not required for Rec coaches or all managers

### 2. Team playing in Heartland or attending a summer tournament prior to August 1st?

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 are distributed at the 8/2 or 8/3 coach's meeting.

### 3. Risk management required for all coaches and team officials if to be on the sideline.

KSYSA sends reminders 30 days in advance of expiring background checks through Got Soccer so do not delay. As we transition through Got Sport, any approvals will be transferred.

- **NEW Fall 2022:** ALL coaches, including U5 to U8, will have coach cards printed for check-in. All coaches must have an approved background check, Safe Sport certification and a picture uploaded before a coach card may be printed.
- Closer to the Fall deadlines, the longer it can take due to the sheer volume of coaches through the state. Recommended to have anyone working with the youth soccer players to receive a background check. The cost is \$20 for 2 years to be allowed on the sideline.
- To get started, go to the Stryker website – Coaches – New Team Official to enter one or multiple coaches. <https://strykersportscomplex.com/coaches/team-official/>

### 4. 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](http://www.kansasyouthsoccer.com) – Coaches – Courses. Link to the free Introductory session and registration for the 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11 courses Digital Coaching Center.

### 5. Certificate of Insurance required for all practice locations

KSYSA and USYSA requires a certificate of insurance (COI) on all practice locations. There is no charge for this coverage and remains valid for the entire seasonal year (8/1-7/31). WRSA completes the COI for any teams practicing and playing at Stryker Sports Complex. Any other practice locations require their own COI. To receive this coverage, email [wrsaoffice@strykersportscomplex.com](mailto:wrsaoffice@strykersportscomplex.com) with the following information:

- Team name, as shown on your team official roster, no abbreviations
- Team contact for COI, including full name, phone, and email address (COI sent to this address)
- Name of practice facility
- Full street address (no PO Box), city and zip code of practice facility

### 6. Lamination services are provided by WRSA upon request.

WRSA will laminate your team's player and coach cards at time of printing for \$25 per team. The \$25 includes lamination, hole punch and placed on a ring. Please let us know at time of registration if you want this service. As players are added through the season, the fee to laminate an individual card is \$1.00 each.