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### KSYSA Background Checks ~ Reasons & Information in Light of Recent Predator Arrests:

In light of the recent headlines where a soccer coach in our area was arrested on charges of being a sexual predator, we realize parents may be concerned about unwanted adults working with their children on the soccer field. .... Our policy regarding Risk Management is below. Parents should ask their clubs who their players are registered with and if with KSYSA if they are following this policy.

***RULE 3.5 RISK MANAGEMENT.*** *All coaches and team officials representing any team, club, league, association, or organization participating in a KSYSA Affiliate or Associate event shall comply with the KSYSA Risk Management Policies. Failure on the part of a coach to comply with the Risk Management Policies shall result in the team, club, league, association or organization forfeiting any games the coach participated in and the coach being placed under suspension until such time as he/she is in compliance with KSYSA Risk Management Policies. All affiliate Board Members and any club or team official (including club registrar, team manager) have background screenings done on the same basis as coaches, referees and others in the State.*

We consider our commitment to doing everything we can to protect all of our member players from predators one of our biggest member benefits. Having said that, Affiliated Clubs, may or may not be registering all of their players with us and if they are, must also be committed to their own due diligence making sure that any person affiliated with a team or a club has been input into the Got Soccer registration system and completed the required background check regardless of carding status per Rule 3.5.

This means that Clubs should enter anyone affiliated with a team or club in any form into the Got Soccer system. Once this has occurred, Clubs must ensure that the person entered logs into their account and completes a background check. Obviously, this requires some follow through on the part of the Club and the diligent eye of the parents who have brought their players to them.

Once in the system, our sensors conduct a "true" NATIONAL check that includes a search of:

- the National Sex Offender Database;
- the National Criminal Database and
- the Local State AND County Databases for ANY place that person has ever lived under that name and SSN.

Many other registering bodies claim to do a "National Check" but do not include the local databases. However, the place that any predator in particular is required to register is with their local COUNTY authorities thus registering bodies outside of KSYSA membership will miss that aspect unless they conduct them as we do.

Again, parents are encouraged to check with their local club to be sure that their children are registered as members of the KSYSA they are following Rule 3.5 to the letter, and if they are not registering players through KSYSA that the registering body they are using includes a TRUE National check.

### U11 to U12 JR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT [\[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO\]](#)



#### Jr. State Championships:

Date: May 11-13, 2012  
Location: Lone Elm Soccer Complex, Olathe, KS  
Division: U11 and U12 Boys and Girls Open and Premier Divisions available  
Cost: \$550.00  
Bond Fee: \$300.00

\*The Jr State Championships are open to any competitive U11 or U12 boys or girls team and will feature both an Open and a Premier Division designation. This is a good "first" experience for teams who may want to compete at the President's Cup or State Cup level upon reaching U13 and quality in-state competition for all teams.



## [U13 to U17 Presidents' CUP CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT \[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO\]](#)

### President's Cup State Tournament:

(\* *Winners advance to Region II Playoffs and National Tournament*)

Date: May 25-28, 2012

Location: Sunflower Soccer Complex, Topeka, KS

Divisions: U13 to U17 Boys and Girls teams

Cost: \$600.00 (early bird discount until February 29<sup>th</sup> makes it \$575.00)

Bond Fee: \$300.00

Transfers allowed = 5

\*The President's Cup is fairly new to Kansas, but does come with the possible advancement to a Region II competition and National competition. This tournament is especially designed for those teams who wish to compete at a high level but who have not played in the MRL or other elite league. We understand that we will need to work around High School Girls State Playoffs schedules.



## [U13 to U17 STATE CUP CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT \[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO\]](#)

### State Cup Tournament:

(\* *Winners advance to Region II Playoffs and National Championships*)

Date: May 30-June 8, 2012

Location: Overland Park Soccer Complex, Overland Park, KS

Divisions: U13 to U19 boys and girls

Cost: \$650.00 for U13 and U14 Boys and Girls  
\$275.00 per game for High School Teams (\*first game fee paid at registration)

Bond Fee: \$300.00

**NOTE:** Coaches coaching in State Cup Games for U14 and older teams must have a "D" coaching license certificate on file in the Kansas Youth Soccer Assn. office. Please go to: <http://www.kansasyouthsoccer.org/education/courseschedule.aspx> for information on coaching courses which will be held this spring for the "D" License.

Transfers allowed = 5

\*The State Cup includes high level competition for those teams who wish to compete for a chance to be a part of the National Championship Series.

## [COACHING EDUCATION COMING UP INCLUDES Youth Module, "E" LICENSURE, "D" LICENSURE AND NATIONAL "C"](#)

KSYSA is pleased to announce several coaching courses coming up in our area for every coaching level. To find out about courses in Kansas for the Youth Module, "E" and "D" Licenses [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

To find out about the National "C" License Course occurring in May [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

Keep in mind that for many courses there are prerequisites [\[CLICK HERE TO LOCATE INFORMATION ON PRE REQS\]](#)

To read more from the US Soccer Federation regarding Coaching Education and other ways to get your coaching licenses [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)

## [ADRIANNA FRANCH, Salina, KS Named to Soccer America MVP's First Team – \[CLICK HERE\] for article](#)

The KSYSA would like to congratulate Adrianna on her accomplishments as a part of the Oklahoma State Cowgirls Soccer Team.

## [KSYSA Congratulates all 2012 Graduating Seniors Who Signed with Colleges or Universities on February 2<sup>nd</sup>](#)

We'd love to recognize your accomplishment! [\[CLICK HERE TO SEND YOUR COLLEGE SIGNING TO US\]](#)

## [CONCUSSIONS: SHOULD PARENTS BE CONCERNED?](#)

YES! In January the KSYSA held for all of its member affiliates a reception/informational session with former MLS New England Revolution All Star, Taylor Twellman. Taylor knows first hand the debilitating effects of a head concussion which occurs on the pitch. Taylor suffered some head trauma in a game in 2007 and has not been able to play since. He retired in 2009 and is now working diligently to educate parents players and coaches on the devastating effects of a head concussion. KSYSA is working with several groups to help bring about this change and hopes to partner with our member clubs in the very near future to bring some educational seminars to our membership. Stay tuned for more information on that issue. In the meantime you can find out more about Concussions through the CDC articles and the link to the "THINK TAYLOR Foundation" on our website: [CLICK HERE](#) As well as through this link: [http://www.webmd.com/brain/ss/slideshow-concussions-brain-injuries?ecd=wnl\\_day\\_020512](http://www.webmd.com/brain/ss/slideshow-concussions-brain-injuries?ecd=wnl_day_020512)



**KSUSA CAMPS:**  
**SUMMER SOCCER DEVELOPMENT AND FUN ALL ROLLED UP INTO ONE GREAT WEEK!!!**

Looking for something different for your youth player this summer? The KSUSA has camps for all age groups and abilities! Taught by soccer professionals with fundamentals stressed within a fun environment. Click on the link above to find our more!

**KSUSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- February 14-29 **Early Bird & Registration** begins for State Cup, President's Cup and Jr State Championships  
February 18-19 ODP Boys and Girls Winter League Games – Overland Park Soccer Complex  
February 24-26 D License Coaching Course First weekend – Shawnee  
February 24-26 E License Coaching Course, Lawrence
- March 1 **Registration without discount** for State Cup, President's Cup and Jr State Championships  
March 3-4 D License Coaching Course, Second Weekend – Shawnee  
March 3-4 E License Coaching Course, Topeka  
March 3-4 Youth Module I Coaching Course, Wichita  
March 5 ODP State Teams Posted  
March 21 ODP Final Regional Camp fees DUE  
Youth Development Camp Fees DUE  
March 31-April 8 **Late Registration** for State Cup, President's Cup and Jr State Championships
- May 12-20 Coaches National "C" Licensure Course, Ottawa University  
May 11-13 KS State Jr Championships (location TBA)  
May 21 5pm State Rosters Frozen U13 and U14 Boys and Girls and High School Boys  
May 22-23 U13 & U14 Boys & Girls and High School Boys State Cup Check In  
May 25-27 KS President's Cup (location TBA)  
May 30 5pm State Rosters Frozen High School Girls  
May 31-June 1 High School Girls State Cup Check In
- May 30-June 8 KS State Cup Overland Park Soccer Complex  
U13 & U14 Boys and Girls – May 30-June 3  
High School Boys – May 30-June 3  
High School Girls – June 4-8
- June 14-17 US Youth Soccer Region II President's Cup, Overland Park, KS  
June 22-27 US Youth Soccer Region II National Championship, Saginaw, MI
- June 26-29 KS Youth Development Academy B/G U9-U12, Ottawa University
- July 5-19 ODP Region II Team Camp, Illinois
- July 11-15 US Youth Soccer National President's Cup, Sacramento, CA  
July 23-29 US Youth Soccer National Championships, Rock Hill, SC
- July 24-27 KS High School Boys College Academy, Ottawa University  
July 31-Aug 3 KS High School Girls College Academy, Ottawa University

The Coaching Education program at Emporia State University will host the fourth annual "**More Than the X's and O's A-Coaching Education Workshop**" on April 10, 2012. The workshop focuses on character education, leadership, communication, motivation, sports psychology, team building, and team management. There is a large need for coaching education which goes beyond the traditional coaching which focuses on the X and O's.

The workshop this year will feature speakers from the Positive Coaching Alliance, whose mission is to provide all youth and high school athletes a positive, character-building youth sports experience.

More information on the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) is available at [www.positivecoach.org/](http://www.positivecoach.org/)



**WHO Should Use The Tournament Center?**

Coaches looking for tournaments in the Midwest Region

Teams wishing to print a Travel Permit or Guest Player Permit

Clubs, Leagues and Associations to apply for tournament sanctioning.

For 2012, the following Kansas Affiliates or Associations have been approved as Sanctioned – you can get more information on these and others who will be added by going to : [www.thetournamentcenter.com](http://www.thetournamentcenter.com)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Host Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
<a href="#">Border Battle 2012</a>	Heartland Soccer & GSI Sports	OP Soccer Complex & Heritage Park	3/2/2012
<a href="#">Papa John's Pizza Midwest Invitational</a>	SCSA/EFC	Southlakes Soccer Complex, Wichita	3/9/2012
<a href="#">Emerald Cup - Boys 2012</a>	Challenger Sports	Overland Park Soccer Complex, Overland Park	3/23/2012
<a href="#">Emerald Cup - Girls 2012</a>	Challenger Sports	Overland Park Soccer Complex, Overland Park	3/30/2012
<a href="#">KC Champions Cup</a>	Heartland Soccer and GSI Sports	OP Soccer Complex & Heritage Park	4/13/2012
<a href="#">Crossroads Classic</a>	Kansas Rush Soccer	Lone Elm, Olathe	4/20/2012
<a href="#">Mason Wedel Memorial Tournament</a>	Sedgwick Co Soccer Assn	Hutchinson	4/20/2012
<a href="#">Challenger Cup 2012</a>	Challenger Sports	Stump Park & Swarner Park, Shawnee	4/27/2012
<a href="#">Governor's Cup Invitational</a>	Sunflower Soccer Association	Sunflower Soccer Complex, Topeka	5/5/2012
<a href="#">Midwest Mother's Day Classic</a>	BVSC/KC Select	Overland Park Soccer Complex, OP	5/11/12
<a href="#">Kansas Jr State Championships</a>	Kansas Youth Soccer Assn	Lone Elm Soccer Park, Olathe	5/11/12
<a href="#">Kansas President's Cup</a>	Kansas Youth Soccer Assn.	Sunflower Soccer Complex, Topeka	5/25/12
<a href="#">Kansas City Invitational 2012</a>	Heartland Soccer	OP Soccer Complex & Heritage Park	5/25/2012
<a href="#">Kansas State Cup</a>	Kansas Youth Soccer Assn.	Overland Park Soccer Complex, OP	5/30/12
<a href="#">Mel Hamblton Mid-America Cup</a>	Sedgwick Co Soccer Assn	Wichita	6/1/2012
<a href="#">9th Annual 3V3 Tourney</a>	McPherson Soccer Club	McPherson	6/2/12
<a href="#">Club Azzurri Fall Classic</a>	Sedgwick Co Soccer Assn	Hutchinson	9/21/2012