



2025-2026 KSUSA/USYS TRYOUT RULES

I. PLAYER IDENTIFICATION EVENTS

1. **January 1st, 2025**, KSUSA Clubs/Teams may begin to advertise tryout dates and locations.
2. KSUSA Clubs/Teams may advertise events, such as Player Identification Events, Camps, Player Kickarounds, etc. (“Events”).
3. Events can be held only after proper advertising. (See Section V)

II. SIGNING DAY

- ❖ Players can re-sign with their current club team from the 2024-2025 Seasonal Year beginning on April 1st, 2025, and may place a deposit securing their spot with their current club team without going through the tryout process.
- ❖ Players can sign with a club starting at 12:01 a.m. on May 27th, 2025. A player may sign without participation in a physical tryout to a new team if they have attended an “ID Event” and the club has followed the proper advertising and registration requirements.

III. PHYSICAL TRYOUTS

1. **Friday, June 6th, 2025** – Physical Tryouts may begin for all age groups.

IV. DEFINITIONS & GUIDELINES

1. Commencing **January 1st, 2025**, KSUSA Clubs/Teams may begin advertising tryout dates and locations.
2. KSUSA Clubs/Teams may advertise events as they see fit, such as Player Identification Events, Camps, Player Kick Arounds, etc. (“Events”).
3. Events may be held only after proper advertising and registration.
4. “**Competitive/Premier Team**” is a team that holds tryouts or any similar process to roster players selectively to any team based on talent or ability, and it is not a recreational or professional soccer academy team. A **Competitive/Premier Player** is a player registered/carded with a Competitive/Premier team.



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5. **“Recreational Player”** is any player that has never been carded as a Competitive/Premier player. *If your club has an “Academy Program” for players 10 years old and below, those players are considered recreational players unless they have been registered/carded with a Competitive/Premier team and have paid the KSUSA Competitive/Premier player card fees.*

V. RULES FOR HOLDING EVENTS FOR THE 2025/26 SEASONAL YEAR

1. Events are only permitted for age groups playing U12 or above - 2025/26 Birth Years, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014.
2. Events must be advertised on social media, club websites, etc., for a minimum of 14 days prior to the Event. Proof of advertising may be required.
3. Separate Registration/Attendance must be taken for each Event.
4. The Event must be open to any player wishing to attend and participation age groups must be listed on all advertising.
5. Individual player invitations, targeted recruitment, or direct marketing to specific individual players are **strictly prohibited**.
6. **Under no circumstances may a player commit in writing or financially with any team from a pre-tryout Event until the Signing Day(s), as defined in Section II,**
7. Competitive/Premier Clubs/Teams may open registration for Tryouts **AS THEY SEE FIT** for Competitive/Premier players. Players may sign up for tryouts if they are seeking an opportunity to look at other Clubs/Teams.
8. **A Club/Team may begin signing players and accepting deposits starting at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, for players who are re-signing with their current club team, as outlined in Section II above.**
9. **Commencing at 12:01 am on Tuesday, May 27th, 2025, Competitive/Premier players may commit to a team for the upcoming 2025/2026 seasonal year and may place a deposit securing their spot with a Competitive/Premier team without going through the tryout process IF THE PLAYER HAS ATTENDED A CLUB'S ID EVENT and followed the correct registration for the event.**



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10. The Free Agency Period for players will begin June 6, 2025, except for those players who have signed with a club team via the rules above. All players who have not signed a formal acceptance are free to join any club following the tryout procedures.
11. A Player accepting an offer through the Tryout Process, including players who have re-signed with their current club team shall have **72 Hours** from the date of their acceptance to rescind their commitment to the club/team without penalty, financial or otherwise. If they do so within 72 hours, they *shall* receive a full deposit refund.
12. After the 72-hour rescission period, players are bound by any signed financial or contractual obligations with their current club/team. A KSUSA Drop/Transfer form must be submitted to their current coach and club Registrar for any player requesting a release after the rescission period. Clubs/teams may contract to charge a drop/transfer fee not to exceed total seasonal fees committed to when signing up for the current seasonal year.
13. Parents/Participants may negotiate for release that satisfies both parties' interests.
14. If the parent/participant and club cannot agree, a request for a review must be submitted to the State Office. A three-member panel from the district involved shall review the reasons and contracts signed and determine their validity. The panel may determine the necessary fees owed to secure release.