



WICHITA REGIONAL  
SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## KSYSA Player in Bad Standing

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Players owing their club/team outstanding fees and/or return of club/team equipment may be moved to Bad Standing status with that club and/or team. Once reported to KSYSA, the State will restrict the player from moving to a new team until outstanding financial and/or equipment obligations are satisfied.

The club/team is not required to place a player in bad standing with KSYSA, but if not used, the club/team cannot limit the player from registering with other teams. Teams are responsible for their own collection of outstanding debt of players outside of the KSYSA hold.

### Club/Team responsibilities:

- Communicate on-going with players to avoid large past due balances. Early and consistent communication between team, parent and coach is essential.
- Maintain a statement and/or history of payments made or agreements to pay the debt, including any fundraising completed by the player and/or parent.
- Maintain a signed contract and/or statement for the current seasonal year that indicates the party in question was aware of the obligation and any terms associated with it. This contract or statement, written or electronic, is required to be signed and dated by the party in question and the associated club/team. All parties to the signed contract must be 18 years or older.
- Clubs using any online registration, Blue Sombrero or Sports Engine, as examples, are required to show proof of parental consent for fees and club agreement.
- Burden of proof to place a player in bad standing will fall to the club/team.
- If the player is found to be in Bad Standing, it is the team/club's responsibility to report to KSYSA the debt has been paid within 10 days of receiving payment so the offending party's name may be removed from bad standing.

### KSYSA Bylaws 5.2.13. PLAYER BAD STANDING:

US Federation policy 701-1 and KSYSA rules, section 4.0 Protest Appeals & Disciplinary Hearings compliance requires the following items:

- A Club/League intending to place a player in bad standing must hold a hearing within **two (2) weeks** after written notification has been provided to the participant of their intent to place in bad standing with the state association. **See Hearing definition below.**
- The state association must be notified within **two (2) weeks** after the club/league hearing has been held with the participant.
- No action will be taken by the state association should these timelines not be followed.

### Definition of Club Hearing:

The club hearing may be formal or informal but ultimately it is a specific date and time the club sets for the potential bad standing participant to communicate or pay overdue amounts. It can be a physical meeting or a teleconference. If the participant in question does not show up or ignores club communication about the hearing date, the club is instructed to let KSYSA know. KSYSA will put the participant in bad standing.

The club/team is required to send a final letter to the named player and parents allowing the player and/or parent to pay the outstanding balance prior to any negative reporting. The letter or electronic notification should include, at a minimum:

- Date mailed; certified return receipt suggested
- List of charge(s), rule(s) or policy(s) violated
- Balance outstanding
- Notice the club/team is sending the player to KSYSA for Player in Bad Standing status.
- Date, time and location of the hearing.

The player/parent and club are encouraged to enter into a payment plan if the player is unable to pay the entire outstanding balance. This must be in writing and signed by both parties of legal age.

- If the player/parent complies with the written agreement, a conditional release may be granted by KSYSA. A conditional release would allow the named player to continue making payments but play for another team.
- If at any time during the payment plan, a payment is not made, the player would revert to bad standing and no longer be eligible to play for any team.

#### **How to report player in Bad Standing:**

After the state association has deemed the team/club is in full compliance in accordance with **KSYSA rules 4.0 and policy 701-1 of the US Federation:**

- the participant will be placed on bad standing with KSYSA for a period not to exceed one seasonal year or earlier, unless notice is given to KSYSA by the club/league, Registrar withdrawing their request to place the participant in bad standing.
- Organizations are required to complete an annual review on individuals in Bad Standing players to keep them in that status. A player may be kept in bad standing for subsequent years provided that the organization seeking to impose the sanction has sent the individual a notice of how to cure the issue, and if requested holds a hearing on removing the bad standing determination.
- Clubs cannot request amounts larger than \$500 or less than \$100.
- The KSYSA bad standing status will lock the player at the state level from being added to a new team.
- Once the player is approved for Bad Standing, KSYSA notifies the parent, player, and current team, if rostered, of the Player in Bad Standing status as long as a current email address for each party is on record.

Be prepared to send KSYSA documentation after a club hearing has been held if amount owed is not resolved.

- Player's contract signed and dated by the parent and/or guardian of the named player in bad standing. This is required regardless if written or electronic agreement.
- Statement documenting payment history of named player
- Collection statements and correspondence
- Final letter to named player/parent including all requirements listed by KSYSA

WRSA will complete the Player Owing Money Form through KSYSA and request KSYSA approval. Contact WRSA by email or in person with the following information:

- Team name including year
- Player first and last name
- Amount owed, between \$100-\$500 or more by named player, not family
- Date amount was due
- Contact information on club official, including phone number and email

The named club/team is responsible for notifying WRSA within 2 weeks of satisfaction of outstanding debt by the named player in bad standing. WRSA will notify KSYSA to release the player. The named player is immediately eligible to be rostered to any team.