



## Guest Players - WRSA League

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WRSA allows guest players to play according to the following guidelines. Guest players are subject to the same rules as primary and secondary players and should not be used to gain a competitive advantage or for recruitment purposes. Priority should be given to rostered players over guest players. Guest play is designed for situations of true hardships.

Completion of guest player form is the same process for tournaments and leagues. Go to the KSYS website, Club Admins - Guest Player/Travel Permit. <https://www.kansasyouthsoccer.org/travel-permit/>

**How to complete a Guest Player Permit** Specific steps are at the Stryker website, [www.strykersportscomplex.com](http://www.strykersportscomplex.com) – Coach page – Guest Player Procedures. Information needed to complete a guest player permit:

- KSYS website guest player link - <https://www.kansasyouthsoccer.org/travel-permit/>
- KSYS login - create new or use existing login
- Obtain player card of guest player from primary head coach (Loaning coach) - provides permission to use the guest player
- Primary head coach (Loaning) name and email - completion of contact information sends an email to the primary head coach showing use of the guest player.
- Event information such as league or tournament
  - Restricted vs. unrestricted tournament - limits sanctioning such as USYSA vs. US Club - check tournament rules for this information
  - Event Name, City, State and Dates will be based on the use of the guest player
    - **League = "Teams within the State Assn", WRSA League, Wichita, KS.** Dates would be date of league game or weekend if playing multiple games.
    - Tournaments = Restricted/Unrestricted, Tourn name, city, state & dates
- Guest Player List – Using the player card, list the player(s) by first and last full names, not nicknames. No need to print separate forms for each guest player. The loaning coach will receive notification based on the email listed.
- Electronic Signature is of the team official (head coach or manager) of the borrowing team (using the guest player). Signature indicates aware of the guest player rules and will abide by requirements.
- Once form submitted, print a copy to turn into game officials at time of check-in. The referees will retain the form as proof of permission. Print second copy if your team wants documentation.
- Properly completed guest player permit is required for the guest player to be insured at the stated event.

### Guest Player rules and documentation:

1. Maximum of three (3) guest players is allowed per WRSA league game per competitive team (U9 through U19). WRSA league games and tournament limits may have different numbers of allowed guest players, check tournament rules.
2. Teams may not exceed the maximum roster allowed on game day by adding guest players.
3. **Recreational teams defined as U5 through U8 may not use guest players.**
4. Unique number and matching jersey to the borrowing team is required for the guest player.

5. Players are not limited on the number of times they play for one team within the season **but may not guest play for any other team within the same subdivision.**
6. Multiple roster rules apply to all guest players.
  - Players who play on multiple teams are required to have permission to guest play from both Primary head coach and Secondary head coach if not the same person.
  - Only Head Coach is authorized to grant the permission for a player to be secondary. If guest permit is signed by an assistant coach or manager, WRSA office reserves the right to verify with the Head Coach.
  - **Guest players may not guest for a second team in the same subdivision.**

#### **Guest player violations and actions taken:**

WRSA office reviews guest player permits on Monday following the weekend league games. Violations are communicated in writing (email) to the team's official contact and head coach listed on the guest player permits and official roster.

##### 1. Most common violations are:

- Ineligible players are defined as players not on the team's official roster or no guest permit submitted timely.
- Illegal players are defined as already played in same subdivision as a guest player for 1 or more teams, guest playing for a team in same division as primary or secondary team, or too old for the division. Teams are notified via email that once exceptions are noted, the game that the guest player participated will result in game forfeiture.
- Guest player on 2 or more teams within the same subdivision within a season. This includes the primary team, secondary and guest player divisions.
- Guest player on a recreational (U5-U8) team.
- No guest player permit submitted timely. Timely is defined guest player permit must be submitted no later than the Monday following the weekend at 5:00 pm. Guest players should be submitted at time of game check-in and retained by the game officials.

##### 2. Penalty for violations of the guest player policy:

Teams are notified based on club officials listed in Got Sport via email once violations are noted. Penalties are assessed to the individual coach even if violations on different teams.

- **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.

#### **Game day process and documentation required when using guest player(s).**

##### 1. If currently rostered to a competitive WRSA team:

- Guest player permit completed through KSYSA website prior to game day.
- Guest player permit given to center referee at check-in prior to start of game.
- Guest player should have their primary player card submitted at check-in on the ring with the other team player cards.
- Failure to submit guest player form or primary player card timely may cause the guest player to be ineligible and result in forfeit of the game.

- Guest player first and last name must be recorded clearly on the line-up card with a "G" in front of the player's name next to the guest player's number. Do not use nicknames of the player.
  - After the listed game, borrowing head coach is responsible to return the guest player's player card promptly to the primary head coach. Cost of reprinting a lost card will be the responsibility of the borrowing team.
2. If not currently rostered to a KSYSA team, the player is required to be added as a WRSA At-Large player, see #3 for process. Once player card is obtained, the above steps are required.
  3. To register a guest player **NOT** currently on a WRSA or KSYSA team, borrowing team is required to add new player to WRSA At-Large team. The player card will be considered as an At-Large player. Following items are required:
    - Youth player membership form or online report verification showing player registered for your club and/or team.
    - Medical release form
    - Proof of birth, if not documented as verified. Common examples are Birth certificate, passport or other proof of birth issued by a federal or state government
    - Current headshot picture of player in .jpeg format
    - KSYSA fee may apply based on the player's registration status within KSYSA.
      - No fee assessed - player currently registered with WRSA as a player for another WRSA competitive team. Player uses current player card with primary team.
      - \$14.25 per guest player - fee is assessed to new player if not rostered currently with a KSYSA sanctioned league. To receive a player card, player may register on the WRSA At-Large team if not rostered to another league team.
      - Fees are due and payable to WRSA office before the stated game date.
  4. Borrowing team's head coach is responsible for proper documentation BEFORE the game check-in. Failure to do so may result in the player being excluded and the borrowing team subject to a game forfeit and resulting penalty fine. WRSA office staff will monitor guest player activity to ensure compliance.