



What's New for Fall 2025

Welcome to WRSA and the Fall 2025 season! We are looking forward to another great season at Stryker Sports Complex. The following provides information that will also be found on our website at www.strykersportscomplex.com During Fall Registration 2025 our office hours are below. Other times are available by appointment. Find us at Stryker Complex, 2999 N Greenwich Rd in the Indoor building offices during registration deadlines.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday and Friday by appointment

As the league continues to grow, email is the preferred way to reach us. Please leave a message if you decide to call so we can return voicemails promptly. Make sure to leave your name, team name and a brief message.

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As a reminder for all Stryker Sports Complex guests and participants -- we value our facility and the safety of all our guests and participants, therefore:

- **No alcohol is permitted on the premises**. If violated, you will be asked to leave the premises. Empty bottles and cans have been found on the property. Please protect our young people and leave all alcohol at home. It is a liability when items pertaining to alcohol have been found in bathrooms. That is not safe.
- No pets are allowed on the premises due to sanitary and safety concerns unless they are certified as a service animal. Please be aware that pets can be susceptible to loud noises and a lot of movement, i.e., children running.
- **No Illegal parking!** This means parking anywhere on property **other than** between 2 painted white lines. Parking in driveways, grassy areas or along the drop-off line is dangerous. At that point, any vehicle illegally parked is subject to being towed at the owner's expense. Additional parking is available in the Stadium lot or in the ungated lot at Regency and 26th street.

Key dates and deadlines for the Fall 2025 season.

Friday, June 6 Free agency begins with tryouts starting for all age divisions

Monday, June 9 Fall 2025 league registration opens

Tuesday, July 1 U11 through U19 team registration deadline

Tuesday, July 8 High School and U15 Division Placement Meeting

Wednesday, July 9 U14 and U13 Division Placement Meeting Thursday, July 10 U12 and U11 Division Placement Meeting

Thursday, July 8 U5 through U10 team registration deadline

Tuesday, July 15 U10 and U9 Boys Division Placement Meeting Wednesday, July 16 U10 and U9 Girls Division Placement Meeting

Wednesday, July 30 Coaches meeting – all divisions – Stryker Indoor 6:00 pm

August 8-9-10 Opening weekend of WRSA league

August 15-16-17 Stryker Cup tournament

Sept 26-27-28 Stryker Wichita Open tournament
October 24-25-26 WRSA last weekend of league
Nov 1-2 Stryker Season Finale tournament

Changes for Fall 2025 season:

1. WRSA team fees and KSYSA player and coach fees: There are no fee changes from prior season. Annual fees are required for each player and coach at the first registration during the seasonal year.

- 2. Effective Fall 2025, late fees are imposed for team registrations received after the listed deadlines due to the changes required and delays as a result.
 - \$10 per team when a team application is received after the team's deadline
 - \$50 per team when a team application is received after the team's placement meeting
 - \$100 per team when a team application is received after the scheduling is complete for that team's division.
 - If a team withdraws from their division after the scheduling is complete or when league has started, there will be withdrawal fees imposed as stated in the WRSA Withdrawal policy - <u>WRSA Team</u> Withdrawal Policy
- 3. Effective Fall 2025, all recreational players (U5-U8) must have a photo uploaded in Got Sport before eligible to play. WRSA will print a player card for each team showing each player and coach eligible to be on the team sideline. Now all players are required to have their picture and proof of birth.
 - Headshot is best of neck to forehead of the player only, no sunglasses or hats for photos
 - Multiple people in a picture should be edited before uploading them to Got Sport.
 - Teams may update these pictures themselves using their Got Sport login and uploading for each player.
- 4. Effective Fall 2025, the rescheduled game fee is \$50/game, paid by the initiating team. Fee must be paid prior to the new game date. See WRSA Reschedule policy WRSA Reschedule Procedures
- 5. Upcoming changes for Fall 2026: While not yet final or published, USYSA and KSYSA anticipates moving from the calendar year to school year in determining the Birth Year Matrix for all players. To avoid confusion with the Fall 2025 registration in the calendar year, it is anticipated that more information will be released as we get closer to this transition. WRSA will update once final documentation is available.

Reminders of policies, procedures, and certifications for the following:

- <u>Guest player policy</u>: Based on the increased number of violations noted in the previous seasons, the Guest Player policy will be provided to each team with your roster and player cards. Please make sure all coaches and managers are familiar with this policy. <u>WRSA Guest Player Policy</u>
 - Effective Spring 2025, the guest player card must be the original player card. Virtual player cards will not be accepted in place of the laminated player card.
 - Any guest player must have the guest permit completed through the KSYSA website before game time. The
 required permit is to be submitted at check-in with the original player card. It is acceptable to email the guest
 player permit to the WRSA office email on or before Monday after the weekend.
 - Please record the Primary coach's email on the guest player permit to alert them that the process has been completed. Please ensure that guest player permits are submitted in a timely manner if not collected at game by officials. WRSA will continue to address these same issues with referees.
 - **Line up cards**: Record the guest player's name and place a "G" next to their name. To ensure permission from the guest player's Primary coach, the guest player's primary player card is shared with the borrowing team.
 - Violations will be addressed based on a tier of actions. The most common violations are listed in the Guest Player policy and addressed as follows:
 - o **First violation:** An email from WRSA will be sent to the head coach documenting the type of violation warning of future actions taken. The warning sent to a coach applies to all teams the coach is rostered to.
 - 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.
 - Warning for one of the violations listed above applies to all violations included in the policy.
- Rescheduled Game procedures: Procedures include specific cancellation deadlines and related fines for late
 cancellations. Visit Stryker website Coaches page for rescheduling procedures or see <u>WRSA Reschedule</u>
 Procedures
 - Teams are encouraged to reschedule upon the timely request by the opposing team. Late notice or lack of an alternative date does not promote cooperation and is detrimental to the league and opposing teams.
 - The rescheduled game fee is \$50/game, paid by the initiating team. Fee must be paid prior to the new game date.

- The reschedule request must be submitted online by **both** teams to be approved. The online form must be submitted by the Wednesday at 5PM 10-12 calendar days prior to the originally scheduled game, or date you are requesting to play, whichever is earlier.
- If WRSA is notified earlier than 10-12 calendar days before the originally scheduled league game, follow the reschedule procedures to find an approved alternative date.
- Cancellations prior to the 10-day calendar deadline must be in writing via email only to WRSA office at wrsaoffice@strykersportscomplex.com.
- At the time of cancellation (prior to 10-12 calendar day deadline), 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 or rescheduled game.
- If unable to reschedule through WRSA, both teams may agree to play the game as a friendly as defined in the Reschedule policy. Once played, the teams should report the friendly score to the WRSA office to have the score recorded in the final standings. The friendly or reschedule must be played prior to the last league weekend.

Late cancellations:

- If the league is notified WITHIN the 10-12 calendar days before the original game, WRSA will no longer reschedule the game. The teams would then schedule a friendly to play the game or accept the forfeit if unable to find a mutual date or time.
- Games cancelled on Friday at 12:00 noon or later before the originally scheduled game,
 - A 0-3 forfeit score will be recorded for the initiating team.
 - A \$50.00 forfeit fine will be assessed for late cancellation and must be paid before the initiating team's next league game. If not, referees will not be assigned, and the next game may also result in forfeit.
- A forfeit by a team due to rescheduling or no-show, results in the forfeiting team no longer being eligible to win their division.

3. Division placement procedural reminders for Fall 2025.

- After preliminary divisions are posted, WRSA will host a placement meeting for each division. The division placement policy link can be found here (Stryker Website Policies & Procedures Division Placements). Initial placements for the preliminary divisions are based on criteria listed within the policy.
- If a coach does not agree with the preliminary division placement, that coach must defend their position in that placement meeting and any requested moves with roster changes to the peer coaches.
- Each team is allowed only one representative present at the division placement meeting.
- The head coach or club manager must RSVP before the meeting. If not available, the head coach must provide written permission for another representative before the meeting.
- The 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 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
 - o HS Division 2: lower competitive U17-U19 teams and higher competitive U16 teams
 - o HS Division 3: higher competitive U15 teams and true U16 teams
 - o <u>U15 Division</u>: true U15 teams and higher competitive U14 teams

Licensing and tournament information:

1. Risk management is required for all coaches and team officials to be on the sideline.

<u>Background checks</u>: are required for all coaches and team officials. Reminders will be sent 30 days prior to expiration. An approved background check must be on file in Got Sport to receive a printed coach card. Completing it before July 2025 should avoid delays due to a high volume of background checks approved by the state. The cost is \$20 for 2 years.

<u>New Coaches</u>: Visit the Stryker website and fill out the New Team Official form - <u>New Team Official</u>. Once submitted, a link with instructions to complete the background check, Safe Sport and adding a photo will be sent to the new coach.

2. Safe Sport Certification

• The U.S. Center for SafeSport is a non-profit organization focused on ending all forms of abuse in sports. They endeavor to make the athlete's 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.
 - Reminder to use same name as shown in Got Sport such as middle initial used or not. If your legal name is different, the profile will not be linked 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 it in one sitting.
 - o **Current coaches:** a shorter refresher is required if already completed the initial 2-hour course, estimated at 15-30 minutes. This must be completed every 12 months.
 - Any athlete 18 years old or turning 18 years old on or before 7/31/2026: High school players must have their own unique email address separate from the parent in Got Sport. If the player is 17 years old at registration, parental permission will be needed in Got Sport to complete the course. No player may be carded or added to the roster until Safe Sport has been completed.
- Log in to your Got Sport account to determine if you need to complete this training. If you need your login information, choose Password Look-up or contact WRSA office via email and it will be emailed to you.
- 3. Teams playing in leagues outside of WRSA 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. WRSA distributes player cards and official rosters at the July 30th coach's meeting.
- 4. Is your team registering to play in the KSYSA State tournaments including President's Cup, Jr President's Cup, Jr State Cup or State Cup?

Please tell your WRSA contact you that you will attend a KSYSA State tournament at registration time, so we are aware to set your roster correctly. The team remains responsible for reading and understanding the State tournament rules. WRSA can assist your team to be ready and avoid last-minute changes at deadlines. You need uniform numbers, proof of birth documents and medical releases uploaded in Got Sport for each player. President's Cup and State Cup rosters required primary players only to be registered, no secondary.

5. 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 – Coaches – Courses. Link to the free Introductory session and registration for the 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11 courses Digital Coaching Center.

6. Certificate of Insurance required for all practice locations.

KSYSA and USYSA require a certificate of insurance (COI) on all practice locations. There is no charge for this coverage, and it 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 location requires their own COI. To receive this coverage, email 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
- Must be a place of business, no personal residences will be insured.
- Any requests received before 8/1/2025 for the 2025-2026 seasonal year will be held by the Insurance Company and be sent after the 8/1/2025 insurance period.

7. 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 U11-U19 team or \$15 per U5-U10 team. This fee includes lamination, hole punch and cards placed on a ring. Please let us know at the 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. This is an optional service offered by WRSA.