

OVERLAND PARK SOCCER CLUB BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

REGISTRATION

Seasonal Year. The seasonal year shall be consistent with the KSYSA.

The seasonal year is divided into two playing seasons, fall and spring.

Affiliation. Overland Park Soccer Club shall be affiliated with the Heartland Soccer Association for the purpose of interclub competition. Except as noted, the OPSC rules will be consistent with Heartland rules and regulations for U-9 and above.

Open Registration. Open registration will be held prior to the start of both the fall and spring playing seasons at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.

The Overland Park Soccer Club will strive to place players who register on time. However registration does not guarantee placement on a team. If a player cannot be placed, fees will be refunded. All information must be filled out for the form to be accepted.

No player shall be allowed to participate without prior written consent of a parent or guardian.

Starting Fall 2008 season, all 98/99 and below independent and OPSC premier teams, not including club teams, must register with KC Comets Select. Existing 2007-2008 U11 and above teams are not affected.

Starting Fall 2008 season, OPSC will no longer register premier club teams that are not affiliated with KC Comets Select. In the event KPSL dissolves, this motion will be null and void.

ARTICLE II

ROSTERS/FEES

Player Registration Fees. Player registration fees are based on seasonal needs and shall be so determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall determine each playing season as to when the fees, along with the appropriate forms for each team, shall be submitted.

Refund Guidelines. Individual player refunds will be given if requested in writing to the Board prior to the time teams have been assigned. Other cases will be reviewed individually, and the Board will determine their merits.

Rosters. Players are attempted to be rostered by school attendance areas within OSPC boundaries unless a special request has been issued and reviewed by the division coordinator.

OPSC is a recreational and a premier club. All rosters of all teams must conform to the USYSA/KSYSA definition of recreation and or premier. Throughout the entire season, if the Board becomes aware of a team that does not conform to the guidelines, it may vote to pull the team's in-good-standing status at any time during the season. This means that the team will no longer be able to compete and no refunds will only be given if the season has not been scheduled.

For U-17 and above premiere:

Maximum Roster. No team shall be allowed more than twenty-two (22) registered players at any given time.

Minimum Roster. No team shall be allowed less than eleven (11) registered players.

For U-13 to U16 and U17-U19 rec:

Maximum Roster. No team shall be allowed more than eighteen (18) registered players at any given time. The consent of the coach is required before placing more than fifteen (15) players on his roster.

Minimum Roster. No team shall be allowed less than eleven (11) registered players.

For U –11 and U – 12:

Maximum Roster. No team shall be allowed more than sixteen (16) registered at any given time for recreational and thirteen (13) for premier.

Minimum Roster.

No team shall be allowed less than eight (8) registered players

For U – 9 and U – 10:

Maximum Roster. No team shall be allowed more than fourteen (14) registered at any given time for recreational and eleven (11) for premier.

Minimum Roster.

No team shall be allowed less than eight (8) registered players

For U – 8 and below recreation recommended:

Maximum Roster. No team shall be allowed more than fourteen (14) registered players at any given time.

Minimum Roster. No team shall be allowed less than eight (8) registered players.

Team Formation. The Division coordinator will decide any arguments about placing players on teams based upon his opinion of what is in the best interest of the youngster, team, division, and club.

Roster Additions. Names of players added to a team's roster after the original submission shall not be allowed unless the registrar gives approval.

Recreation roster additions will be accepted up to and including the second weekend of play or second team game of the season, whichever comes first.

Premier roster additions will be accepted up to 72 hours before State Cup competition.

If registering after the general date, all registration information must be submitted at least four (4) days prior to playing in an OPSC game.

ARTICLE III

PLAYER TRANSFER/RELEASE

1. Once a player has been officially registered on a team's roster, he/she shall not transfer to another team during the current seasonal year except by mutual consent of coaches, players and parents involved.
2. The request for transfer must be initiated by the player or his/her parents. All requests for transfer shall be submitted to the club registrar in writing and shall state the reason for the request of transfer.
3. A release form must be signed by the coach of the former team before a player can be registered on another team during the seasonal year.
4. Recreation coaches are required to play each player at least one half of every game with the following exceptions:
 - a) Disciplinary reasons – which must be reported to referee prior to the game
 - b) Medical reasons – which needs to be reported to the referee prior to the game.

COACHES:

To be classified as Recreational, in OPSC – a coach:

- a) May not use tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively.
- b) Must accept as participants' any and all eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms of registration and team size). Any player joining OPSC living outside OPSC boundaries will be placed on a team at the discretion of the President or Registrar
- c) Cannot be paid to coach
- d) Needs to notify OPSC and his team at least sixty (60) days before registration if he does not intend to coach the next season
- e) Is required to notify all members of his roster last season to find out if they are going to play this season.
- f) Comments from the coach shall be limited to encouragement of his players.

- g) Each coach shall familiarize himself and his players with general rules of the game.
 - h) A coach may not enter the field during play unless he has the permission of the referee.
 - i) The conduct of the fans is the responsibility of the coach and his team.
 - j) All coaches will be responsible for their parents and players.
5. When a team disbands and that fact is officially recognized by the OPSC, any player of that team may register at once with another team and shall be considered a transferred player.

Player Recruitment. No team, coach or any other person may approach a registered player to leave his team.

USYSA Sponsored Competition. In order to compete in any tournament or cup competition sponsored by the USYSA/KSYSA, coaches must follow tournament rules.

ARTICLE IV

UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT

1. In the OPSC Pony league U6-U8, all teams are required to play in the jersey provided by OPSC only.
2. The Board of Directors will decide on a yearly basis what the equipment and uniform needs are for each age group and distribute equally.
3. Shinguards are mandatory for every player of OPSC.
4. Socks should be on the outside of the shinguards and long enough to cover shinguards.
5. Any player can play with a cast as long as it is fully padded to the referee's satisfaction.
6. Steel cleated shoes, baseball spikes will not be permitted (no toe cleat).
7. No jewelry is permitted (bracelets, watches, necklaces, earrings, metal or hard hair barrettes).

ARTICLE V

RULES OF PLAY

1. Playing rule of the Heartland Soccer Association shall apply in all games played by teams entered in league competition.
2. Please see attached rules for The Pony League which can be updated by Board approval.

ARTICLE VI

EXPENSES

1. All officers may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses related to fulfilling their duties. These expenses would include postage, mileage, telephone bills, printing costs, paper, etc.
2. In addition to expenses, it is understood that the registrar has a unique position that requires recordkeeping. The registrar shall be reimbursed one dollar & fifty cents (\$1.50) per youngster per season to help cover these costs. In the event of a volunteer registrar this applies.

ARTICLE VII

MISCONDUCT TOWARD GAME OFFICIALS

1. OPSC has a "NO TOLERANCE" policy regarding misconduct against referees before, during or after games. This includes physical assault as well as verbal abuse.
2. The yellow card warning, red card expulsion system will be utilized at Heartland games.
3. For OPSC Pony division, a verbal warning will be issued to the coach. If a second incident is reported to the President, the coach (or offending parent or player) will not be allowed to attend the next game. The decision of the OPSC President will be final in this matter. If the inappropriate conduct continues, the Board may discipline the coach, player and fan by banning them from the rest of the season.

ARTICLE VIII

SPORTSMANSHIP

As noted in Article II of our constitution, "practicing good sportsmanship" is an important reason for the existence of our club. Sportsmanship includes but is not limited to the following:

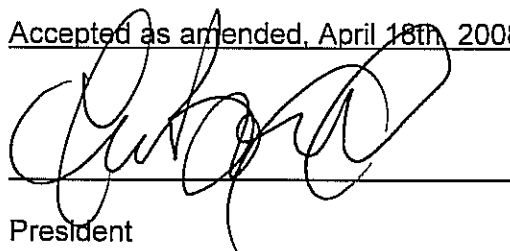
- 1) Teams shaking hands after every game.
- 2) Parents and coaches giving only instructional, encouraging words to their own team.
- 3) Parents and coaches should not make any distracting comments to the other team's players or coaches.

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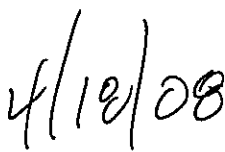
RESCHEDULED/CANCELLATION OF GAMES

1. Special requests regarding scheduling must be made in writing and submitted when registering a team.
2. Games not played because of cancellation by the office or the referee because of inclement weather or unplayable field conditions may be rescheduled by OPSC.
3. Once the schedule is printed and a coach must reschedule a game, he must contact the other coach, agree on a time and date for the game to be played, and then contact OPSC to make final arrangements for fields and referees. Any requests not made before the Tuesday of the game weekend will not be made up.
4. Any game cancelled by mutual consent of the coaches, without prior notification of OPSC, will be considered a double forfeit, and will not be rescheduled.

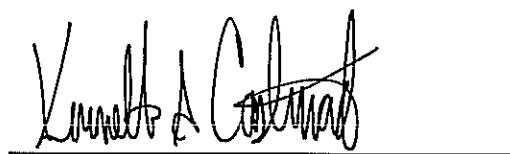
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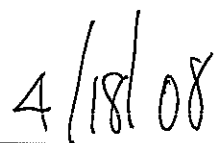
President



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