

# KENTUCKY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION



## 9U Academy – Fall 2018 Rules

**Season: August 18-October 20, 2018**

### Game Day Rules

- 7V7 games including keepers
- (2) 40-minute games with 5 min halftime and 10 min break between games to switch fields.
- We recommend a Maximum of 9-11 players per match/per team. We want players to play as much as possible so try to avoid having too many subs per team. Coaches need to manage the substitutions for equal playing time.
- We encourage clubs to borrow or share players from other clubs to get more players playing the games if one team is short numbers!!
- 1 referee per field- No Offside- Obvious offside may be called for repeated infractions.
- Regular Throw-Ins, if a foul throw is committed the player is allowed a second attempt. If a foul throw is committed on the second attempt the throw-in is awarded to the other team.

### Build Out Line

In conjunction with the US Soccer Player Development Initiatives, Kentucky Youth Soccer will be using half-way line as the build-out line for all 7v7 game.

- On a goal kick the opposing team's players must be outside their own half of the field until the ball is in play.
- When the goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands during play from the opponent, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play
- Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw, or roll the ball into play (punts and drop kicks are not allowed)
- Ideally, the goalkeeper will wait to put the ball into play once all opponents are past the build out line
- However, the goalkeeper can put the ball into play sooner but he or she does so accepting the positioning of the opponents and the consequences of how play resume
- After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal
- To support the intent of the development rule, coaches and referees should be mindful of any intentional delays being caused by opponents not retreating in a timely manner or encroaching over the build out line prior to the ball being put into play
- Coaches are responsible for addressing these types of issues with their players
- Referees can manage the situation with misconduct if deemed appropriate
- Referees should be flexible when enforcing the 6 second rule and counting the time of possession should only begin when all opponents have moved behind the build out line

### Punting & Heading

- Players are prohibited from deliberately heading the ball during competition & training.
- An indirect free-kick will be awarded to the opposing team at the spot of the infraction if a player deliberately heads the ball during a game.



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- If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.
- Goalkeepers are prohibited from punting the ball and drop kicking the ball.
- If the Goalkeeper punts the ball an indirect free kick shall be awarded and should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.
- Modified FIFA Laws of the Game will govern each match.

### **Administration: Host Clubs**

- Host clubs will send an email out one (1) week prior to each play date to all the clubs participating at their venue starting the dialogue below:
  - How many teams each club will be bringing to the play date
  - Confirm what color each club should wear for the upcoming play date
  - Academy Directors need to make sure teams are randomly mixed for the Fall season unless discussed with other clubs
  - Field locations and directions
  - Referee Fee Collection and payment
  - Please copy Kentucky Youth Soccer on all correspondence by email to [adrianparrish@kysoccer.net](mailto:adrianparrish@kysoccer.net).

### **Play Date Scheduling**

- It is each club's responsibility to divide players into teams by ability for each play date.

### **Referee Fees**

- Each team from your club is responsible for paying \$10 per game for the 2-hour session.
- Host Clubs will coordinate with the other participating clubs to collect referee fees for each play date.
- Fees should be organized and paid to the host club Academy Director or designated representative before the games commence.

### **Coach/ Academy Director Code of Conduct**

- Do Not "over coach" from the sidelines. Players must learn to solve problems.
- Encourage your players to take risks and become creative in their play.
- Remind Parents to cheer and be supportive of their players and officials and not to coach from the sideline. If any parents are being overzealous with players or officials we ask that it is reported to [adrianparrish@kysoccer.net](mailto:adrianparrish@kysoccer.net)
- Scores and standings for these matches should not be kept or reported to any media or websites.
- If games become lopsided, it is the responsibility of coaches to make necessary adjustments to attempt to make games competitive.
- Academy Directors are responsible for selecting, monitoring, and educating coaches and parents within their clubs.
- Kentucky Youth Soccer will monitor the sportsmanship of all clubs during these play dates and any clubs who fail to meet the expectations listed above may be removed from the U9 Academy Play Dates.