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Frequently Asked Questions for Summer 2020 Tryout Rules & Procedures

What's the purpose of this new amendment and change to the rules for tryouts?

The cancellation of the 2020 Spring Kansas State Tournaments (State Cup, Presidents Cup, & Jr. State Cup) has caused KSUSA to modify the current KSUSA rule on Free Agency Period, Tryouts and Player Recruitment for the summer of 2020 for the player registrations for the 2020-2021 seasonal year.

FAQ FOR KSUSA CLUBS

What is the Free Agency Period?

It is the period of when club/team representatives may recruit and talk with players without violation of KSUSA Rules or financial penalty. It is a reset period for all players to begin looking into clubs/teams for the next seasonal year.

When is the Free Agency Period?

With the amendment to the KSUSA Rules, for this year only, the Free Agency Period for players will begin June 19th and close on July 3rd, 2020. This means that at 12:01am on June 19th, 2020 all players who have not signed a formal acceptance with their existing teams are free to join any club/team following the tryout procedures.

When are tryouts for 2020-2021? When can a club begin to register players for tryouts?

The actual first day that clubs may host a physical tryout for all youth age groups for competitive teams will be June 19th, 2020 and may be held until July 3rd, 2020 or after that date for any players still not signed/registered with a team. ***Clubs may not open tryout registration until 12:01am on June 1st, 2020.***

What is Targeted Recruiting? How is this rule amendment going to affect that?

This is when a coach or club representative makes contact with a player, parents or guardian of a player not already registered on their team and gives them a formal offer for 2020-2021 before the free agency period begins (June 19-July 3rd, 2020).

Targeted Recruiting is still in effect and violation of the rule is subject to serious penalties listed below for a club representative:

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- 1st Offense: Six (6) month suspension
 - 2nd Offense: Twelve (12) month suspension & \$1,000 fine.
 - 3rd Offense: Thirty-Six (36) month suspension & \$2,500 fine.
 - **VIOLATION:** A club representative may not contact a player outside their own club between June 1-June 18th, 2020 to have them sign a formal acceptance. Contact is not limited to personal contact, but will include contact by phone, text, emails, and social media messages.

NON VIOLATIONS:

- **EXEMPTION for Summer 2020:** Targeted Recruiting is NOT in effect for clubs/teams to re-sign their current, registered club players from the 2019-2020 seasonal year beginning June 1st, 2020 through June 18th, 2020 for the upcoming 2020-2021 seasonal year.
- Targeted Recruiting is NOT in effect during the amended free agency period between June 19th - July 3rd, 2020. .

As a coach or club/team representative when can I resign my current players?

Club/team representatives may officially offer positions to players already registered to their team for the 2019/2020 season starting June 1st, 2020. A club may not make offers to currently registered players/parents prior to June 1st, 2020.

As a coach or club representative when can I talk to players outside my club/team?

Coaches and club/team representatives may contact players/parents beginning June 19th, 2020.

A club representative CANNOT make an offer to players/parents who currently play outside their club/team or guarantee them a spot without the player going through the tryout process which begins on June 19th, 2020.

When can I sign players outside my club?

You can sign a player outside of your club/team at or after your tryout which cannot be held prior to June 19th, 2020.

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Types of formal acceptances?

A formal acceptance is defined by the club/team and could include anything from an official contract or financial deposit to the club that is for the 2020-2021 seasonal year. All are subject to that specific club or team.

What is a formal acceptance?

Once a player has made a formal acceptance (written or electronic signature) to an offer from a club or team, they are bound to that club/team (after the 10-day rescission period has run from date of signature) for the seasonal year until the next free agency period begins the following seasonal year, UNLESS a Release/Transfer Request is submitted and approved by all parties involved.

When can I communicate with my current players about the process for next year regarding tryouts/or the need not to tryout?

KSUSA will be communicating with all registered players between now and June 1, 2020 to avoid confusion. Starting on June 1st, 2020 clubs/teams may communicate with their current, registered players about the process and how the club/team will be following the amended rule guidelines.