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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 KSYSA to modify the current KSYSA rule on Free Agency Period, Tryouts and Player Recruitment for the summer of 2020 leading into the 2020-2021 seasonal year.

### **FAQ FOR PLAYERS & PARENTS**

### **What is the Free Agency Period?**

It is the period of time that players are released from any club/team and are free to tryout anywhere (unless they have already committed to the existing team and paid a deposit and the rescission period had passed). It is also a time when coaches and club representatives may recruit and talk with players without violation of KSYSA 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 KSYSA 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 are free to tryout for any team and accept an offer to join that team.

### **When are tryouts for 2020-2021? When could I register for tryouts if I need to do so?**

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

### **What is Targeted Recruiting?**

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

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Violations of this rule will result in serious penalties including but not limited to suspensions and fines for that club representative.

- **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 to the player, family member or player representative.

## **NON VIOLATIONS:**

- **EXEMPTION for Summer 2020:** Targeted Recruiting is NOT applicable when clubs/teams seek to re-sign their current club/team players registered for the 2019-2020 seasonal year, beginning on June 1st, 2020 for the upcoming 2020-2021 seasonal year.
- Targeted Recruiting is NOT in effect during a Free Agency Period, which this year only is June 19th - July 3rd, 2020. This means that coaches and club/team representatives may contact free agency players outside their club/team and invite them to tryout during the Free Agency Period and offer them a spot on a team.

## **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/team for the 2020-2021 seasonal year. All are subject to that specific club/ team.

## **What is a formal acceptance?**

Once a player has made a formal acceptance (written or electronic signature) to an offer from a club/team, they are bound to that club/team (after 10 days 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.

## **Can I rescind or change my mind after I sign my formal acceptance?**

Yes, a player shall have **TEN (10) DAYS** from the date of their acceptance in which to rescind their commitment to the club/team without penalty, financial or otherwise. No form is required just documentation of proper dates in case of appeal or protest from the club/team is made to KSUSA.



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## **If I wish to stay with my current club/team how do I do that? When can I sign my formal acceptance for my current club/team?**

Between June 1st, 2020 through June 18th, 2020, a player/parents may declare they are returning to their current club/team (2019-2020) and complete a formal acceptance for 2020-2021 without going through the tryout process. ***This is the exemption for summer 2020 only and is allowed by clubs/teams without being in violation of the targeted recruiting rule.*** The player, if accepting the offer from the club/team does **NOT NEED TO ATTEND** a physical tryout for their current club/team if done on or before June 18th, 2020.

## **What happens if I don't sign a formal acceptance with my current club/team?**

A player/parent that does not sign a formal acceptance with their current club/team by June 18th, 2020 will need to attend tryouts to seek an offer to join a club/team.

## **If I wish to leave my current club and/or look into another club how do I do that?**

Between June 1st through June 18th, 2020, a player may inform their current club/team that they are not ready to complete a formal acceptance and are interested in going through the tryout process during the Free Agency Period.

A player is not required to sign a formal acceptance to their current club/team between June 1 and June 18, 2020 if they are offered a spot. A player should not feel pressured by the club/team to do so. A player can register for any tryout(s) any time after June 1st, 2020.

## **When can I sign my formal acceptance with another club?**

A player/parent may sign a formal acceptance with any club on or after June 19th, 2020 after participation in a tryout process for that specific club/team.

## **What does it mean if I haven't signed a formal acceptance or gone to a tryout and its after July 3rd?**

Any player who has not signed a formal acceptance with a club/team by July 3rd, 2020 will still be considered a free agent player until such time as a formal acceptance is made to an offer from a club/team for the 2020-2021 seasonal year.



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## **Do I need to attend a physical tryout for clubs?**

Only a player who has not signed a formal acceptance with their existing team/club by 11:59pm on June 18th, 2020 may need to attend tryouts.

## **When can clubs communicate with current players about the process for next year regarding tryouts?**

Clubs/teams can begin communicating with their existing, registered players on June 1st, 2020 about the process and how the club/team will be following the amended rule guidelines.