



Why did Oklahoma Soccer Association (OSA) send out a letter on April 29?

Our letter was in response to the launch of the Oklahoma Premier Club (OPC) and subsequent departure of five of our competitive clubs to the OPC. We want to be as transparent as possible with changes that were made beyond our control. Many questions were directed at OSA staff and our intent was to clarify the answers.

Why did OSA not address these clubs' concerns prior to leaving?

The board of directors immediately made every effort to reach out and meet with our member clubs to address their concerns in our competitive programs. We met with Norman and WSA the week of April 24-27 and also met with South Lakes, Norman and WSA (NEOFC was invited but did not attend) on Friday, April 28. Again, our goal was to have open dialog concerning our competitive programs to meet the needs our members.

Why did the Oklahoma Competitive Committee (OCC) not make recommended changes to the competitive program if members were not satisfied?

This is an excellent question – all five clubs had their Director of Coaching as members of the OCC and two OSA competitive vice presidents were from competitive clubs that chose to leave OSA. They had the forum and represented you, the membership, as your voice to change the landscape of competitive soccer. Several meetings and conference calls including work sessions at the OSA Workshop in January were available as transparent avenues to improve competitive soccer in Oklahoma.

What is Oklahoma Soccer Association's stance on the recent launch of the OPC?

OSA's stance is simple. We believe soccer in our state is stronger when it is done together. With a statewide association and all clubs flying one flag our young athletes have the opportunity to play, grow and enjoy the sport of soccer at all levels. With the formation of the OPC or any splintered league this process becomes more challenging.

What does this mean for the clubs that did not join the OPC?

We remain dedicated to serve the players, our most important members, for the upcoming season. We value every player, parent, coach and fan that supports the game of soccer in Oklahoma and continue our commitment to the advancement of soccer in Oklahoma.

We want to assure our members that OSA's competitive programming, including OCL, OPL, SRPL, PLW, National League, ODP, Presidents Cup, State Cup, and others will continue.

I am being told the majority of competitive soccer is playing through OPC, is this true?

This is not true. Oklahoma has 23 clubs that offer competitive soccer programs. These include large, medium and small clubs that serve the needs of our diverse communities and member needs. Regardless of size, we have many member clubs that offer outstanding competitive programs and we will continue to serve their needs and grow with them today, tomorrow and into the future. In review of the Oklahoma Premier League and Oklahoma Competitive league teams, OSA has the majority still participating in OUR programming.

My team is interested in also playing teams from other states, is this available with OSA?

Yes! This has already been available to OSA members for the last two years. This was specifically developed for OSA members as the *Interstate Premier League* with Arkansas for those teams that desired additional competition. Kansas and Missouri have been added to the league and OSA members will be able to participate with these states this year with minimal travel.

What is OSA's relationship with OKC Energy FC?

Energy FC is an important ally to OSA. We recently contracted the professional club to further develop players through the Olympic Development Program (ODP) and coaches through various coaching licensing and education programs. With their contacts, resources and deep knowledge of the game, Energy FC is a key resource for the OSA. Energy FC is contracted by OSA to manage the ODP and coaching education programs. They are not members nor do they have any voting privileges on any OSA board or committee.

The coaching programs are ultimately organized through OSA and managed by US Soccer, US Youth Soccer and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Why did OSA partner with OKC Energy?

First, for coaching education. With the partnership in 2014, we created an opportunity for recreational volunteer coaches to access valuable education for free by tapping into the Energy's expertise. We believe investing in coaches translates into a better experience for our youth.

Second, we partnered with the Energy so players in the Oklahoma ODP would get highly educated coaches to assist them in their training as they advance their talents and aspire to the highest level of competition.

Our partnership with Energy has also resulted in lower cost of coaching courses, larger participation in ODP and elevated player recognition.

Will my son or daughter be allowed to play ODP?

Yes, a player will be allowed to play ODP, however they must be a registered player through the Oklahoma Soccer Association (OSA) to continue to play next year. ODP is open to any registered player within Oklahoma Soccer Association.

Will my kids be allowed to play State Cup 2017?

Yes. Current registration continues through July 2017.

Will my kids be allowed to play President's Cup 2017?

Yes. Current registration continues through July 2017.



Will my kids be allowed to play fall 2017 PLW, SRPL, National League?

Teams that continue to register through OSA and US Youth Soccer, and maintain the required roster continuity, have the opportunity to maintain earned positions in regional and national competitions even if there are changes in club affiliation.

With tryouts coming up what do I need to know before signing with a club?

Parents are encouraged to get league information in writing before signing any type of contract. We ask that parents reach out to clubs to understand exactly which league they would be participating in. For more information, reach out to: OSA office.

I was told that my state registrations fees will be cheaper next year in the OPC?

On the final page is a comparison of OSA/US Youth Registration fees with US Club:

Player registration fee comparison:		
OSA/US Youth Soccer	Competitive	US Club Soccer
\$18.00	player registration	\$24.00
\$10.00	Team fee for Risk Management*	
	Background checks	\$18.00/coach
	Coach Registration	\$25.00/coach
N/C	CDC Course	
	Sideline course	\$5.00/coach
\$306.00	per 17 players (12U-19U)	\$408.00
\$10.00	Team fee includes all Coach background checks	
	Background check (2)	\$36.00
	Coach Registration (2)	\$50.00
	Sideline course (2)	\$10.00
\$316.00	compare your cost	\$504.00

*includes unlimited number of background checks for registered adults.

Here is a comparison of OSA's seasonal costs per competitive team and player compared to OPC's published league costs.

AGE DIV	LEAGUE FEE	GAMES	REF FEES^	TOTAL/SEASON	PER PLAYER FEE
11U-12U	OPC - \$635	8	Incl. in League Fee	\$635.00	\$ 55/Season
	OSA - OPL - \$200	8	\$340	\$540	OSA \$ 45/Season
	OSA - OCL - \$0	8	\$280	\$280	OSA \$ 23/Season
13U-14U	OPC - \$695	8	Incl. in League Fee	\$695.00	\$ 50/Season
	OSA - OPL - \$200	8	\$400	\$600	OSA \$ 40/Season
	OSA - OCL - \$0	8	\$340	\$340	OSA \$ 22/Season
15U-16U	OPC - \$755	8	Incl. in League Fee	\$755.00	\$ 50/Season
	OSA - OPL - \$200	8	\$460	\$660	OSA \$ 38/Season
	OSA - OCL - \$0	8	\$400	\$400	OSA \$ 23/Season
17U-19U	OPC - \$815	8	Incl. in League Fee	\$815.00	\$ 50/Season
	OSA - OPL - \$200	8	\$520	\$720	OSA \$ 42/Season
	OSA - OCL - \$0	8	\$460	\$460	OSA \$ 27/Season

^Referee fees based on club common standards.