



# **KLEIN SOCCER CLUB**

## **POLICY MANUAL**

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## KLEIN SOCCER CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

Klein Soccer Club shall be responsible for the promotion of physical health, mental and emotional growth and to develop, govern and promote the game of soccer at all levels of age and competition.

KSC Constitution

Dated: June 1994

### MEYER PARK

Elizabeth Kaiser Meyer, the park's namesake, was the granddaughter of Henrich Kaiser, an early settler of the Klein area in the 1800s. Elizabeth Kaiser Meyer Park was conceived by then County Judge Jon Lindsay to link parks together along Cypress Creek preserving green space for future generations. Land for the park was purchased from developer Vincent Kickerillo using Harris County land and conservation funds. KSC and Precinct 3 and later Precinct 4 built the improvements. Most of the park's 172 acres are in the Cypress Creek flood plain.

KSC began in 1976 as a soccer program for children in northwest Harris County. There were 300 youth players, no central fields and no clubhouse. Up until 1980, KSC used various fields for the program's games and practices. Most of these fields were located behind area schools. In 1980, KSC signed a field use lease with Harris County Precinct 3, the local government agency in charge of Meyer Park at the time. Eventually, the lease allowed KSC to construct office space on the north side, from which the board of directors could manage the growing soccer program.

In 1986, KSC signed an addendum to its lease with Harris County Precinct 4, adding field space on the south side of Meyer Park.

Today, KSC operates a youth soccer program with approximately 4,000 children participating in all levels of play on twenty-eight soccer fields during the fall and spring of each year.

## Definitions/Acronyms

KSC – Klein Soccer Club

D&P Committee – Discipline & Protest Committee

### 1. RECREATIONAL TEAM FORMATION

The following guidelines are intended to provide a balanced, fair, competitive, and enjoyable soccer experience for all players.

The general team information guidelines are as follows:

- Player's subdivision
- Player's school
- Neighboring subdivision
- Team with the greatest need

#### 1.1. Core Player

In order to encourage early registration, KSC allows players who register by the core deadline to automatically return to the team they were on during the most recent preceding Fall season.

If your child does not register by the core deadline, elects not to return to their Fall team, did not play for KSC in the most recent preceding Fall season, or is new to KSC, your child is considered a “pool player” and will be assigned to a team using the general team formation guidelines.

U4/U5/U6 age groups and former KSC players who did not play in the Fall season immediately preceding the season being applied for do not have core team privileges. Coring begins at the U7 age group. **KSC reserves the right to waive core registration in response to registration numbers or US Soccer policy mandates to ensure maximum player participation and compliance with youth soccer player development initiatives.**

## 1.2. Registration

All registration forms are accepted independently. Registrations submitted from groups of players with the intent to play together as a team will not be accepted in that context. Such forms will be accepted on an individual basis and will be subject to the team formation policies outlined in this section.

Just registering does not guarantee being placed on a team. Players will not be placed on a team until the registration fee has been paid. Generally, registrations will be accepted until the teams are full or the second weekend of play has been completed.

Once a registered player is assigned to a team's roster, a coach cannot release or "cut" a player from their current roster.

## 1.3. Team Placement Requests

Parents are allowed to submit requests for specific team placement when registering their child. Such requests will be reviewed, considered, and decided upon by the Director – Team Formation, or a designated representative. Requests will be considered for reasonableness and in accordance with KSC's recreation team formation guidelines outlined below and at the beginning of this section.

- A. All requests are to be made through online registration. Requests made on paper registration forms and turned into the office will not be entered or honored.
- B. All requests to play with a team that finished in the top three positions of the two most recent seasons will not be honored.
- C. If the request is based on carpool reasons, you may be required to provide proof.
- D. Denied requests may be appealed by the parent(s) in writing to the Director – Team Formation's Appeal Committee. The decision on the appeal is final.
- E. Player placement requests and appeals from anyone other than the parent(s) of the child involved will not be accepted.

## 1.4. Returning Teams

For the Spring season and/or immediate subsequent Fall season, your child will return to his/her team unless:

A. Your child's Fall team was dissolved by a KSC board decision for:

1. Having an average overall goal differential greater than five (5) goals per game in the U10 and older age groups and seven (7) goals per game in the U7-U9 age groups. These teams likely won a majority of their matches in a lop-sided manner. The players may be distributed to other teams within the age group for the Spring season. (This rule will also apply to teams from the Spring season. These players may be distributed to other teams within the age group for the next Fall season.

OR

2. Observed unsporting behavior or inappropriate interaction exists among the parents, players or coaches. These teams may have required Board actions which include:

- Observations at games
- Suspensions of coaches, players or team parents.
- Other meetings involving coaches are team parents.

B. You indicate on your child's registration form not to return to your fall team.

C. Your child's Fall team does not form because not enough players returned to it in the Spring season.

D. Your child does not register by the core deadline.

## 1.5. Players Playing Out of Their Age Group

A. Parent(s) may request their child "play up" in an older age group. The request is to be made in writing to the Director – Team Formation before the season of play.

Decisions on such requests will be made by the Director – Team Formation on a case by case basis, but are generally only allowed in the following situations:

1. The player has an older sibling playing on a KSC team no greater than one age group ahead of the play up's proper age group.
2. The player has demonstrated extraordinary dominated field play in his/her proper KSC age group.

If the request is granted, the child will advance through KSC's DIV IV/III age divisions with the older age group unless the child's parent(s) make a written request to the Director – Team Formation to return their child to the appropriate age division.

B. No player may “play down” in a lower or younger age division.

## 1.6. COED Program

The COED program is for U15-U19 players. Players on high school teams, (UIL/TAPPS), may play COED at KSC. Players registered on other recreation, Division II, Super II, Division I, or Premier League teams are not eligible to play COED at KSC. All teams participating in the KSC COED program must be registered with KSC. There is no inter- club play between KSC and other clubs.

## 1.7. Refunds

A player is entitled to a refund up until the first Wednesday after the first game of the season. KSC can withhold up to \$30.00 of registration money in order to cover the cost of administrative expenses incurred registering the player. Refund requests must be submitted to the KSC clubhouse [info@kleinsoccer.com](mailto:info@kleinsoccer.com) using the KSC approved refund request form (no exceptions). Refund requests made after the deadline will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the KSC board to determine if a refund is warranted. If the refund request is declined the registration fee is forfeited as a donation to KSC.

## 2. KSC GENERAL POLICIES

### 2.1. Player Participation

Coaches must play each registered player present for a game at least 50% of the game unless unable to do so because of that player's illness, injury or for disciplinary reasons. In the event a player is present but will not be playing, the coach must inform the referee, opposing coach, and parent(s) of the player as to the reason that player will not participate.

### 2.2. Risk Management Certification / KidSafe Badge

All adults over the age of 17 involved with Klein Soccer Club must certify for Risk Management and clear a background check prior to participation. Risk Management certification or "Background Checks" are maintained through GotSoccer and are valid for two years.

The KidSafe Program was implemented in 2002 to provide parents with a measure of security regarding the adults to whom they are entrusting their children. Each season, KSC members with current or newly approved background checks will qualify for issuance of a KidSafe badge. Kidsafe badges are renewed every Fall season and are valid through the following Spring season. KSC requires team coaches, managers and admins on the team sideline to visibly display the proper color Kidsafe card (section 6.2). This will be enforced after the second week after the start of the season.

### 2.3. Player Pass ID Cards

All Division III players U9 through U19 age groups will be issued a US Youth Soccer player pass ID card. The player pass card identifies the player by recent photo (in addition to other key player information) and is proof of registration and eligibility.

Printed player cards must be laminated with the player's current picture included. KSC approves the use of 3" clear packing tape as an alternative solution, so long as the player card with photo is completely sealed.

All U9-U19 coaches must carry their team's player ID passes to all scheduled games and provide them to the match referee if requested or the game is subject to forfeit. Player passes are to be checked for all U9-U19 games.



- A. All games will be played, regardless of whether passes are presented. Referees will note missing or improper passes on the game report.
- B. The team has until the end of the match to produce any missing passes. All players must stay at the field and in uniform, if this is the case.
- C. Games played with missing player passes or improper player passes will be declared a forfeit by the offending team.
- D. The D & P Process will be the only avenue for appeal

## 2.4. Professional Training of Recreational players

No professional training of Division IV or DIV III recreational players will be allowed by KSC affiliated select clubs/independent teams and/or their trainers during the Fall and Spring seasons of play, (including Spring Break). This includes paid and unpaid training and applies regardless of where the training takes place. No paid team training by anyone is allowed regardless of where the training takes place.

*Exceptions:* KSC Academy and Rec + Programs

## 2.5. Player Poaching / Recruitment Violation Policy

Any action by a KSC recreational team to induce, request or assist an actively registered/rostered KSC player (or their parent or their guardian) to leave his/her team or club to transfer to and play for the recruiting KSC recreational team during the current seasonal year will be considered a player recruiting violation.

- A. There will be no direct recruiting contact between KSC recreation team representatives and KSC registered recreation players assigned to another team's active roster. Direct recruiting contact is not limited to personnel contact, but will include contact by phone, text, emails, facebook and all other social media.
- B. Once a registered player is assigned to a team's roster, a recreation team coach cannot release or "cut" a player from their current roster in an attempt to induce or request or assist an unregistered or actively registered KSC player to play for the recruiting KSC recreational team. This will also be considered a player recruiting violation.

C. A KSC recreation coach or team representative may not invite players from other recreation teams to practice with the coach's team unless the players are guest players for the coach's team preparing for an invitational tournament.

D. Select club teams/independent teams may not scrimmage against/with KSC Division IV or DIV III recreation players at any time during the year, regardless of the number of players on each team during the scrimmage.

All player recruiting violation claims will be submitted to the KSC Director of Coaches and heard by the KSC D&P Committee. Penalties for player recruiting violations could result in a suspension up to one year and may include ineligibility to participate in STYSA or KSC authorized tournament events.

## 2.6 Assault, Abuse and Misconduct

Verified reports of assault or abuse not involving a referee and acts of misconduct beyond game dismissal or ejection committed by spectators, coaches and players shall be subject to disciplinary action and additional suspensions in accordance with the D & P Sanctioning Guidelines.

When an allegation of assault or abuse towards a referee is verified by the D & P Chair, the individual is automatically suspended until the hearing on the offense.

## 3. GUEST PLAYER POLICY

A guest player is any player that is not registered to your team. Use of guest players such as overage, unregistered, or select players is a serious violation of the rules that coaches will be held accountable for.

A. KSC prohibits use of guest players because:

1. Guest players are typically used to give a team an advantage or to replace team members who are either absent or cannot participate in games. This is an unacceptable practice.
2. It puts the coach, the club and the county at great legal risk for playing uninsured and unregistered players should an incident occur.

B. Teams must register their players' numbers and ALL extra numbers with the club prior to the first game. (This is to prevent guest players from being issued a jersey.)

C. No player from one team may guest play on another team during seasonal play.

KSC may allow new players to register during the season and pay a prorated registration fee, at the request of the Director – Team Formation, to address roster shortfalls. This will be decided upon on a case by case basis with the primary factor being a team’s need for players.

## 4. GUEST PLAYER VIOLATIONS POLICY COACHES PENALTY

### 1st Offense (Per season):

Written reprimand from the Vice President - Operations. Any team that knowingly plays a player not on its roster shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player participated or was suited up to participate, and the coach and player will be subject to disciplinary action.

### 2nd Offense:

Written reprimand from the Vice President - Any team that knowingly plays a player not on its roster shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player participated or was suited up to participate, and the coach will be suspended from games for 2 weeks and the player will be subject to disciplinary action.

### 3rd Offense:

Grievance filed by KSC against the coach to be heard by the KSC D&P Committee.

## 1. GUEST PLAYER VIOLATIONS POLICY PLAYER PENALTY

### 1st Offense (Per Season):

Written reprimand from the Vice President – Operations. If the player chooses to register with KSC on a pro-rata basis, there would be no reprimand.

### 2nd Offense:

The player will not be allowed to participate for the remainder of the season. Each case will be examined individually by the KSC D&P Committee for further action.

## 6. KSC PLAY POLICIES

### 6.1. Player Uniform and Equipment Policy

- A. All players are required to wear age appropriate shin guard protection at all times during practices and games.
- B. Players should bring appropriate footwear to practice and games based on the surface they are training or playing on. Soccer cleats are required for play on outdoor fields; however, indoor soccer shoes may be required for play on turf and indoor facilities.
- C. Players must wear their full uniform kit (jersey, shorts, socks) during games.
- D. No jewelry is allowed to be worn by a player during practice and games. Earrings and other piercings cannot be taped and must be removed.
- E. Medical bracelets may be worn and shall be taped to secure them to the player's body.
- F. Players who must wear regular eyeglasses are encouraged to wear sports goggles.
- G. The referee has the final decision on the safety of the player's equipment.

### 6.2. Injury Protection Equipment/Jewelry

The referee has the final say on whether or not to allow a player to participate in a game while wearing injury protection equipment.

As a general rule, equipment that can cause injury to other game participants, such as, (but not limited to), hard casts, (regardless of the degree of padding) and braces with metal, are not allowed. Orthopedic braces must be covered by the manufacturer's cover or by 1»2-inch padding at all times.

## 6.3. Sideline Policy

Coaches and players will be on one side of the field, defined as the technical touchline. For small-sided games (U4-U12), the coaches' technical touchlines are defined by the space between the two fields of play. This area is reserved for coaches and players only.

### 6.3.1 Coaches

Coaches from each team should not cross the halfway line during the game to coach or coach from between the top of the penalty area to the goal line. Only two adults per team may be on the technical touchline and must be visibly wearing their Adult Registration Pass with them that is the correct color for the season.

### 6.3.2 Parents

Parents, fans, and other spectators will observe the match from between the penalty areas on the parent's sideline, which is the touchline directly opposite the half of the technical touchline their team occupies. For U4-U7 small sided games only, spectators may observe matches from the end lines.

### 6.3.3 Home Team

The home team is the first team listed on the game schedule and will have its choice of a side of the technical area.

## 6.4. Jersey Color Conflicts

The referee will determine if there is a jersey color conflict. Color conflicts will be resolved by the home team. There are "pennies" at the KSC clubhouse for this purpose. Coaches or Team Admins will be required to leave a driver license for a bag of pennies. When the bag of pennies is returned they will get their driver's license back.

## 6.5. Weather Policy

### 6.5.1 Match Cancellations

Club officials and/or referees may end a match early due to dangerous/inclement weather conditions. If the match is ended prior to the end of the first half, the match can be rescheduled.

If the match is ended during halftime or later, the score at that point stands and the match will not be rescheduled.

### 6.5.2 Hot Weather/Water Breaks

Heat is a problem when it prevents the body from cooling itself. The hotter the body gets, the more likely it is to increase fatigue levels, develop cramps and increase the possibility of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The hotter and more humid the weather, the faster these problems can develop. Temperatures as low as 65 degrees, with a relative humidity of 100%, can be serious.

For practice sessions, coaches are responsible for monitoring the heat index and taking the appropriate precautions to ensure player safety, which includes:

- Ensuring hydration breaks during practice, plus mandatory breaks every 20 minutes.
- Adjust or shorten practice sessions
- Canceling/reschedule practice

Clubhouse administrators and Lead Referee Coordinators are responsible for monitoring the heat index (by weather radio, online or the Weather Channel) and keeping the participating teams and game officials informed of the heat index. The following guidelines will be used by KSC when there is a possibility of a dangerous heat index:

<b>Heat Index</b>	<b>Match Play Guidelines</b>
Up to 89°	Normal Play
90° - 99°	Mandatory two-minute water breaks per half with running time.
100° - 105°	Mandatory two-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half may be shortened by 5 minutes.
105°+	Suspend Play

## 7. U13 THROUGH U19 RULES OF PLAY

### General:

FIFA laws of the game apply except as follows:

### 7.1. Number of Players

The objective play format for U13-U19 is 11v11, including a goalkeeper. Each team shall play with a minimum of seven (7) players on the field.

If there are not enough players registered to form teams for competitive age group play, KSC shall make the following adjustments at the request the Team Formations Director:

- U13 & U14 age groups will change to a 9v9 format. Teams will be formed at reduced roster size to support the play format.
- U15 through U19 age groups may be combined into a coed league, play an 8v8 format and follow the KSC COED Program rules of play (see Section 12).

### 7.2. Size of the Teams

U13 & U14 will have a maximum number of fifteen (15) players per team for 11v11 play.

### 7.3. Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions may be made at the following times with the prior approval of the referee:

- A. On a throw-in by either team
- B. On a goal kick by either team
- C. After a goal by either team
- D. After stoppage of play for an injury by either team
- E. At half time by either team
- F. After a caution for the player receiving the caution

## 7.4. Ball Size

Size #5

## 7.5. Length of Game

U13-U14, two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves

U15-U19, two (2) forty (40) minute halves

## 7.6. Forfeits for too few players

The referee shall declare a forfeit if a team does not have at least seven (7) players on the field ready to play within a reasonable time after the game was scheduled to start.

## 7.7. Team Practice Time Limit

Three (3) hours per week, usually two (2) one and one half (1 1/2) hour practices. This limitation applies regardless of where the practice takes place. Scrimmages count as practice.

## 7.8 Field Dimensions

- A. Size: 50-100 yards wide by 100-130 yards long.  
*75W x112L yards USSF Suggested.*
- A. Center Circle: 10 yards in radius
- B. Penalty Area: 18 yards by 44 yards.
- C. Goal Area: 6 yards by 20 yards
- D. Penalty Spot: 12 yards and perpendicular from the midpoint of the goal line.
- E. Penalty Arc: 10 yards radius from the penalty spot.
- F. Goal Size: 8 feet X 24 feet

## 7.9. Penalties for Fouls

FIFA Law 12-Fouls and Misconduct, shall apply



## 7.10. Throw-Ins

FIFA Law 15 – The Throw-In, shall apply on all throw-ins.

## 7.11. Goal Kicks

Goal kicks will be taken by the defensive team any time the ball crosses the goal line when last touched by a player on the offensive team and a goal is not scored. Goal kicks may be taken from any point within the goal area.

## 7.12. Corner Kicks

Corner kicks will be taken by the offensive team any time the whole of the ball crosses the end line when last touched by a player on the defensive team.

# 8. U11/U12 RULES OF PLAY

## Heading and Punting Policy:

KSC shall implement the following policy in order to remain compliant with US Soccer safety guidelines and concussion initiatives for youth players.

U12: Players on U12 teams shall be allowed to head and punt the ball during games. Coaches shall limit heading the ball in practices for U12 players to a maximum of 30 minutes per week with no more than 15-20 headers per player, per week.

U11: Players on U11 teams shall be NOT allowed to head the ball during games.

A. If in the opinion of the referee a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) shall be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.

B. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick shall be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.

If in the opinion of the referee a player does not deliberately head the ball, then play should continue.

## General:

FIFA laws of the game apply except as follows:

### 8.1. Number of Players

Each team shall play with no more than nine (9) players on the field at a time, including a goalkeeper.

### 8.2. Size of Teams

The maximum number of players per team shall be thirteen (13) for 9v9 play.

### 8.3. Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions may be made at the following times with the prior approval of the referee:

- A. On a throw-in by either team
- B. On a goal kick by either team
- C. After a goal by either team
- D. After a stoppage of play for an injury by either team.
- E. At half time by either team
- F. After a caution for the player receiving the caution

### 8.4. Ball Size

Size #4

### 8.5. Length of Game

Two thirty (30) minute halves

### 8.6. Forfeits for too few players

The referee shall declare a forfeit if a team does not have at least six (6) players on the field ready to play within a reasonable time after the game was scheduled to start.

## 8.7. Team Practice Time Limit

Three (3) hours per week, usually two (2) one and one half (1 1/2) hour practices.

## 8.8. Field Dimensions

Size: 45-55 yards wide by 70-80 yards long.

- A. Center Circle: 8 yards in radius.
- B. Penalty Area: 14 yards by 36 yards.
- C. Goal Area: 5 yards by 16 yards
- D. Penalty Spot: 10 yards and perpendicular from the midpoint of the goal line.
- E. Penalty Arc: 8-yard radius from the penalty spot.
- F. Goal Size: 18.5 feet X 6.5 feet

## 8.9. Penalties for Fouls

FIFA Law 12-Fouls and Misconduct, shall apply

## 8.10. Throw-Ins

FIFA Law 15 – The Throw-In, shall apply on all throw-ins.

## 8.11. Goal Kicks

Goal kicks will be taken by the defensive team any time the ball crosses the goal line when last touched by a player on the offensive team and a goal is not scored. Goal kicks may be taken from any point within the goal area.

## 8.12. Corner Kicks

Corner kicks will be taken by the offensive team any time the whole of the ball crosses the end line when last touched by a player on the defensive team.

applies regardless of where the practice takes place. Scrimmages count as practice.

## 9. U8/U9/U10 RULES OF PLAY

### Heading and Punting Policy:

KSC shall implement the following policy in order to remain compliant with US Soccer safety guidelines and concussion initiatives for youth players.

Players on U8, U9 and U10 teams shall be NOT allowed to head the ball during games. Also, Goalkeepers are NOT allowed to punt the ball. This includes drop kicking or bouncing the ball and kicking it. If the keeper puts the ball on the ground to kick it themselves, players can immediately press the keeper.

- A. If in the opinion of the referee a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) shall be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.
  
- B. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick shall be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.
  
- C. If in the opinion of the referee a player does not deliberately head the ball, then play should continue.

### General:

FIFA laws of the game apply accept as follows:

#### 9.1. Number of Players

Each team during a game shall play with no more than seven (7) players on the field at a time including a goalkeeper.

#### 9.2. Size of Team

The maximum number of players per team is eleven (11) per team for 7v7 format play.

### 9.3. Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions may be made at the following times with the prior approval of the referee:

- A. On a throw-in by either team
- B. On a goal kick by either team
- C. After a goal by either team
- D. After a stoppage of play for an injury by either team.
- E. At half time by either team
- F. After a caution for the player receiving the caution

### 9.4. Ball Size

Size #4

### 9.5. Length of Game

Two twenty-five (25) minutes halves.

### 9.6. Forfeits for too few players

The referee shall declare a forfeit if a team does not have at least four (4) players on the field ready to play within a reasonable time after the game was scheduled to start.

### 9.7. Team Practice Time Limit

Three (3) hours per week, usually two (2) one and one half (1 1/2) hour practices. This limitation applies regardless of where the practice takes place. Scrimmages count as practice

## 9.8. Fields Dimensions

- A. Size: 35 to 55 yards wide by 45-65 yards long.
- B. Center Circle: 8 yards in radius
- C. Penalty Area: 12 yards by 24 yards
- D. Goal Area: 4 yards by 8 yards
- E. Penalty Spot: 10 yards and perpendicular from the midpoint of the goal line.
- F. Penalty Arc: 7-yard radius from the penalty spot.
- G. Goal: 12 feet long by 6.5 tall

## 9.9. Penalties for Fouls

U9 & U10: FIFA Law 12-Fouls and Misconduct, shall apply

U8: All fouls shall be penalized with indirect kicks. Opponent players shall not be any closer than five (5) yards.

## 9.10. Throw-Ins

FIFA Law 15 – The Throw-In, shall apply on all throw-ins.

## 9.11. Goal Kicks

Goal kicks will be taken by the defensive team any time the ball crosses the goal line when last touched by a player on the offensive team and a goal is not scored. Goal kicks may be taken from any point within the goal area.

## 9.12. Corner Kicks

Corner kicks will be taken by the offensive team any time the whole of the ball crosses the end line when last touched by a player on the defensive team.

## 10. U4 THROUGH U7 (PRE-K/K) RULES OF PLAY

### Heading and Punting Policy:

In order to remain compliant with US Soccer safety guidelines and concussion initiatives, players on teams within U4-U7 age groups shall NOT be allowed to head the ball. Since coaches are the referees, play should continue if heading is not deliberate or player struck in the head hard should be substituted out and evaluated for concussion symptoms.

### General:

FIFA laws of the game apply accept as follows:

#### 10.1. Number of Players

Each team shall play no more than four (4) players on the field at a time. There shall be no goalkeeper.

#### 10.2. Size of Team

The maximum number of players per team is eight (8). Games will be played on one field with 4v4 format

#### 10.3. Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions may be made at any time during the game.

#### 10.4. Ball Size

Size #3

#### 10.5. Length of Games

Four (4), ten (10) minute quarters. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one (1) and two (2) and between quarters three (3) and four (4). There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between quarters two (2) and three (3).

## 10.6. Start of Game/Quarter

Each quarter shall begin with a kick-off. The home team will kick off to start the first and third quarters, the visiting team will kick off to start the second and fourth quarters. Players will continue to play in the same direction throughout the game.

## 10.7. Coaches on Field

U4-U7 Coaches are allowed on the field only to facilitate play and keep time.

## 10.8. Forfeits for too few players

Provided at least three (3) players from each team are present at game time, the coaches shall insure at least one of the Dual Field games are played by sharing players.

## 10.7. Team Practice Time Limits

One (1) hour total per week.

## 10.8. Field Dimensions

- A. Size: 15-25 yards wide by 25-35 yards long
- B. Center Circle: 3 yards in radius
- C. Penalty Area: none
- D. Goal Area: none
- E. Goals: Approximately 6 feet wide by 4 feet tall.

## 10.9. Penalties for fouls

- A. There shall be no penalty shots.
- B. All fouls will be penalized with indirect kicks.
- C. From the point of taking an indirect kick or corner kick, opponents shall not be any closer than three (3) yards.



## 10.10. Offside

There shall be no offsides. However, coaches are to ensure play shall be in the spirit of the game. Players lined up as designated scorers in an offside position shall be discouraged.

## 10.11. Throw-ins

For U7 teams, a throw-in will be taken by the opposing team when the ball crosses the sideline after being touched by a player. Coaches for U4-U6 shall allow players to pass the ball back in play from the spot it crossed over the sideline out as an alternative to throw-ins.

## 10.12. Corner Kicks

Corner kicks will be taken by the offensive team any time the ball crosses the end line when last touched by a player on the defensive team.

## 10.13. Goal Kicks

Goal kicks will be taken by the defensive team any time the ball crosses the goal line when last touched by a player on the offensive team and a goal is not scored. Goal kicks may be taken from any place along the end line.

## 10.14. Scoring/Standings

Game sheets are not required as neither game scores nor overall standings will be recorded.

## 11. KSC COED HS Play (U15-U19)

### 11.1. Philosophy

The COED program was created to allow U15-U19 players to continue to play soccer in a relaxed, fun, safe environment.

### 11.2. Coach Age Requirement

Each team must have a coach at least 25 years of age to monitor games and practices.

### 11.3. General Rules

FIFA laws of the game apply as follows.

### 11.4. Players on the pitch

- A. The minimum number of girls on the pitch at any one time is 5 (five) if playing a 11v11 game. If playing an 8v8 format, a minimum of 3 girls on the field per team.
- B. The goalkeeper can be either sex.
- C. KSC recommends coaches have an equal number of girls and boys on the pitch, but if a team has less girls show up for a game, KSC doesn't want to penalize the boys that showed up for the game.
- D. Minimum number of players is 6 (six). More girls may be on the pitch than boys but not more boys than girls.
- E. The maximum number of boys on the pitch at any one time is 6 (six) including the keeper. All players must play at least 50% of the match.
- F. If a team loses a girl player to an injury or card, resulting in more boy players than girl players on the field, and there are no girls to use as a substitute, the team does not have to remove a boy player from the field of play. (They cannot replace the girl player with a boy player however.)

### 11.5. Sliding Policy

No sliding is allowed by a player at any time, except for the goalkeeper who may slide to prevent a score while in pursuit of the ball.

If a player does slide, the referee will give a verbal warning. For the second offense, the player is sent off for 10 minutes. A third offense is a yellow card and another 10-minute send off. In the event of a send off, the player may be substituted for.

## 11.6. Goal scoring

Individual boy players are allowed to score a maximum of three (3) goals per game. After the player has reached his maximum he may remain in the game but cannot score any longer. Girls have no limit on the number of goals they can score and each goal counts as two. Ties stand; there are no overtime periods or shootouts.

## 11.7. Game Time

There are two (2) 40-minute halves and a ten-minute halftime. A team failing to produce enough players within 15 minutes of the scheduled start of the game shall forfeit the match.

## 11.8. Fouls

Regulation fouls apply.

### *Exception:*

Boys may play other boys equally and girls can play other girls equally; however, no boy may use his physical strength to overpower a girl player. He is to play to her physical level. This is for player safety and is strictly enforced.

## 11.9. Red Cards

A player receiving a red card must immediately leave the pitch in the match he receives the red card in, and will be ineligible to participate in his/her team's next match.

A team losing a player to a red card may substitute for the sent off player.

## 11.10. Penalty Kicks

Penalty kicks may be taken by either a boy (counts as one goal) or girl (counts as two goals).

## 11.11. Scoring/Standing

Game sheets should be provided by the home team and given to the visiting team for completion of their half, then given to the referee. The winning or home team (if it is a tie) is responsible for turning in the game sheet.

## 11.12. Stoppage of Play

If there is a stoppage of play requiring a drop ball, two girls must take the drop ball.

## 11.13. Uniforms

All teams should wear their issued uniforms. Modifications to the uniform set in the form of alternative shorts and socks that match the issued uniform are allowed.

## 11.14. Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions may be made at the following times with the prior approval of the referee:

- A. On a throw-in by either team
- B. On a goal kick by either team
- C. After a goal by either team
- D. At half time by either team
- E. After a stoppage of play for an injury by either team
- F. After a caution for the player receiving the caution

## 12. KSC DISCIPLINE & PROTEST (D&P) PROCESS

KSC has a D & P Committee charged with investigating and ruling on any game forfeits, protests, grievances, appeals and disciplinary matters within the Club's jurisdiction. The Committee is chaired by the Vice President – Operations and consists of appointed members, subject to KSC Board approval, for a 1 (one) year term, beginning each September.

The D&P Committee shall meet in person or via conference call/virtual weekly and hold in-person hearings as necessary.

### 12.1. Grievances

A grievance is a complaint which is not a protest or an appeal, but in the opinion of the complainant is a violation of KSC, USYSA or USSF Constitution, By-Laws or Rules and Procedures. Grievances will not be considered over allegations of violations of FIFA Laws of the Game or matters of referee judgment. No grievance shall be allowed on an action which occurred more than 6 (six) months prior to the filing of the grievance. Grievances shall be sent in writing to the Vice President– Operations within 72 hours after a game or action(s) causing the grievance.

### 12.2. Protests

A protest is related to a specific game and is filed by one of the involved team officials. Only those teams involved are permitted to protest a game result. Protests, on a specific game, cannot be filed by third parties, such as parents, coaches of other teams or KSC officials. A protest will not be considered when based upon a judgment call of a referee. Notice of a protest must be sent in writing to the Vice President – Operations, within 72 hours after the game being protested ended.

- A. If the protest involves a) fields or grounds, b) goals or goalposts, c) referees or assistant referees, or d) timing of the game (e.g., late start), it must be lodged with the referee before the game begins.
- B. If the protest involves an obvious error in the application of the Laws of the Game that directly affects the outcome of the game, other than a judgment call of a referee or a violation by a team or its coach of a published KSC rule, it must be lodged with the referee before leaving the game site.
- C. During KSC End of Season Tournaments, no protests of any kind are allowed.

### 12.3. Disciplinary Action Reviews (Due to Penalty Points)

The D&P Committee shall review all disciplinary actions, forfeits and penalty points accumulations, and may render a preliminary decision for additional disciplinary action as outlined within the D&P Sanctioning Guidelines (see Appendix A).

The disciplined party must be notified in writing of the additional discipline decision and informed they have ten (10) days from receipt of the decision in which to request a hearing.

An open hearing on the additional discipline only will be promptly scheduled upon request. If an open hearing is not requested by the disciplined party, the preliminary decision shall become final and is not subject to appeal.

### 12.4. Grievance and Protest Filing Reviews

The D&P Committee Chairman shall review any grievance/protest filing along with the relevant rule(s) for form. A filing may be denied without a hearing for non-compliance. The requesting party must be notified in writing of the denial, the reason for the denial, and that no further action will be taken.

When a matter has been properly filed, the D&P Committee Chairman may render a preliminary decision. The requesting and accused parties must be notified in writing of the decision and informed they have ten (10) days from receipt of the decision in which to request a hearing. An open hearing will be promptly scheduled upon request.

If an open hearing is not requested by either party, the preliminary decision shall become final and is not subject to appeal.

### 12.4 D&P Committee Hearings

There shall be no grievance/protest/hearing fees.

If the D&P Committee decides to have an in-person hearing for possible further sanctioning, the hearing will occur as soon as possible. A coach, player or spectator is allowed 1 postponement.

The KSC staff will notify the coach, spectator or player of the scheduled hearing via a proper notification letter which shall include a copy of the referee report and the reasoning for the hearing.

## 13. KSC REFEREE POLICY

### 13.1. Referee Registration

- A. Referees must be USSF registered in the current year.
- B. Evidence of the referee's current registration status must be supplied to the Director - Referees before the referee will be allowed to officiate any matches.
- C. Referees age 17 and below must have a parent permission slip in order to referee games at Meyer Park. Permission Slips are available online at <https://www.Kleinsoccer.com>

### 13.2. Referee Uniform

All referees must wear the primary yellow uniform top. Then USSF colors green, black, red, blue. No fuschia tops.

### 13.3. Referee Voucher Payment Policy

Pay vouchers over \$25 may be turned in during weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, & 10 of the season. No vouchers under \$25 will be accepted. There are different colored vouchers for games for pay and referee candidacy games.

### 13.4. Officiating Policy

Referees will not be allowed to officiate age & gender groups in which they themselves play or have a child playing.

### 13.5. Referee Scheduling – “No Shows”

Referees who do not show up for their scheduled games without prior notice to the Director of Referees, will not be assigned new games for pay or referee candidacy until they work two free games for every game missed.

## 14. SCHEDULES

### 14.1. Regular Season Schedules

KSC will schedule all U4-U10 DIV IV games, all COED U15-U19 games and all U11-U16 DIV III games.

Each Fall season, KSC will attempt to have nine (9) to ten (10) weekends of play from early September through mid-November.

Each Spring season, KSC will attempt to have nine (9) to ten (10) weekends of play from mid-February through late April. Typically Easter weekend and the weekend after the Klein ISD Spring Break have no play.

### 14.2. Regular Season Game Reschedule Guidelines (Spring 2019 Update)

All scheduled KSC games may only be postponed or rescheduled by the Director - Scheduling. KSC has a flexible re-scheduling policy and will work with teams to the utmost of our abilities. A valid reason must be provided for a reschedule. Rescheduling games affects both teams, managers and families. Advanced notification is especially required to check field availability and to coordinate with Head Referees of any changes for U9 and older games. Abusing this system will create an adjustment to our flexible rescheduling policy.

All reschedule requests are required to be turned in to the Director of Scheduling no later than Tuesday before the scheduled game.

Beginning the second week of the season, all reschedules shall be handled as follows:

- A. Coaches requesting a game reschedule are to contact the opposing coach and work out a mutually agreeable date and time with each other that does not conflict with other games scheduled.
- B. Coaches may contact the office during hours, to obtain the opposing coach's contact information.
- C. The requesting coach shall create an "reschedule request" email to be sent to the opposing coach to capture a response and mutual agreement to reschedule.



- D. Reschedule requests emails shall include the Team Names, Age Group, desired reschedule date and the reason for the reschedule request.
- E. All reschedule requests are required to be emailed to the Director of Scheduling no later than Tuesday before the scheduled game. Both coaches must be included on the email.
- F. The Director of Scheduling shall respond to both coaches no later than Thursday prior to the originally scheduled game date with approval or rejection of reschedule request.

Games will NOT be rescheduled if both coaches have not agreed to the reschedule. If the opposing coach will not agree to the reschedule, the game will be played on the original date.

If one team does not agree to a reschedule and shows for the originally scheduled game while the other team does not, then the team present will be declared a 3-0 winner by forfeit.

If a team forfeits two or more games in a season, for any reason, the coach and team may be subject to KSC Discipline & Protest Committee action.

## 14.2. Schedule Re-bracketing

Approximately halfway through each Fall or Spring season, teams in the U8 through U12 age groups will be bracketed by the Director of Scheduling, based on game results from the first half of the season. This process attempts to bracket teams of similar strengths. New game schedules for the remainder of the season will be released.

## 15. GAME SHEETS, SCOREKEEPING & STANDINGS (U8-U19)

### 15.1. Game Reports

Once a coach has issued each player assigned to their team a uniform, they are to login to Affinity, and update their team roster by inputting each of their player's assigned uniform number. This will ensure printed games sheets reflect the identity of your player, coinciding with player pass cards, when players are checked-in by the referees before match play.

Both coaches have the responsibility to review the official game report to make sure that it correctly reflects the team information, field information and schedule date.

No written or altered roster on a game report will be allowed in regard to player name(s) and number(s). The game may be forfeited as a result, and the coach may be subject to D&P action.

Game sheets should be provided by the coach of the home team and given to the referee before the game begins. The Away Coach will bring a copy of the game report as a backup.

Each coach shall certify the game results upon conclusion of the match by signing the Official Game Report. The final report should include the winning team coach's signature, opposing team coach's signature, referee signature, and final score of the game.

The winning or home team (for a tie game) is responsible for turning in the game sheet. The referee may also opt to turn the signed game sheet for both teams.

### 15.2. Score of Forfeited Game

The score of a forfeited game will be recorded as a 3-0 win for the present team. A team intentionally forfeiting a game is subject to disciplinary action. Final judgment on whether a game is to be scored a forfeit will be made by the KSC Discipline & Protest Committee.

### 15.3. Score Corrections

If a team believes a game score has been entered within the standings incorrectly, the coach may submit a Score Correction Request email to the Director of Schedules for investigation.

## 15.4. Standings

KSC will track standings each Fall and Spring season for the U8-U14, and COED age groups. No standings will be kept for the U4-U7 age groups.

## 16. KSC SELECT CLUBS/INDEPENDENT TEAM RECRUITING

A. There will be no direct recruiting contact between KSC registered Division IV recreation players and select club or independent team representatives. This does not pertain to normal social or recreational soccer interaction between a parent/coach/trainer/select club representative/independent team representative and the KSC registered player. Refer to the KSC General Policies section 2.5.A. for additional information concerning select/independent team recruitment.

B. KSC will not give out home mailing addresses or telephone numbers of KSC registered players, parents, and coaches.

C. Except as outlined below, KSC affiliated select clubs and independent teams may not send representatives to watch KSC recreation games for the purpose of observing and identifying potential players for their programs.

D. Except as outlined below, select club/independent team representatives may not discuss their programs with KSC parents and coaches.

*Exception:* During weekends in October, and from the beginning of the Spring season through the last weekend beginning in March, KSC affiliated select clubs and independent teams may send representatives to watch KSC U9/U10 recreation games for the purpose of observing and identifying potential players for their programs. These representatives may not observe games from the touchlines but may observe from several yards behind the goal line. During these time periods and while at Meyer Park, select club/independent team representatives may discuss their programs with KSC parents and coaches.

## 17. TOPSoccer

TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer), a national soccer program, teaches the game to children with special needs in a caring coaching environment. TOPSoccer works hand-in-hand with other organizations, such as Special Olympics, to expand the overall training and competition opportunities for children with special needs.

Our program is carried out by local youth and adult volunteers who guide our players to having a fun, positive soccer experience. Boys and girls, ages 4–21, who have a mental or physical disability are always welcome to join and will be warmly welcomed into the Klein Soccer Club and U.S. Youth Soccer families.

### 1. UNIFORM/EQUIPMENT POLICY

Each year KSC strives to give our membership the most out of their investment in the club. Uniforms are provided through our partner and will be used for 1 seasonal year (Fall and Spring Seasons) All teams should use their KSC provided uniforms during all games. Uniforms not provided by KSC may not be used without prior approval from the KSC board.

Uniform packets are distributed before the Fall & Spring season for non-sponsored teams. Each packet includes a jersey, shorts, and socks. Coaches will receive packets for each player on the team based on the max number of players per age group.

New coaches receive a coach's shirt, ball bag, game balls, cones, pump, and a keeper top (for age groups with a keeper). Replacement for this equipment may be available during the season by contacting the Director – Uniforms & Equipment.

Uniform/Equipment distribution dates and times are determined by the KSC before each season. This information will be disseminated at each Coaches Meeting.

## 19. KSC FIELD USAGE

### 19.1. Practice/Training Field Availability

Subject to availability, Monday through Thursday single day, practice time slots will be assigned to KSC recreation teams, on fields designated for practice use by KSC for the correct team age group if possible.

The assigned team only has the right to use their practice field during their assigned day and time. There are no guaranteed make-up practices scheduled due to field closures. Requests for use of an unassigned practice field or additional practice field assignment must be sent by email to the Director, VP Operations, to avoid practice field squatting and eliminate assignment conflicts.

The practice schedule assignments are created before each Fall or Spring season through team sign up during or after the pre-season coaches meeting.

During the season, Saturdays and Sundays are reserved for scheduled game use.

### 19.2. Field Closures

A. The fields may be closed due to weather, safety or other considerations. Each team should check the KSC weather line, mobile text alerts, website, Facebook, Twitter or the clubhouse office for field closure information.

B. The fields are generally closed from mid-June through mid-August, from around Mid-December through January, or as designated by the KSC Board of Directors.

### 19.3. Special Usage

Any proposed organized event using KSC soccer fields at Meyer Park, must have the approval of the KSC Director of Scheduling or KSC Vice President - Operations. This includes scrimmages involving KSC affiliated select club or independent teams. Any such requests must be made in writing using a KSC-Meyer Park Non-Tournament Field Use Request/Agreement form found online at

<https://www.Kleinsoccer.com>. The form and associated fees must be submitted at least ten (10) days prior to the requested use date. Field use requests for days when KSC recreation games are scheduled will generally be denied.

#### 19.4. Training Field/Portable Goal Usage Policy

The fields/equipment provided by KSC to the select clubs/independent teams must be utilized in a manner ensuring the quality of their condition and the safety of people using them. At a minimum, the following is required:

- A. Portable goals used for training are to be chained together and locked by a trainer/coach on an appropriate field sideline each night.
- B. Portable goals used for training are to be secured with sandbags provided by KSC any time they are not locked up. There will be no exceptions to this requirement. If there are no sandbags present, the goals will remain locked up.
- C. Training sessions will be rotated to ensure even wear on the fields.
- D. Trainers/coaches will ensure no one plays on or uses the equipment in an unsafe or destructive manner.
- E. Select clubs, independent teams, trainers, coaches, parents, or players not complying with this policy may be sanctioned by KSC. Sanctions could include warnings, fines, removal of equipment, suspension field privileges or other sanctions as deemed appropriate.

## 20. TOURNAMENTS

The KSC website and social media platforms will be the primary methods used to notify people of tournaments scheduled to be played at Meyer Park soccer fields.

### 20.1. Qualifying

#### A. After the Fall season:

1. U9-U10 DIV IV teams may qualify for TYSA DIV IV Playoffs depending on the number of allocations KSC receives from TYSA. Coaches may contact the club administrator for more information.

2. U11-U14 DIV III teams may qualify for the STYSA Eastern District playoffs depending on their finish in the TYSA DIV III Fall Season. Contact the club admin for more information.

#### B. After the Spring season:

1. KSC U11-U16 DIV III teams may qualify to challenge a DIV II team for the right to participate in STYSA's South Texas Cup. Contact the club admin for more information. You must declare your intention before the spring season starts.

### 20.2. Schedules

Schedules will be available during the week before the tournament on the KSC website, <https://www.Kleinsoccer.com>, and at the KSC clubhouse.

### 20.3. Score Reporting

The winning or home team (if it is a tie) of each match is responsible for turning in the game sheet to the tournament staff at the KSC clubhouse.

### 20.4. Protests

No protests are allowed. Any problems should be directed to tournament staff at the clubhouse.

## 20.5. Laws

Current FIFA Laws of the Game will apply except as modified by the KSC Handbook.

## 20.6. Home Team Responsibilities

The home team is the team with the higher seeding. The home team is responsible for resolving jersey color conflicts, providing a game ball and providing the score sheet.

Tournament eligibility, rules, and registration will be linked on KSC's website at

<https://www.Kleinsoccer.com>

## 20.7. COED DIV III U15-U19 Teams

No guest players are allowed. Teams participating in the End of Season Tournament may not have players not rostered to the team playing on the team during the tournament.

## 20.8. COED Age Group Penalty Kick Rules

- A. Kicks must be taken in alternating boy, girl order and will count as one (1) goal regardless of who scores the penalty kick.
  
- B. If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score, even if it were to complete its five kicks, no more kicks are taken.
  
- C. If, after both teams have taken five kicks, (both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.
  
- D. A goalkeeper who is injured while kicks are being taken from the penalty mark and is unable to continue as goalkeeper may be replaced by a named substitute.

*Exception:* U7 matches have no keepers



E. With the exception of the foregoing case, only players who are on the field of play at the end of the match, which includes extra time where appropriate, are eligible to take kicks from the penalty mark.

F. Each kick is taken by a different player and all eligible players must take a kick before any player can take another kick.

A. An eligible player may change places with the goalkeeper at any time when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

B. Only the eligible players and match officials are permitted to remain on the field of play when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

C. All players, except the player taking the kick and the two goalkeepers, must remain within the center circle.

D. The goalkeeper who is the teammate of the kicker must remain on the field of play, outside the penalty area in which the kicks are being taken, on the goal line where it

E. meets the penalty area boundary line.

F. Unless otherwise stated, the relevant Laws of the Game apply when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

G. When a team finishes the match with a greater number of players than their opponents, they shall reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded. The team captain has this responsibility.

H. Before the start of kicks from the penalty mark the referee shall ensure that only an equal number of players from each team remain within the center circle and they shall take the kicks.

## APPENDIX A: KSC D&P DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM AND SANCTIONING GUIDELINES

Klein Soccer Club has adopted the Progressive Discipline System, consisting of a penalty point system and disciplinary actions described in this section, is an effort to discourage acts of violence, misconduct and abuse during each playing season, and continuing into sanctioned tournament play.

### Forfeits.

Any team that forfeits two games in a season will be contacted by the D&P Chair, who will determine if the coach shall be brought before the D&P Committee for possible disciplinary action.

### Coach Responsibilities.



- A. Coaches are required to adhere to the Coaches Code of Conduct and maintain control of their players and the team's fans. A coach or an assistant coach may be cautioned and/or ejected by a referee for the misconduct of a fan of the coach's team.
- B. Coaches are responsible for maintaining their individual penalty points and the individual penalty points of their players.

### Players' responsibilities.

Players are required to adhere to the Players Code of Conduct and are responsible for maintaining their individual penalty points.

### Penalty points awarded.

Penalty points shall be awarded to coaches and players as follows:

-  Three (3) points per caution (yellow card)
-  Nine (9) points per ejection (red card or 2 yellow cards received in one game)

☞ Maximum accumulation of penalty points in one game by a coach, professional trainer, or player shall be nine (9).

Coaches will acquire individual penalty points, regardless of the number of teams coached, e.g., a coach who coaches three teams and accumulates three points in a game with each team has a total of nine points.

### Individual Coach Disciplinary Action for Penalty Point Accumulation

- Nine (9) penalty points - Suspension for the next game played by any of the coach's teams.
- Eighteen (18) penalty points - Suspension for the next two games played by any of the coach's teams.
- Twenty-one (21) penalty points - Suspension pending a D&P Committee review and reinstatement hearing by the KSC Board.

### Individual Player Disciplinary Action for Penalty Point Accumulation

- Nine (9) penalty points - Suspension for the next game actually played by the team.
- Eighteen (18) penalty points - Suspension for the next two games actually played by the team.
- Twenty-one (21) points - Suspension pending a D&P Committee review and reinstatement hearing by the KSC Board.

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## Disciplinary Action for Use of an Individual Professional Trainer

Any team in violation of using a professional trainer (paid coaching training) during regular season play shall be brought before the D&P Committee for possible disciplinary action. The only exception made will be if the professional trainer is coaching their own child on a team.

A professional trainer caught coaching a team during their game will be sent off the field and the offending team shall forfeit the game.

## Penalty Point and Suspension Carryover

- A. Post-season games play.** Individual penalty point accumulations received shall be continued into the respective post-season tournament play except not into USYSNC Regional and National Tournament play.
- B. Next season.** Penalty points accumulated during each playing season shall not be carried over to the next playing season.
- C. Suspensions.** A suspension shall carry over into the next season if not served in the season or post-season play.

## Assault.

Assault is an intentional act of physical violence. Assault includes, but is not limited to, the following acts: hitting, kicking, punching, slapping, choking, spitting at or on; grabbing or bodily running into; the act of kicking or throwing any object at another that could inflict injury; damaging a uniform or personal property; i.e., car, equipment (cards, whistle, notebook, etc.) or knocking equipment or other objects out of the hand.

## Abuse.

Abuse is a verbal statement or physical act which implies or threatens physical harm to an individual. It also includes verbal abuse which is threatening, cursing, or demeaning a person or any member of his or her family.

## Misconduct.

Misconduct is any unacceptable and improper behavior that violates Codes of Conduct, Sideline policy and park rules. It includes, but is not limited to, the following acts: taunting; harassment, bullying or verbal abuse of players in the game; unauthorized entry onto the field; or refusal to leave the field after send-off/dismissal.

## Disciplinary Action for Misconduct Not Involving a Referee

Verified reports of assault not involving a referee and acts of misconduct beyond game dismissal or ejection committed by spectators, coaches and players shall be subject to additional suspensions in accordance to the D&P Sanctioning Guidelines.

## Disciplinary Action for Misconduct by Parent, Fan or Supporter.

Parents, fans or supporters in attendance at a KSC game or hosted event subject themselves to the jurisdiction of the D&P Committee and the KSC Board, which shall include investigation and disciplinary action. Parents with grievances against their own coach or team should first work through 1) their coach and 2) the Director of Coaches to resolve any complaints before filing a grievance to the VP/Director of Operations (D&P Chairman).

Spectators, parents, fans, or supporters of any KSC team who are sent away from the field of play by a referee or a competition official shall receive an immediate one (1) week suspension and may not be present at any KSC sanctioned activity, including but not limited to games, practices, practice games, tournaments, or friendly games, during such period.

The failure to comply with the discipline imposed shall be sufficient cause for the D&P Committee to discipline the player related to the spectator, parent, fan or supporter; the team which the spectator, parent, or fan supports; and/or the coach of such team.

### Disciplinary Action for Misconduct by Coach and Players.

Coaches and Players in attendance at a KSC game or hosted event subject themselves to the jurisdiction of the D&P Committee and the KSC Board, which shall include investigation and disciplinary action.

### Disciplinary Action for Referee Assault and Referee Abuse.

**Referee assault** is an intentional act of physical violence at or upon a referee .

**Referee abuse** is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment.

When an allegation of assault or abuse towards a referee is verified by the D&P Chair, the individual is automatically suspended until the hearing on the offense. A hearing shall be held within ten (10) days of the verification by the D&P Chair of the abuse or assault. The offender may not be present at any KSC or USYSA sanctioned activity, including but not limited to games, practices, practice games, tournament play, or friendly games during such period.

## D&P SANCTIONING GUIDELINES

Offense/Infraction	Offender			Discipline (FIFA/USSF)	
	Player	Coach	Spectator	Minimum	Maximum
Abuse to any participant	X	X	X	3 games	1 year
Abuse to a referee	X	X		X 3 games	1 year
Assault to any participant	X	X		X 1 year	5 years
Assault to a referee	X	X		X 3 months	5 years
Assault to a referee 17 years old or younger	X	X		X 3 years	5 years
Entering the field without permission				X 3 games	**
Fighting (i.e. between people)	X	X		X 3 games	3 years
Offensive, insulting or abusive language	X	X		X 1 game	6 months
Offensive, insulting or abusive language after send off (in addition to the 1 game suspension for the send off/dismissal)	X	X		X 1 game	**
Use of racial or ethnic slurs or offensive language that includes derogatory comments about gender, sexual orientation, physical ability or religion	X	X		2 games	**
Playing an ineligible player		X		2 games	**
Playing an ineligible player with fraudulent intent		X		1 year	**
Playing when ineligible (depending on the player's age)	X			1 game	**
Playing when ineligible with fraudulent intent	X			3 games	1 year
Playing a non-rostered/unregistered player intentionally (not a registrar's error)		X		1 year	
Playing when not rostered/ not registered player intentionally (not a registrar's error)	X			3 games	1 year
Refusal to leave the field after send off/dismissal (in addition to the 1 game suspension for send off/dismissal)	X	X		X 1 game	**
Receiving a second caution in the same game	X			1 game	
Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity	X			1 game	**
Serious foul play	X			1 game	1 year
Violent conduct (striking or attempting to strike, etc)	X			1 game	**
Spitting at an opponent or any person	X	X		1 game	1 year
Any general misconduct not specifically included above	X	X		X 1 game	1 year

\*\* Depending on the infraction and its severity, additional sanctions and/or probation may be mandated