

Kearney Soccer Club

Under 11 - Select Soccer

This meeting is designed to inform & help in the transition for those players and families who are moving from U10 competitive soccer to U11 select soccer. Our express desire is to make the transition from competitive soccer to select soccer smoother and simpler.

Player Information Form – Completion of this online form is your statement of intent to participate in select soccer for the fall season. The form is located on the KSC home page at www.kearneysoccer.org/tryouts. The link to the form is titled: **KSC U11-U14 Boys & Girls – Player Information Form**. The initial deadline to complete the form is JUNE 17!

Select Soccer – Select Soccer (some call it travel soccer) is designed for players who want to play in the most competitive environment that is offered – with and against players & teams of similar ability and interest. It is not for the casual, social or recreational player. It is a **YEAR ROUND** commitment.

Playing Time – Playing time in select soccer is not guaranteed. There are no minimum requirements for playing time. Attending practice, work ethic and attitude are all important factors in playing time – as well as talent and ability.

Team Formation – While we make every effort to place all players, there is no guarantee that every player will be placed on the highest level team within an age group. We try to use an *Academy system* (all players grouped together initially) for training and playing at the U11 & U12 levels – but that does not mean that all players will always train or play together. When we have enough players we will have Blue (higher) and Orange (lower) level teams in different competitions. If our numbers do not support two teams we will rotate our rosters to provide opportunities for everyone – **HOWEVER** we will still create situations for Blue level competition and training. Players may move between Blue and Orange level teams as needed and as determined by the coach.

Competitions

Nebraska State League (state league) – league play in the fall (late August – early November) and spring (late March – late May). Typical home games in York. Occasional games in Kearney and Lincoln, rare games in Omaha. Normal season is 6-7 games, double-headers are offered at the discretion of team/coach. Weekend games only, coach has blackout date options.

Tournaments – most teams choose to play 3-4 tournaments a season, most tournaments are local (in-state) in nature, an occasional regional tournament (Denver, Kansas City, Sioux Falls) may be offered/selected by the coach – depending on the competitive level of the team.

Fall Tournaments (options):

Elkhorn	2 nd weekend in August	Elkhorn
Azzurri	3 rd weekend in August	Omaha
SOFC	Labor Day weekend	Omaha
Centris Cup	2 nd weekend in September	Gretna
Harvest Cup	2 nd weekend in October	Columbus
Halloween Havoc	3 rd weekend in October	C. Bluffs
Soctoberfest	4 th weekend in October	Omaha

Expenses Per Player (estimate)

Registration with KSC ¹	\$125 (once a soccer year)
League Fees	55 (per season)
Tournament Fees	35 (per tournament)
Coaching/training Fees*	30-40 (per month – usually 2-3 months)
Uniforms	80 (one-time fee)
TOTAL FALL**	\$330 per player
TOTAL SPRING**	\$150 per player

¹paid to the club – all other fees are collected by the team

*optional fee based on coaches experience level

**cost of season + 3 tournaments

Timing – Registration with KSC will start on June 1 each year. Collection of other fees will need to follow very quickly. Uniforms will need to be ordered asap. A normal procedure would be to collect a deposit and establish a balance date. This will need to start immediately after the June 17 date.

Communication & Commitment – As noted above, select soccer is not intended for the casual or part time player. Players are expected to attend all team events as determined by the coach. Exceptions to this policy are made by the coach and will be communicated to the team. Schedules and events are often determined and planned according to the information that you provide to the coach in regard to your schedule or activities. Organization is essential as consistently missed practices and events are grounds for removal from the program.

Players also have to understand their role in playing select soccer. Commitment is not only showing up, it is also providing concerted effort in practices/games and an interest in improving. There are recreational soccer programs available in town – Select soccer is not a recreational program.

More information needed?

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