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Competitive Coaches/Managers/Representatives:

Welcome to the Spring 2005 season of the FCSA Competitive League. In this packet or on FCSA's web page you will find the following information:

1. Your individual team/bracket schedule for the Spring 2005 season (and for the Club Representatives, a master schedule for all age brackets)
2. Spring 2005 Competitive Coaches/Managers List
3. FCSA Competitive League Commission - 2004/2005
4. FCSA Club Contact List - 2004/2005
5. Clubs & Associations Field Locations
6. Fall 2005 FCSA Calendar of Events
7. USYSA Medical Release Form
8. New FCSA Game Reschedule Form
9. New FCSA Player/Coach Sit-Out Verification Form
10. USYSA Employment/Volunteer Disclosure Statement
11. USYSA Player Release/Transfer Form
12. Report of FCSA Game Result
13. Oklahoma Cup Tournament Application
14. Club Complex Rain-Out Numbers

Please make copies of the above forms. Do not use your original form. Additional forms are available on FCSA's website at www.okfcsoccer.com

Dates you need to be aware of are:

(1) Competitive Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the FCSA Office. If you have issues that need to be addressed at this meeting, please contact your club representative.

(2) The schedules and other pertinent information will be given to your club competitive representative, and it is their responsibility to distribute such to the coaches and schedulers.

(3) The Competitive League season will begin February 26, 2005.

(4) The Oklahoma Cup Tournament will be held on October 14-16, 2005. Entry fee is \$350. Deadline to enter is September 14, 2005. Applications are on the website at www.okfcsoccer.com under Oklahoma Cup. Applications are also included in this packet.

(5) It is the responsibility of the coach/manager of both teams to report all league scores in writing to the FCSA Office. These scores need to be reported within a week of playing the game being reported, but in all events before the **May 18, 2005 deadline for reporting scores for the Spring 2005 season**. Game forms will be used to determine discrepancy in game score reported by the coach/managers; however, the failure of FCSA to receive an official game report, for whatever reason, will not be a justification for a coach/manager's failure to timely report the game scores. Please turn your scores in weekly. We have enclosed a copy of the Report of FCSA Game Result Form for your convenience or it can be located on the Forms/Other Info section of the website. If you choose to e-mail your scores to us, please include all information listed on the form. If, at the end of the season, you wish to claim a forfeit against a team, you must document your attempts to reschedule the game or your version of why the game was not played and send your request for the forfeit to the FCSA office by the deadline for reporting scores. The Reschedule Form is a tool to help document the reschedule attempts, but it alone does not guarantee that you will be awarded a forfeit. You must request the forfeit and be determined to be entitled to a forfeit. Any contested forfeits will be determined by the FCSA Competitive Commission. Unreported games for which a forfeit has not been requested will be recorded as a double forfeit as of the score reporting deadline.

League standings are based upon a 3-point system. Wins - 3 points, Ties - 1 point, Losses - 0 points. No points will be awarded for number of goals scored. All games count for determination of league standings. Ties in the standings for first place are broken using the following system.

1. Head to head competition.
2. Goal Differential, with a maximum of 3 goals per game.
3. Fewest total goals allowed in all games.

If rankings are still tied, the Competitive Commission will determine further tie-breakers.

Players or coaches who are ejected from a game (league or tournament) will be required to submit the Player/Coach - Sit-Out Verification form. This form is available from the FCSA Office, from your home club, or you can download the form from the Forms/Other Info section of the website.

Rescheduled games continue to be a problem. As a reminder, the FCSA Game Reschedule Form is due in the FCSA office by Wednesday, 2:00 p.m., at least 7 days prior to the scheduled game date. Both coaches need to submit the form, regardless of who asked for the reschedule of the game. The FCSA Game Reschedule Form is available in the FCSA Office or you may download a copy from the Forms/Other Info section of the website. Under the Competitive Bylaws the only approved reasons for allowing a game to be rescheduled are for teams attending tournaments, club cancelled games (e.g. inclement weather) or for ACT, SAT or PSAT testing. Any coach or home club being asked to reschedule a game for any other reason is not required to agree to such a reschedule. If a coach is asked to agree to a reschedule for any other reason, they should refuse to do so until an alternative date and time is confirmed by both coaches and the home club scheduler. Any coach asking for a reschedule should be prepared to discuss alternative dates and times at the time the reschedule is first requested.

Any team that fails to present proper credentials to the official prior to the scheduled kickoff in any FCSA league play will forfeit the game, but the game may be played anyway. An FCSA-stamped FCSA League Roster and Game Form and FCSA-stamped and signed player passes constitute proper credentials for FCSA teams and a country-level stamped roster & signed player passes constitute proper credentials for foreign teams. A signature roster does not constitute proper credentials. A handwritten list of names on a napkin does not constitute proper credentials.

Coaches, here are some items you should check before you sign the game form after the game:

1. Please verify that the score is recorded and recorded correctly.
2. Please make sure that the referee documented on the game form if the other team showed up without player passes and/or rosters.
3. Please sign or print your name **legibly**.
4. Please make sure that we will be able to tell who you played in case the two game forms get separated.
5. If red or yellow cards were issued, please make sure the referee has identified the correct player or coach on the game form. Many times, the referee will caution jersey #5, but will look at the name of the fifth player on the roster and will write the report up with the wrong player's name. Since the Board of Directors approved the point-system to go into effect in the Spring 2001 season, this is even more important that they don't record the wrong player. Please help us with this.

The Frontier Country Soccer Association Board of Directors will approve bylaw changes from time to time. All changes will be incorporated into the bylaws posted on the website under the Constitution/Bylaw section. Each coach and manager should print and review a copy of the current bylaws immediately before each season to determine if any changes may have been made that may effect that upcoming season.

A valuable tool for coaches and managers is the FCSA website. There is a separate section for the Competitive News where we post important information, deadlines, etc. for competitive teams, coaches and representatives. We post all relevant information pertaining to league play on the website. If it pertains only to the competitive division, it will be posted under the Competitive News section of the website. Please check that site regularly.

To avoid long lines in the FCSA Office, we have gone to an appointment system for stamping Member Passes and Rosters. Please call Aleta Ginn at 946-2228 or e-mail her at administrator@okfcsoccer.com to schedule an appointment unless you plan to drop off your material and pick it up at a later date/time. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm for lunch). If you do not have an appointment, you will be taken after the coaches, managers, and/or representatives with appointments are completely through. As a reminder, anytime you or your team managers are planning to come by the office, please call and check the recording before making the trip. **If you are not taking care of the paperwork for your team, please see that the appropriate person gets a copy of this letter and its enclosures.**

When the Member Passes and FCSA Competitive League Roster and Game Forms are presented to the FCSA office for approval, the following must occur:

(1) All rosters must have a club stamp, signature, and date before FCSA will stamp and sign. The roster must also have jersey numbers for each player. FCSA must have the original USYSA Membership Form for each player and the Employment/Volunteer Disclosure Form for each coach, trainer, and manager on file before FCSA will stamp and sign the roster and player passes. FCSA must also have a copy of the coach's, assistant coach's, and trainer's soccer license on file before rosters or member passes will be stamped or signed. Coaches, Trainers, and Assistant Coaches must possess at least a "D" license. If the coach has a foreign license, it is his/her responsibility to provide to FCSA verification from OSA that the license they hold is equivalent to at least the State "D" license. The Tryout Registration Forms

(sign-in sheets) must be on file with the FCSA Office before any rosters or players passes will be stamped.

(2) If you are taking a guest player to a tournament who is currently registered on another FCSA team, you must get a guest player release from the Oklahoma Soccer Association. If the guest player you wish to take is not currently registered on an FCSA team, then you must first register the player through your home association as a "Tournament Player Only." Bring the original, completed and signed USYSA Membership Form (with your club registrar's signature and date in the bottom gray area) and a completed USYSA Member Pass (with picture affixed and signature of the player) to FCSA for stamp-approval. Once you have the FCSA stamp, you must then go to OSA for the guest player release. Guest players must be registered at least 72 hours prior to participating in any sanctioned play.

(3) The Member Passes must have a CURRENT and IDENTIFIABLE picture. FCSA must have the USYSA Membership Form for each player and the Employment/Volunteer Disclosure Form for each coach on file before FCSA will stamp and sign the Member Passes. Passes must be signed by the players and/or coaches, or they will not be stamped.

(4) Paperwork must accompany any changes in the roster (including changes from the preliminary roster to the final roster). If a player drops, then a USYSA Player Release/Transfer Form is required. If a player is added, then a USYSA Membership Form or USYSA Player Release/Transfer Form is required.

The above-mentioned items must be taken care of regardless of when the team's next game is scheduled or when the FCSA Office is open. It is the responsibility of the coach or team manager to take care of the paperwork BEFORE coming to the FCSA Office. All new players and transferred players must be added to the official team roster/game form and stamp-approved by FCSA at least 72 hours prior to participating in any sanctioned play.

If you have questions, please check with your club competitive representative before calling the FCSA office. The club competitive representatives will usually have the information that you need.

James Murray
Competitive Commissioner