

Coaches and Trainers' Acknowledgment of 2010 FCSA Competitive Deadlines/Requirements

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! Each Coach and Trainer for each competitive team of an FCSA Club must separately complete, sign, and timely submit to FCSA this completed and signed Acknowledgment. All Coaches and Trainers hosting a tryout must have this completed and signed form to FCSA on or before May 1, 2010. By signing below you are acknowledging you have read and understand the rules and guidelines presented below as well as other rules and guidelines contained in FCSA's current Competitive Bylaws. It is only by your strict adherence to these rules that FCSA can create a fair, equitable and friendly environment for the attraction of prospective competitive players. The following applies to all coaches and trainers of all FCSA Competitive Teams pursuant to FCSA's Competitive Bylaws and Rules, which are published in full on FCSA's Web Page at www.okfcsoccer.com :

Recruitment Start Date

- U11-U14: June 1, 2010 –June 16, 2010.
- U15-U19: June 1, 2010 –June 16, 2010.
- Competitive contact dead week: June 17-June 24, 2010.
- **Contact day by phone only:** June 25, 2010.
- **Unsolicited** contact to recruit competitive players in these respective age groups may be made on and after these respective Recruitment Start Dates, including phone calls, in-home visits, emails, etc.; however, once a player has registered with another competitive team of any FCSA club, all contact must cease.

Annual Tryout Period

- U11-U14: start date June 26, 2010-July 5, 2010. Tryouts are to be held no earlier than 8am.
- U15-U19: start date June 27, 2010-July 5, 2010. Tryouts are to be held no earlier than 12pm.
- FCSA clubs seeking to form competitive teams must register their teams with FCSA by May 1, 2010 and hold at least one FCSA published tryout during the applicable Annual Tryout Period. No player may be registered to a competitive team of an FCSA club prior to the start of the applicable Annual Tryout Period.
- All players attending a team's tryout must be advised of their acceptance or rejection as a player for that team no later than the last day of the applicable Annual Tryout Period.
- **Unsolicited** contact to recruit players in these respective age groups may be made during these respective Annual Tryout Periods, including phone calls, in-home visits, emails, etc.; however, once a player has registered with another competitive team of any FCSA club, all contact must cease.

Registration Deadline

- U11-U14: July 16, 2010.
- U15-U19: July 16, 2010.
- The Registration Deadline is the date by which each competitive team of a FCSA club must submit to FCSA (1) a final approved typewritten Team Roster and Game Form (complete with jersey numbers, club stamp and dated club registrar signature) with a minimum of 14 registered players (11v11) or 10 registered players (8v8), (2) original USYS Membership Form for each registered player, (3) Employment/Volunteer Disclosure Statements for all coaches and trainers, and (4) all tryout sign-in sheets for all tryouts held prior to the Registration Deadline. **TEAMS WILL ONLY BE REGISTERED IF ALL THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN TIMELY MET.**

Recruitment

- i. Recruitment, or recruiting, is defined as any action initiated by a "Team Official" (coach, assistant coach, team manager, trainer, or any other person representing a team or Club, including a player or a player's parents or legal guardians) who seeks to enlist the services of a player for their team.
- ii. Illegal recruitment is defined as the employment of any prohibited practice by a Team Official. These prohibited practices include:
 - a. Offering any inducement of material or monetary value to a player or player's family.
 - b. Initiating contact with any player currently registered and rostered with another FCSA team except as allowed after the Recruitment Start Date reflected above through the date such player is registered to another competitive team of any FCSA club at the Annual Tryout Period reflected above.
 - c. Interference with a competitive player once the player has registered with a competitive team of any FCSA club. It is illegal recruiting for a Team Official to attempt to recruit a player who is known to have registered to another competitive team of a FCSA club during the Annual Tryout Period.

- d. The making of any false or materially misleading negative statements to a player or their parents or legal guardians concerning a team or coach in the same age group and gender as the team for whom the player is being recruited, even if such contact is otherwise a legal contact.
- iii. Illegal recruitment does not include the following permitted practices:
- a. Waiver of Club/Team fees and expenses upon proof of financial hardship.
 - b. Contact with a player who is not then registered or rostered to a competitive team of a FCSA club.
 - c. Contact with a player after the Recruitment Start Date reflected above through the date such player is registered to a competitive team of a FCSA club.
 - d. Contact with a player for the limited purpose of participating as a guest player for any USYS sanctioned tournament, but only after prior notice to the player's Club coach.
 - e. Contact initiated by the player or their parents or legal guardians.
 - f. Advertising or public relations of a general, indirect nature (e.g. a newspaper article on a team's success at a tournament, etc.).
 - g. Non-sanctioned soccer activities, including indoor soccer teams or formation and coaching of special tournament teams (e.g. 3v3, etc.).
 - h. Club sponsored soccer training camps or clinics, which are open to all players without geographic restriction.
 - i. Public notice of a team's tryouts posted on or after May 1, 2010 which contains no information other than the information called for on the FCSA Tryout Information Form submitted by that team and the accurate resume of the coaches and/or trainers for that team.
- iv. Illegal recruitment or the employment of any prohibited practice may result in a Team Official being suspended from all soccer activities for a determined period, as well as other sanctions for the coach, trainer, team and/or player. Any complainant must file a written complaint detailing the illegal recruiting or prohibited practice with the FCSA Competitive Commission. Either party may appeal the decision on such a complaint, as stated in FCSA's Competitive Bylaws.

Coaching Limitations / Player Registration / Involuntary Player Release / Intra-Club Transfers

- A coach or trainer, upon their submission to FCSA as a coach or trainer of a particular team for a particular seasonal year, shall be prohibited from serving during the remainder of that seasonal year with another club as a coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager or other team official of a competitive team of the same gender and birth year, unless the original sponsoring club consents in writing.
- Registration of a competitive player requires BOTH (1) a completed USYS Membership Form signed by any player 18 years old or older or by any younger player's parent or legal guardian, as well as (2) payment of the club's registration fee for that player (or documentation of a club registration fee scholarship).
- A Player may only be involuntarily released from a team upon FULL compliance with the VERY STRICT requirements of Section 10 of FCSA's Competitive Bylaws.
- Any player who seeks a transfer during any of the four intra-club transfer periods of October 1 to 15, December 1 to 15, February 1 to 15 or April 1 to 15 from a FCSA competitive team to another FCSA competitive team sponsored by the same club ("Intra-Club Transfer") shall automatically be allowed to do so upon submission of a completed USYS Release/Transfer Form if (1) the coach of both teams consent to such Intra-Club Transfer in writing and (2) that Intra-Club Transfer (after considering all other automatic Intra-Club Transfers involving the same teams that are submitted during the same intra-club transfer period) does not leave the team from which a player is transferring or the team to which a player is transferring with less than 14 or more than 18 rostered players in any age group playing 11v11 or with less than 10 or more than 14 rostered players in any age group playing 8v8. During any one intra-club transfer period, a player may only seek one Intra-Club Transfer; however, that same player is not prohibited from seeking another Intra-Club Transfer during any subsequent intra-club transfer period for that seasonal year.

Coach/Trainer Printed Name: _____

Club Name: _____

All Teams Coached/Trained: _____

Coach/Trainer Signature: _____ Date: _____