

KENTUCKY PREMIER LEAGUE



2025-26 KPL 9U ACADEMY GAME DAY PROCEDURES

1) Game Day Required Items:

- State Approved Roster with indication of players in current match. Does not need to be game-specific.
- Club Pass Forms and Trapped Player Forms are not utilized in the 9U Academy
- Referee Fees – Home/Host team is responsible for the referee fee of \$40 for 9U games with one official.

2) **Schedule:** Host teams should strive to make fields available to teams no less than a half hour prior to scheduled kickoff time. Rosters should be reviewed by Referees prior to kickoff.

3) **Academy Hosting Process:** The Host team is defined as the team whose home club is the site being used for the games. Teams that are hosting, be it at home or neutral site, are responsible for scheduling referees with their local assignor. Payment will be determined by the host club and **MUST** be communicated with the referees and visiting teams.

4) **Team Responsibilities:** The Host team is defined as the team whose home club is the site being used for the games. The Home team is defined as the team who appears first on the official schedule, the away team is listed second.

- Host Team/Club must ensure referees are assigned through local assignor and communicate payment procedures to visiting teams.
- The home team must wear a white/light color jersey, and the visiting team must wear a dark color jersey. If the referee determines the uniforms are too similar and may cause confusion, the offending team must change their jersey to comply with the color requirements.
- The host team is responsible for the condition of the field and the field markings. Properly anchored goals, goal nets and corner flags are required.
- The host team must ensure that all goals are properly secured, nets in good condition and corner flags are properly placed.
- Where neutral venues are involved, neither team will be held responsible for the condition of the field; however, both teams will be responsible for checking the anchoring of the goals.
- The home team shall be responsible for providing a minimum of one (1) official size Game Ball. The away team should also bring their official Match Ball to all games in case it becomes necessary.
- In the event the host club cancels a match due to unplayable field conditions, the host team is responsible for notifying all referees and visiting KPL teams in sufficient time to avoid travel concerns.
- In the event of a referee declaring a field unplayable due to dangerous surface conditions, excluding weather-related cancellations, improper markings, missing corner flags or missing nets, the game will be rescheduled. The host team will pay the referee fees for the cancelled game(s). The rescheduled game will take place at the home field of the original visiting team, unless mutually agreed to by both parties.
- Each team should bring a state approved roster form with players participating in today's match highlighted. There are no set permanent rosters in the 9U Academy, teams may change roster fluidly throughout the season.
- Each roster is recommended to have fourteen (14) players, but rosters may be increased as needed for your club/team.
- Scores should be entered in the GotSport website within 48 hours, although scores are not published, they will be utilized internally to help determine proper placement in future seasons of KPL.

5) KPL Game Formats:

Age	Halves	Ball	Game Form	Substitution Policy	Roster Range
9U	2x25 Minutes	Size 4	7v7	Unlimited	7-14 (Recommended)

6) **Laws of the Game:** The rules of play shall be the current Laws of the Game, as published by FIFA. All contests sanctioned by the KPL shall abide by the Laws of the Game with following exceptions:

- 9U matches will employ unlimited substitution with the consent of the referee at the following times:
 - Prior to a throw-in in your team's favor
 - Prior to a goal kick by either team



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- After any goal
 - At half-time
 - After an injury by either team if play has been stopped.
 - After a caution or ejection by either team.
 - If a team has a substitute player ready on their own possession as described above and the opponent also has a player ready for substitution, both teams may substitute when signaled by the referee.
- b. Defending teams should back up to midfield for any goal kick or goalie possession.
- c. Referees may add extra time in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game

7) Requirements of Players

- a. Player's Equipment - All players are required to wear equipment that is not considered dangerous to themselves or other players in accordance with the FIFA, including shin guards. The Center Official will have final determination on all issues regarding player's equipment.
- b. Uniforms - All teams are required to bring two sets of contrasting uniforms to all KPL League matches. All teammates must have unique numbers on their uniforms.
- i. Once a team is checked in, the players are not allowed to switch numbers without first notifying the referee.
 - ii. The home team must wear a white/light color jersey and the visiting team must wear a dark color jersey. In the event of a conflict in uniform color, the offending team, based on the determination of the Center Official, must change to an alternate uniform.
 - iii. All uniform shirts must be clearly numbered on the back.
 - iv. Players may wear numbers on their shorts and socks that correspond to their uniform numbers.
- c. Other Uniform Markings
- i. Team names may be displayed on the uniform.
 - ii. Teams may only display a US Youth Soccer, KYSA and KPL patches and logos on their uniforms. No competing youth soccer organization markers are permitted.
 - iii. Teams may display sponsor logos on jerseys with approval from KPL Commissioner and/or Director of Competition

8) Requirements of Coaches

- a. All coaches participating in the KPL must be in line with KYSA's minimum coaching standards. For more information on minimum coaching standards please visit, www.kysoccer.net.
- b. All coaches and managers will be required to read all league rules prior to each season.
- c. All coaches are responsible for the conduct of his/her players, other team officials and spectators before, during and after the game, and shall instruct the above to behave in a proper and respectful manner.
- d. All coaches' sportsmanship and overall behavior will be reviewed by the league Commissioner and Advisory Council.
- e. Each coach is responsible for submitting the proper game rosters prior to each match to the referee.
- f. In the event that a coach wishes to protest a game pursuant to KPL Rules & Regulations Section 16.2, he/she should inform the head referee at half-time or within five (5) minutes of the final whistle. The referee will note the reasons for the protest on the Referee Game Report. A written complaint must also be received by the KPL Front Office via e-mail within twenty-four (24) hours of the scheduled kickoff of the protested game.
- g. The coach is responsible for enforcing suspensions to players or team agents.
- h. The host team coach is responsible for ensuring the goals and nets are properly secured, and for assuring corner flags and proper field markings are provided.