

As many of you are aware..changes are being mandated by USYSA for the 2017-18 season, with recommendations made for implementation this fall. KSYSA has determined that they will implement the changes for the 2017-18 season. In the interest of time, I am going to include both recreational and premier teams who are U 9 and older...

I hope that KSYSA has sent the Player Initiative Information to all of you...if you would like me to send you the whole Player Initiative document, please let me know and I will email it to you...It is 28 pages....

That being said...I am going to try to summarize the information....birth year registration and the playing format standards...so that you have it before the end of your season....and before you begin to assemble your team for the fall season. Registration info for the fall will be emailed to you by the end of May., with everything due July 1.

**BIRTH YEAR REGISTRATION:**

Beginning with the fall 2016-spring 2017 season, player ages will be calculated on their birth year...from Jan 1-December 31. The “magic” formula is : year that the season ends (2017 minus the player’s birth year= age group... examples player born July 1, 2005 2017-2005= Under 12 Player born January 4, 2004 (2017-2004= U 13)

This is the matrix for this fall (2016-17) and next year (2017-2018).

<b>Season</b>	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U 13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U 18	U 19
<b>2016-17 player born in:</b>	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
<b>2017-18</b>	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999

**STANDARDS:**

**Roster Limits : For Heartland**

the competitive rosters sizes will be:

7 v 7 - 12 players

9 v 9 - 14 players

On the rec side, it will be:

7 v 7 - 14 players

9 v 9 - 18 players

	U9	U10	U11	U 12	U 13 and older
<b>Max. field size</b>	47 yd X 30 yd	47X 30	75 X 47	75 X 47	112 X 75
<b>Number of players</b>	7 v 7	7 v 7	9 v 9	9 v 9	11 v 11
<b>Goalkeeper</b>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>playing time (minutes)</b>	2 X 25	2 X 25	2 X 30	2 X 30	2 X 35
<b>Break time (minutes)</b>	10	10	10	10	15
<b>ball size</b>	4	4	4	4	5
<b>goal size</b>	4 x 6	6/5 X 18.5	6.5 X 18.5	6.5 X 18.5	8 X 24
<b>offsides</b>	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Additionally: (what is in red comes from the Player Initiatives)

### **7 V 7 Under 9 and Under 10**

The development field for playing 7v7 is 47x30 yards with a few special features.

The build out line, which is found 14 yards from each goal line. For the 7v7 game, the field will include build out lines to promote individual skills and facilitate game flow.

The build out line is used to promote playing the ball out of the back in an unpressured setting.

When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line. This field also features a penalty area since goalkeepers are introduced at this level of play.

Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball to a teammate.

Punting the ball is not allowed as this would defeat the purpose of the build out line and reduces the opportunity to play out of the back in an unpressured setting.

After the ball is put into play, the opposing team can then cross the build out line and play can resume as normal.

### **9 V 9 Under 11 and Under 12**

The small sided field is 75x47 yards and is used for 9v9 play.

Again, a penalty area is utilized and this field is the last step before progressing to a full size field used for players 13 and older playing 11v11.

Players 8 and younger playing 4v4 need to develop basic motor skills such walking, running and changing direction.

A smaller space will help develop these skills while also providing more interaction with the ball, teammates and opponents.

9 and 10 year old players need to develop speed and agility.

For this reason, 7v7 play happens on a larger field where there is more space to control the ball and encounter 1v1 situations.

The small sided field for 9v9 allows 11 and 12 year olds to develop coordination, balance and visual awareness.

Increasing the number of players requires faster decision making so players can develop partnerships and game intelligence.

Yes.....there are significant changes for some age groups....and different playing formats for younger age groups....it will be a learning process of every coach/team/player, as well as for the referees...

Please be patient with everyone as we move forward and begin the mandated implementation...

Please contact me if you have questions....I'll be happy to send the Player Initiatives documents that I have to you....and as I get further information, I will forward it to you...

Thanks..

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