

## Information for teams with players who live in Missouri

Effective March, 2017, Missouri has withdrawn from the cross border agreement. This impacts every player on your team who lives in Missouri.

The information, as it was sent out by KSYSA.

**From:** Kansas Youth Soccer

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**Subject:** MO/KS Cross Border Agreement Termination

KSYSA Club Members,

As you start to think about tryouts and registering players and teams for the upcoming 2017-2018 season, we want you to be aware of some significant changes.

Several states have entered into agreements whereby Rule 201 was modified to bypass this requirement to allow players in each state to more effectively and efficiently register and participate in the state of their choice.

Effective at the start of the 2009/2010 seasonal year, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota entered into such an agreement called the Cross Border Agreement.

Under this agreement, players wishing to register in a non-resident State Association could register directly with that non-resident State Association without first getting permission or registering through their resident State Association.

In March 2017, Missouri terminated their participation in the Cross Border Agreement. The effect of this termination is as follows:

1. All players residing in Missouri must first register through Missouri Youth Soccer Association ("MYSA") and then ask to be transferred to the Kansas State Youth Soccer Association ("KSYSA") if they want to play on a Kansas team. Likewise, any player not residing in Missouri who wants to play on a Missouri team, must first register with their resident state and then ask to be transferred to MYSA.
2. There will be fees to register in the resident State Association and also fees to transfer to the non-resident State Association.
3. Additionally, if a team is comprised of at least 51% of residents from a certain state, they must register the team with that state. For example, if a team has 51% Missouri residents, that team must register as a Missouri team and vice versa.
4. If a team wishes to play in their state's National Championship Series, i.e., State Cup, President's Cup or Jr. State Cup, they will need to play in a qualifying league during the season. For example, MYSA now requires that if you want to play in the MYSA National Championship Series, you must register to play in a Missouri qualifying league.
5. MYSA has voted to reject Heartland Soccer Association as a qualifying league. Missouri teams may still play in Heartland, but they will also have to play at least four games in a MYSA qualifying league if they want to be eligible to participate in MYSA National Championship Series. We will work closely with your team/club registrars to make this transition as seamless as possible. However, please allow extra time to register players this year. This extra step does add time to the process. Missouri teams should contact MYSA with any questions or comments. Kansas still has a Cross Border Agreement with Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

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The nitty gritty is that a player who lives in Missouri, will need to go into their Got Soccer Account and then click on the link to request a transfer. That transfer will incur a \$10 fee, which will have to be paid at that time to Missouri. **THE LINK TO REQUEST A TRANSFER IS NOT YET AVAILABLE.**

The link must be added by Got Soccer, hopefully, it will be ready when tryouts are completed and you've set your team's roster.

If a player does not know their GotSoccer login and password, they can send me an email and I will forward that information to them via email.

Once a player has requested the transfer, Missouri will review and sign off on that transfer, Kansas (KSYSA) will then accept that player, and I can then add them to the roster of the Kansas team.

Confusing.....yes...and it will require additional time for the transfer request to be completed, approved and accepted by Kansas...so it will be VERY important that any player who lives in Missouri complete the process as quickly as possible. As it gets closer to the start of the season, and there are more requests, the assumption is that the time needed for completion will increase.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE TRANSFER LINK IS NOT YET AVAILABLE!!!**