



ACADEMY AFFILIATE FRIENDLIES

MAY 4-6 | WYANDOTTE SPORTING FIELDS

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Coach/Manager:

Congratulations on your team's entry into the **Spring 2018 Academy Affiliate Friendlies!** With over 150 teams representing all 15 official Sporting KC Academy Affiliate clubs, this tournament is once again the largest MLS affiliate-exclusive event in the United States. Teams are travelling from nine different states and 13 major Midwestern cities to compete against the best in the Midwest.

Please carefully read through this packet as it will answer most of your questions.

The Tournament Committee advises you to immediately do the following:

1. **Assemble your travel documents (if necessary).** This tournament is sanctioned through the Kansas State Youth Soccer Association (KSYSA). Therefore, if your team is not sanctioned through KSYSA you may need to acquire travel documents prior to this event. If your team is sanctioned by USYSA, you will need to apply for travel documents with your respective state association which you must present at tournament check-in. If your team is a part of US Club Soccer, print the roster from the US Club website to present at check-in. Participation in the tournament is conditioned upon proper receipt of the appropriate travel documentation.
2. **Book your travel.** The Spring 2018 Academy Affiliate Friendlies is a **"Stay to Play"** event, which means teams (players/parents/coaches/relatives & anyone associated with the team) traveling to Kansas City are required to follow our reservation procedure and stay in hotels approved by the tournament as a condition of participation. All teams requiring overnight accommodations **MUST** secure hotels through our hotel provider (no exceptions). Hotel reservations must be made by no later than **March 30, 2018**. Options will be provided very soon. If you have any questions, please email Lori Murawski at lmurawski@exploregci.com.
3. **Update your team roster.** Ensure your player roster is complete and up-to-date by the first day of the tournament, **Friday, May 4th**. Rosters must be handed-in at check-in prior to the team's first match. Additionally, every guest player rostered must fill out a [Guest Player Form](#). Roster sizes and rules are as follows:
 - **U9 (2008) & U10 (2007) – 7v7**
 - Max roster size: 14
 - Eligible players per match: 12
 - Max number of guest players: 3
 - **U11 (2006) & U12 (2005) – 9v9**
 - Max roster size: 18
 - Eligible players per match: 16
 - Max number of guest players: 3
 - **U13 (2004) – U19 (1998) – 11v11**
 - Max roster size: 22
 - Eligible players per match: 18
 - Max number of guest players: 3



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MANDATORY REGISTRATION

All teams must register a minimum of 30 minutes prior to their first scheduled game at the field

****FAILURE TO CHECK-IN WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION FROM TOURNAMENT PLAY****

**** FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS AT CHECK-IN WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION****

Team Certification and Check-In

At check-in, teams must submit the following documentation depending on the affiliation status of the team (USYSA, US Club). Failure to submit the required documents will result in the team or individual players being disqualified from participation. Teams may roster:

- 7v7 - Up to fourteen (14) players
- 9v9 – Up to eighteen (18) players
- 11v11 – Up to twenty-two (22) players

Teams Registered with USYSA

1. **Player Cards.** Valid, laminated player cards with a photograph for the 2017/18 season for each player.
2. **Guest Player Form (if applicable).** Teams are responsible for complying with the rules of their State Association regarding borrowing players from other teams. All guest players must be listed on the roster and fill out a [Guest Player Form](#). Teams that are borrowing players who are registered with other State Associations will have to obtain travel papers for those players from the borrowed player's State Association.
3. **Travel Papers.** All non-Kansas State Youth Soccer Association sanctioned clubs must acquire a travel permit through their local State Associations. With a valid permit, your team will be provided secondary insurance coverage through USYSA in the event that requires secondary insurance.
4. **Medical Release Forms.** Medical release forms must be signed by the parent or guardian for each team member, unless the player is 18 years old at the time of tournament check-in.
5. **Team Roster.** At mandatory check-in, each team must hand-in their official roster. You will be given the opportunity to manually change and add additional players at check-in. Once finalized at mandatory check-in, players not listed on the official roster will not be allowed to play. Only players with the complete appropriate documentation will be allowed to appear on the roster. You must completely and correctly fill out the Official Sporting KC Tournament Roster prior to mandatory check-in.



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Facility/Tournament Rules and Information

FIELD ASSIGNMENTS & SCHEDULES. Schedules released in advance of the tournament are subject to change. Reconfirm your schedule. Pay particular attention to field assignments for each of the three days. Field assignments may change during the tournament. You will be advised by a Field Marshal/Tournament Staff if any field changes occur during the tournament.

Swope Soccer Village & Gateway Sports Village Complex Rules

1. **No participants or spectators are allowed on the fields prior to 6:15am**
2. **No pets are allowed at the complex. If you bring a pet, you will be directed to immediately exit the complex.**
3. **Drive cars only in the designated areas. Follow all sign and parking attendants.**
4. **No overnight parking. Vehicles left overnight are subjected to being towed at the owner's expense.**
5. **No tents are allowed. All shade must be provided by the tournament host.**

**** FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE SWOPE SOCCER VILLAGE AND GATEWAY SPORTS VILLAGE COMPLEX RULES WILL RESULT IN THE TEAM'S IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT****



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TOURNAMENT REP. One of Sporting KC's tournament staff members will contact you by email approximately two weeks prior to the tournament. This person can help you with questions that you may have prior to mandatory check-in. If you have questions before this time please contact Chris Boyajian, cboyajian@sportingkc.com.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS. Also available at www.SportingKC.com/AAF are:

- Tournament Rules
- Schedule of Events
- Social Media Guide
- And More!

The Tournament Committee wishes you and your player's good luck in the tournament. Go Sporting!

Very truly yours,

SPORTING KC TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE