KSC U9 Competitive Program

Fall 2025 & Spring 2026

The KSC Competitive Program is offered to **ALL** of our U9 players (2017 birth dates) who wish to play in a more competitive environment. (*There is a requirement that players have participated in KSC developmental soccer at least one season in the last 2 years.*)

What is Competitive Soccer?

Competitive soccer is the level of soccer between our Developmental program and our Select program. It is designed to provide a higher level of competition than that of our Developmental program, yet it is not as comprehensive as our Select program is in terms of cost or commitment. Our Competitive program is the direct lead-in to our Select program.

Program Description

For Fall 2025 we will continue to utilize an Academy System in regard to practices, league, tournaments and friendly games. All players with the same birth year will be placed in a single pool of players. Practices, tournaments, and league games will be determined by player availability. Player availability will determine if we enter an event or how many teams will participate in an event. There will not be set teams, team makeup will change from event to event.

What's New

Players will participate in/receive two tournaments and Nebraska Youth Soccer League play. All KSC competitive and select teams **WILL** play in the NYSL league. A majority of the league games will be played in Lincoln.

<u>Playing time</u> - Players will receive a minimum of 50% playing time for each game that they play. Ex - Games that are 60 minutes in length should result in all players playing in at least 30 minutes of total playing time. Circumstances of excessively missed practices or other factors may affect this policy.

<u>Event Rosters/Program size</u> — A normal roster size for a U9/10 team is 11 to 14 players — we like to use 11-12 players per tournament to make reaching the 50% playing time policy realistic, but the total number of players will dictate that. Games are played with 7 players per team on the field. If the program size exceeds 14 players, then we will rotate rosters in order to provide the two tournaments per player minimum. For example — if we have 17 players in the program, we will enter 3 total tournaments in order to provide each player with 2 tournaments.

Formula: 17 players x 2 tourn = 34 spots. 34 spots/3 tourn = 11.3 players per tournament

Basically – every player sits out one tournament in order to receive their minimum of two events. The same formula will be used for league games.

<u>Coaching</u> – Our teams utilize volunteer coaches and support – all of whom are selected and supported by the KSC Directors of Coaching and KSC Director of Operations. Interested parties who wish to coach a Competitive or Select team should complete a KSC coaching application available online at <u>KSC Coaching Application</u>.

Competitions

<u>Tournaments</u>: Our players will play in a minimum of two area tournaments each season with the option of participating in more.

<u>League - NYSL (state league):</u> All teams **WILL** participate in League play.

<u>Friendly Games</u>: We encourage our coaches to schedule games against other ageappropriate teams in the area.

Competitive and Developmental Program Association

Players may NOT register for both programs.

Competitive Calendar

June 1 Registration Begins for Competitive Program

July 1 Competitive Registration ends (No late registration)

July 5 Competitive Uniform email will be sent.

Mid-late July Competitive Practices typically begin.

Tournament Options

Tournament listings (state and regional)

<u>Uniforms</u>

All new players will have to order and purchase a competitive uniform. Please complete the <u>Uniform Name List</u> on the Competitive Page on the KSC Website. You will receive an automated email with instructions and an online order form. You will have the ability to order all items, extra items and single items - depending on your needs. You will place your order and make payment online and your order will be sent to you directly to your address.

Registration & Fees - Fall 2025

U9 Competitive Registration

\$180.00 each season

Every player will have to register again in the spring season

U9 Uniform Fee – New Players (paid separately) \$ 55.00 (Required items only) Players will wear the same uniform for U9 and U10 competitive programs. You will only need to purchase new uniforms one time (save for growth, damage or use).

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