

KSC U9 Competitive Program

Fall 2023

The KSC Competitive Program is offered to **ALL** of our U9 players (2015 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 2023 we will continue to utilize an Academy System in regard to practices, tournaments and friendly games. All players with the same birth year will be placed in a single pool of players. Practices, tournaments, leagues and 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. Players will receive 3 tournaments each.

Playing time - 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.

Event Rosters/Program size – A normal roster size for a U9/10 team is 11 to 14 players – we like to use 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 3 tournaments per player. For example – if we have 17 players in the program, we will enter 4 total tournaments in order to provide each player with 3 tournaments.

Formula: $17 \text{ players} \times 3 \text{ tourn} = 51 \text{ spots}$. $51 \text{ spots} / 4 \text{ tourn} = 12.75 \text{ players per tournament}$

Tour 1 – 13 players

Tour 2 – 13 players

Tour 3 – 13 players

Tour 4 – 12 players

Basically – every player sits out one tournament. The DoO will determine the allocation of players based on the total number of players and availability of players for each event. In order to fulfill the needed 11-12 players per tournament, it may be required that a player or players play in a 4th event. If that is required, the DoO will make the decision on which player/s is/are added. No player will be given 5 events.

Coaching – Our teams utilize volunteer coaches and support – all of whom are selected and supported by the KSC Director 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 [KSC Coaching Application](#). The program will train once a week during the season with Director of Coaching Milan Taylor-Ivic.

Competitions –

Tournaments: Our Competitive players will play in a minimum of three area tournaments each season, with the option of participating in more. **See Calendar below.**

Friendly Games: We encourage our coaches to schedule games against other age-appropriate teams in the area.

Competitive and Developmental Program Association

The Competitive and Developmental programs will have a direct overlap during the fall season. Players may NOT register for both programs.

Competitive Calendar

June 1	Registration Begins for Competitive Program
June 6	Competitive U9 Informational Meeting (7:00pm)
July 1	Competitive Registration ends (No late registration)
July 5	Competitive Uniform email will be sent.
Mid-late July	Competitive Practices typically begin.

Fall Tournament Options

Centris Cup	September 9-10	Gretna, NE
Fall Challenge Cup	September 23-24	Omaha, NE
Fremont Fall Festival	September 30-Oct 1	Fremont, NE
Harvest Cup	October 7-8	Columbus, NE
Myth & Legends Cup	October 21-22	Lincoln, NE
Halloween Havoc	October 21-22	Council Bluffs, NE

Uniforms

All new players will have to order and purchase a competitive uniform. Please complete the [Uniform Name List](#) 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. Deadline is July 5.

Registration & Fees – Fall 2023

U9 Competitive Registration	\$155.00
U9 Uniform Fee – New Players (paid separately)	\$ 55.00 (Required items only)

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