



Keller Soccer Association

Tournament of Champions Selection Policy

KSA may elect to send representatives in each U9 and older (U9+) age group and gender to an annual tournament (such as the North Texas Tournament of Champions).

1. Representation as a Privilege

- Representation of KSA in an annual tournament is a privilege, not a right, and is not based solely on standings or record.
- Any team chosen to represent KSA must be good ambassadors of KSA's values and the spirit of the game.
- As this is a privilege, expectations are higher than simply a team's coaches and players being in good A&D standing.

2. Expression of Interest

- Teams must initiate their own interest; KSA will not recruit or nominate teams for consideration.
- If no team from a specific age group or gender expresses interest, no representative will be sent for that group.
- Based on the number of teams expressing interest, the Vice President will recommend to the Executive Board which age groups and genders KSA should register for the TOC (limited to one team per age group and gender). This recommendation must be approved by the Executive Board before registration.

3. Eligibility Requirements

- To be eligible for consideration, a team must have achieved either a minimum 60% winning percentage or a finish in the top 3 of its NTSSA league/division bracket.
 - If no team in a division meets either of these criteria, no representative will be sent for that age group and gender.
- Representatives will be chosen from our NMCSL participants. The division a team plays in (higher vs lower) will be taken into consideration if those divisions were determined by seeding.
- High school-age "age pure" teams (e.g., U16, U17, U18) that compete in an older combined division (such as U19) but maintain age-pure rosters may be considered eligible for their appropriate TOC age group.
 - These exceptions will be reviewed by the KSA Vice President and approved by the Executive Board to ensure fairness and compliance with NTSSA TOC eligibility rules.

4. Evaluation Process

- The KSA Vice President will prepare a blind resume of each interested and eligible team
 - Maximum of two per age group and gender that represent the two strongest resumes per the Vice President's discretion
- The blind resume may include:
 - Win-loss record
 - Division placement
 - Any complaints or disciplinary issues
 - Positive feedback received about the team, coach, or players

- The blind resume process allows the Board to evaluate teams based on performance, conduct, and reputation without bias toward a specific coach or team.
- If only one team expresses interest and meets eligibility requirements, that team may be the sole representative (subject to Board approval).
- If no teams express interest or qualify, no representative will be sent.

5. Board Decision

- The Executive Board will review the blind resumes and vote on one of the following outcomes:
 - When two teams are under consideration:
 - **Team A** is the best representative for KSA
 - **Team B** is the best representative for KSA
 - **Neither team** presents a strong enough resume to represent KSA at this particular tournament
 - **Both teams would be good representatives**, with no clear distinction, in which case the Board may require a playoff game to determine which team will be sent.
 - When one team is under consideration:
 - The team would be a good representative for KSA
 - The team does not present a strong enough resume to represent KSA at this particular tournament
- The Board's decision on tournament representatives is **final and not subject to appeal**.

6. Financial Responsibilities

- KSA may, at its discretion, elect to pay **all, none, or some of the registration fees** on behalf of participants.
 - If any amount is covered by KSA, it will be the same amount for all participating teams.
- Coaches and teams are responsible for **any remaining registration fees** not covered by KSA, as well as **all travel, lodging, and related expenses**.

7. Tournament Administration and Deadlines

- The Tournament of Champions is administered by North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA), not KSA.
- KSA's role is limited to submitting the intent to participate and bond items required by NTSSA prior to the tournament deadline.
- Coaches are responsible for:
 - Completing and submitting all required NTSSA online check-in paperwork by the deadlines posted by NTSSA.
 - Ensuring compliance with tournament requirements, roster rules, and documentation procedures.
 - Monitoring tournament information and communicating directly with NTSSA Tournament representatives as appropriate and required to facilitate participation
- If a coach commits to participate but fails to complete check-in or withdraws after the NTSSA withdrawal deadline, resulting in forfeiture of fees, that team and coach may be **held responsible for covering those forfeited fees**.