



TAR RIVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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TO: All our TRYSA Families
FROM: Board of Directors, Tar River Youth Soccer Association

Good morning to everyone.

Every day we hear more about the impact of the coronavirus on our schools, sports, on gatherings, on our normal lives. Last night, the Centers for Disease Control recommended that 50 people is the maximum size of gatherings of people--less, even, than the Governor's order of 100 people. Clearly, rules and regulations are tightening in order to try and prevent the immediate spread of COVID-19. TRYSA's Board of Directors has been talking through the implications for us in the short term *and the long term* and has been meeting over the last few days to discuss actions we will need to take to protect our players and families.

As recently as Wednesday evening the Board was preparing to implement a series of actions to better protect our players and families, and we'll likely see some of these when we return to the fields. But even those proposed actions have been overshadowed by the continuing developments and announcements. Directly related to us...

North Carolina Youth Soccer Association (NCYSA) has suspended all NCYSA-sanctioned training, practices, matches, games, tournaments, permissions to travel, and all levels of youth soccer. AS OF THIS WRITING, THE SUSPENSION WILL LAST AT LEAST UNTIL THE END OF MARCH.

Here's what this means, for all of us:

Updates:

- The Clover Cup tournament due to take place this month in Wilson **has been canceled outright**. This will no longer be a tournament for the 13U Thunder boys.



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- We are weighing how the suspension will affect other sanctioned tournaments that are scheduled in the near future, including the Twinsfest Tournament that both Classic teams have been considering.
- As of now, there is no further information on the State Cups. They are not yet suspended, postponed or canceled. Our 13U Lightning girls team *is* registered for the Kepner President's Cup, and the 13U Thunder boys team *is* registered for the Singer Cup.
- The Academy Showcase is ***postponed at this time***. No further information at this moment.

Policies and Actions:

- The Board agreed that meetings of the Board of Directors, its committees and all proposed larger meetings (including a proposed full Academy parent-and-players meeting) ***will be held via video or webinar, until further notice***. The Board made no decision about the location of the Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM), normally held in late June-early July.
- ***Team Meetings*** are affected as well. These need to be accomplished online, via Hangouts Meet (which Coaches and Team Managers can access from their G-Suite tarriversoccer.org email accounts), or similar.
- The Board agreed to honor the NCYSA letter in spirit, as well as by the specific direction. Accordingly,
 - **TRYSA will not engage in any physical training of members or players, in any fashion, including group training, small-group training, technique training, goalkeeper training, or one-on-one/ private lessons.**
 - **TRYSA will not support efforts by our coaches and members to circumvent these policies and the NCYSA policies. We remind all that organized training or one-on-one lessons are not sanctioned, and coaches and players will not be covered by either NCYSA's or TRYSA's medical or liability policies.**
- The Board agreed to help and work with TRYSA coaches to create and disseminate materials and instructions to our players for personal development and self-improvement. We expect to use coach-developed outlines, coach-developed schedules, coach-developed evaluations, and coach-developed recognition and rewards in the near future.



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We are developing written material and video instruction that will be made available to the players on our website, on social media, on SE, and on direct-to-player video. The Board recognizes that these types of teaching materials would be valuable supplemental training materials throughout the year.

We **encourage** you to continue to have regular conversations among your family, and particularly with your children, about this. It's important to know what the recommendations are, and that even our youngest children can be family leaders in things like hand-washing and hygiene. Our older children have surely talked about this at school-- and have maybe seen a lot about this on television and their own social media-- and we can be the calming influence they need.

We **encourage** you to get your factual information by checking in with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) www.cdc.gov and with the NC Dept of Health & Human Services [NC Health](#) and keeping these reference sites handy:

UNC Health Coronavirus testing questions 888-850-2684

**UNC Health 24/7 Virtual Urgent Care [UNC Urgent Care 24/7](#)
Duke Health 24/7 Virtual Urgent Care [Duke Health Anywhere](#)**

TRYSA Members, we want you to be safe and healthy. We are being asked to collectively make significant sacrifices in order to better protect our families-- *to flatten the curve, to slow the spread of the virus, to give our health care system a chance to respond and handle the expected surge of patients.* As much as we love our game, we'll do our part and hope to be back on the field together when we can.

We'll have any updates available as soon as possible, and we will update our website and social media to reflect the latest Club information.

Thank you for all you do for our players, and for the Club.

Respectfully,

Officers and Directors of Tar River Youth Soccer Association

By: _____

William Inglefield, President