



April 10, 2020

To: NCYSA Member

Presidents, CEOs, Executive Directors, Head Registrars, Directors of Coaching, Recreation Liaisons, Challenge Liaisons, Classic Liaisons, Risk Management Liaisons, Abuse Prevention Liaisons, Certified Referee Assignors

Good Afternoon All,

First of all, we hope that everyone is both safe and healthy. Secondly, we want to thank all of our members for their continued support and patience as we work together to navigate the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. Please know that every consideration is given with what is best for our players, our player's families, our member organizations and the referees. These considerations are the basis for any and all decisions. As a result, and as you are already aware, ALL soccer activities have been suspended through April 30, 2020. This decision is in response to, and conforms with, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order No. 121. If/when the State of North Carolina adjusts (terminates or extends) this executive order, NCYSA will review, adjust and communicate accordingly.

It is NCYSA's intention to assist everyone, our players, our player's families, our member organizations and the referees, to begin to return to "normal" by resuming play and other soccer activities as soon as possible. In an effort to accommodate the return to play, NCYSA has developed the following plan:

- The Spring 2020 Recreation and Competitive seasons will be reinstated June 1 through July 12, 2020 (unless we are able to resume earlier).
Please Note: Registration for your players is in effect through August 31, 2020, therefore, our members may choose to continue play past the July 12th date.

For NCYSA Classic League Play:

We are aware that some teams have completed a few Spring matches, while others have not. It is NCYSA's intent that the following will afford our members the opportunity to provide their teams a productive remainder of the Spring season:

- A minimum of 4 additional weeks are required for Promotion/Relegation (June 1-28, 2020).
- All matches counting towards Promotion/Relegation ***must*** be completed no later than Sunday, June 28, 2020.

- In the event the pandemic prevents the required 4 additional weeks of play by June 28, then the brackets for the next season of play will remain as they currently stand; however, the P/R committee, at their discretion, may take into consideration league play results and make bracket adjustments.
- Teams 13U and above are allowed to play two matches a day, **NOT** to exceed 5 matches in a week.
- All State Cup activities have been cancelled for the Spring 2020 season.
- Tryouts for 11U and 12U players will be conducted the week of June 15-19, 2020.
- Tryouts for 13U and up players will be conducted the week of June 22-26, 2020.

Please note: **ALL** players are considered to be “free agents” for the Fall 2020 season tryouts. Additionally, players must complete their commitment to their current club/team, regardless of tryout results. Please also note that the dates above are subject to change as the pandemic continues to evolve.

New Dates for 2020-2021 Fall Season – Classic Leagues

Association Commitment Forms to approve teams: July 6, 2020

Online Intent to Play: July 10, 2020

Please know that the decisions made during these trying times have not been taken lightly. While the pandemic has interrupted our lives, soccer will help to reunite us! We are all in this together and we look forward to seeing everyone on the pitch as soon as possible.

Stay safe and stay healthy!

NCYSA Executive Board