



# Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

## 2020-2021 Travel Team Formation Policy

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Typically, try-outs for all MSYSA players for the fall and/or spring season of the seasonal year may not be held earlier than the date established by the MSYSA board of directors. Pursuant to MSYSA Rule 3.4 A5, in early 2019 the board of directors established June 13, 2020 as the 2020 MSYSA Official Try-Out Start Date.

Unfortunately, MSYSA anticipates that ongoing social distancing restrictions in the State of Michigan (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) will inhibit the ability for our affiliated clubs to offer in-person try-outs for travel soccer starting June 13, 2020. **As such, MSYSA will not sanction, affiliate, or insure in-person try-outs this year.**

Thus, this Policy serves to outline the redefined travel team formation process for all MSYSA players, which applies for the 2020-2021 seasonal year.

- MSYSA shall permit players to commit, sign, and register with their **existing** club beginning June 1, 2020. In other words, starting June 1, 2020, players are permitted to re-commit to a club (for the 2020-2021 seasonal year) if they are committing to the same club that they were committed to during the 2019-2020 seasonal year.
  - If a player participated with multiple clubs in 2019-2020, the player has the option to commit, sign or register for 2020-2021 (as of June 1) with the last 'primary' club the player committed to during the 2019-2020 seasonal year. 'Primary' meaning, the club regarded as the last-serving 'home' or 'main' club for the player, even if the player has not been registered with MSYSA due to the cancellation of programming.
- MSYSA shall also permit players to commit, sign, or register with a **new** club starting June 13, 2020, if desired. This will only be available to those players who have not already committed, signed, or registered with their existing club (starting June 1, 2020) for the 2020-2021 seasonal year.
- Commencing June 13, 2020, club and team officials may reach out to players and to other club and team officials to inquire if a player has already committed to a club or team for the 2020-2021 seasonal year. If the answer is 'yes', the club and/or team officials are strongly urged to discontinue dialogue with the player and other club and team officials, pursuant to MSYSA Rule 3.7.
- Previously, MSYSA Rule 3.4 A8 required that all try-outs for teams for the MSPSP were to be announced (i.e., advertised) in the Michigan Soccer Try-out Publication. Because MSYSA will not sanction, affiliate, or insure in-person try-outs this year, the printed version of the Michigan Soccer Publication has been canceled and the advertising requirement for MSPSP clubs/teams is no longer required for the 2020 version of the Michigan Soccer Try-out Publication.
- MSYSA will post general information about MSYSA affiliated clubs on the MSYSA website in May and June 2020 at no cost to our affiliated clubs (e.g., coaching line-ups, team official credentials, website addresses, club calendars/schedules, relevant phone numbers, etc.).
- The MSYSA Board of Directors and/or the MSYSA Executive Director may update, edit, or change any aspects of the Policy, at their discretion, with or without notice.