



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) as of July 30, 2020*

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General Questions

What guidance is MSYSA using to make its decision about a return-to-play date and about whether to postpone or cancel certain MSYSA programs/events?

MSYSA is using guidance from the State of Michigan, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, CDC, US Youth Soccer, US Soccer, University of Michigan School of Public Health and MSYSA's insurance carrier.

Do I get a refund if my club decides not to participate in the fall season if/when soccer resumes?

Please make contact with your child's club. Team/Club fees paid by parents directly to clubs should be addressed with your child's club and not with MSYSA. MSYSA does not intervene, as a third party, in parent/club financial agreements/obligations.

What is MSYSA anticipating in terms of what return-to-play will look like? Will it be regional or statewide? Will it be gradual (varying levels of activity reintroduced in phases) or all-or-nothing? Does MSYSA expect to receive further guidance from the state, USYS, etc. regarding "how" to return-to-play?

As of June 5, 2020, MSYSA has returned to training. Please review [MSYSA R2T Guidelines](#), which is available on our website.



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Fall 2020 Registration

Are there any changes for Fall 2020 registration for MSYSA direct member leagues (due to COVID-19)?

Information about league registration is available on the [League Registration](#) page of our website. Fall registration deadlines have not changed. However, there was an adjustment to our late fee schedule for registrations submitted after the final deadline, which is reflected on our [2020-2021 Fee Structure](#) document. Also, a change was made regarding how initial registration invoices will be calculated for 2020-2021 registration, which was communicated via email to league representatives in late June. If you did not receive that email or have other registration-related questions, please reach out to [Danielle Henry via email](#).

What if my league decides to cancel our Fall 2020 season?

If you are a direct member league and you've decided to cancel your fall 2020 season programming, please reach out to [Danielle Henry via email](#) as soon as possible in order to notify MSYSA and identify any next steps.

Fall 2020 State Cup

What is the plan for the upcoming Fall State Cup?

Right now, we are hopeful that soccer will resume in time for an uninterrupted Fall State Cup. Teams have been accepted, match-ups established, and games scheduled.

MSYSA is aware that there will be challenges and concerns related to COVID-19. For now, teams are asked to work together with the goal of getting the preliminary games played August 17 – September 20. If (as) conditions change, so too may the rules, deadlines, etc. MSYSA is prepared to be flexible with reschedule requests relating to COVID-19. Teams should contact StateCup@michiganyouthsoccer.org with questions, concerns, reschedule requests, etc.

As of July 20, the start date for preliminary games is August 17 and the end date is September 20.

As of July 20, tournament rosters are due August 14 – September 18, based on when a team is scheduled for their first State Cup game. Teams should review the State Cup rules for additional information.

State Cup Quarterfinals & Semifinals are currently scheduled for October 3-4 and the Finals are currently scheduled for October 17-18.



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If conditions necessitate further delays, MSYSA may make changes to the format of the tournament. Several scenarios are possible, including advancing only 8 teams per age group (or per division) directly into the Quarterfinals and refunding the rest of the teams, self-scheduling the Quarterfinal and Semifinal rounds, moving the championships games, to outdoor fields, and/or cancelling the tournament. As decisions are made, teams will be notified.

Director's Academy

What's the plan for the 2020 fall season of Director's Academy?

Right now, we are hopeful that soccer will resume in time for an uninterrupted fall season of the Director's Academy. Teams have been accepted, match-ups established, and games scheduled.

MSYSA is aware that there will be challenges and concerns related to COVID-19. For now, teams are asked to work together on scheduling with the goal of getting these games played August 17 – November 15. If (as) conditions change, so too may the rules, deadlines, etc. MSYSA is prepared to be flexible with reschedule requests relating to COVID-19. Teams should contact sarah@michiganyouthsoccer.org with questions, concerns, reschedule requests, etc.

As of July 20, the start date for league games is August 17 and the end date is November 15.

Teams with Canadian-based opponents are advised that the US-Canada border is still closed, and those games should not be scheduled at this time.

As of July 20, MSYSA is in the process of registering teams for the Director's Academy although pass cards and rosters will not be distributed until an undertermined time in the future.

When MSYSA begins to distribute rosters and pass cards, MSYSA will also begin to invoice clubs for the team registration fees (\$275).

National League

What's the plan for the 2020 fall season of National League Conferences?

Right now, US Youth Soccer is hoping/planning for a full fall season. US Youth Soccer has acknowledged that the situation with COVID-19 is always changing and has stated that they are looking into alternative play options for teams that would require less travel and accommodation if a full fall season is not feasible.



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As of July 20, fall divisions have been posted online.

As of July 20, MSYSA is in the process of registering teams for the NLC although pass cards and rosters will not be distributed until an undertermined time in the future.

ODP & ODP 101

What does the cancellation of ODP Regional Camp mean for future Inter-Regional Events? How will those players be selected?

US Youth Soccer has cancelled all ODP Regional Camps. However, US Youth Soccer is hopeful its Fall Inter-Regional Events will take place. Currently, there will be 36 players selected per age group, per gender. State Associations will submit their 36 player rosters for each age group and gender by early August. Shortly after, players will receive invitations to participate in the Inter-Regional Events. We will compose player selection from the following elements:

- USYS State Association identification processes currently underway (2019-2020 State Teams)
- Player's participating in the 2019 USYS ODP Inter-Regional invite process
- USYS ODP consultation with USYS State Technical Directors and leadership to identify emerging talent

If you have further inquiries about US Youth Soccer Regional ODP, please [email Mica Goodrich](#) for assistance.

Since the ID Weekend was cancelled, will there be ODP programming this year?

MSYSA intends on holding an alternative to the ID Weekend event and are currently working out the details regarding rescheduling of age groups, which site(s) may be used, etc. Once that information is decided upon, we will post all relevant registration information to our website and social media channels. We anticipate this information being available soon. Please [email Brandon Francis](#) with specific inquiries regarding ODP.

Tournament Sanctioning

What will happen to my sanctioned tournament and sanctioning fee?

Currently, MSYSA will not sanction or insure any affiliated tournaments through August 31, 2020. However, this could change and be extended. All tournaments that are cancelled due to COVID-19 are eligible for a refund of their Sanctioning Fee/Bond. In order to begin the refund process, Tournament Directors are encouraged to contact Brandon Francis, MSYSA Programs Coordinator, at



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bfrancis@michiganyouthsoccer.org with a refund request for their tournament. MSYSA will not transfer Sanctioning Fees/Bonds to the following seasonal year. Tournaments that are cancelled must reapply for sanctioning in the 2020-2021 seasonal year. We anticipate this being available in September 2020.

Coach Education

What will happen with the US Soccer Coaching Education courses that are currently 'in-session', and those on the horizon?

This decision will be made by US Soccer. Currently, all US Soccer Coaching Education courses hosted by MSYSA have been suspended through August 30, 2020. MSYSA is currently in the process of scheduling courses for the Fall and will announce the new course dates soon. In addition, the National 'C' Course format has changed: Phase 1 will be online-only and begin in September. Phase 2 will be in-person and begin in December. Additional course details for the National 'C' License will be made available on our website in the near future. Refunds by MSYSA will be considered on a case by case basis. Please contact Brandon Francis, bfrancis@michiganyouthsoccer.org for assistance or with questions.

MSPSP

What is the plan for the upcoming Fall MSPSP Season?

We are hopeful that soccer will resume in time for the MSPSP Fall 2020 season. Teams have been registered, divisioned, and currently (7/30) MSPSP has postponed scheduling for the near future. MSPSP will look into an appropriate scheduling period and then proceed. It is very likely MSPSP could have its season start moved to September 1st or later, as determined by the MSPSP Board of Directors.

What is the plan for MSPSP Scheduling?

MSPSP is aware of the concerns and challenges related to COVID-19 during the scheduling process and matches taking place. As a result of the current uncertainty in August – MSPSP has postponed scheduling for the near future until an appropriate period has been designated to resume scheduling prior to matches taking place. Once scheduling begins, MSPSP is cautioning teams to think about scheduling in September, preferably late September, with the likelihood that we could have a Sept 1st or later start date. If (as) conditions change, so too may the rules, deadlines, etc. MSPSP is prepared to be flexible with reschedule requests relating to COVID-19.

As of July 30, MSPSP scheduling is currently postponed until a date in August TBA.



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How can I stay informed with MSPSP?

MSPSP has its preseason information meeting on August 3rd via Zoom. Call information will be sent to club staff as well as posted on the MSPSP website frontpage.

MSPSP also communicates primarily via GotSoccer Club Staff Communications (email). Your club's staff should be added / removed / up to date on your Club page to keep up to date on MSPSP communications. This is important that your club address is also up to date for any MSPSP mailings.

If (as) conditions change, so too may the rules, deadlines, etc. MSPSP is prepared to be flexible with reschedule requests relating to COVID-19. In the event that there are any rule changes – MSPSP will communicate this as well as post this information to our website as applicable.

MSPSP Patches

MSPSP Patches will not be required this Fall 2020 season due to COVID19 concerns with manufacturing/production (we are officially out!) as well as exposure concerns via third party services. We expect to resume the requirement for patches for the Spring 2021 season. If you would like to receive a shipment of patches once available, please contact the MSPSP staff.

Certificates of Insurance

Are we (MSYSA) issuing new Certificates of Insurance?

MSYSA will resume issuing certificates of insurance for outdoor fields only, from Friday, June 5, 2020. Please contact Julie Pearson at jpearson@michiganyouthsoccer.org for assistance or with questions.

Presently we can not issue COI's for the upcoming 2020-2021 season. If you need COI's for the 2020-2021 season email Julie Pearson at jpearson@michiganyouthsoccer.org and they will be issued once our insurers roll over into the new seasonal year. COI's for the 2020-2021 season should be available mid-August 2020.

Are players/team officials covered if they contract COVID-19 at a soccer related activity?

No. MSYSA's secondary medical insurance coverages excludes illnesses, such as COVID-19.



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Guest Player Pass Cards

When will MSYSA be issuing Guest Player Pass Cards again?

MSYSA will not process any Guest Player Pass Card requests until it is deemed safe to return to play. Please contact Julie Pearson at jpearson@michiganyouthsoccer.org for assistance or with questions.

If the Fall season is canceled, can we secure a refund for Guest Player Pass Cards (GPPs) issued for the Fall season issued prior to the temporary pause?

This is not known at the moment. Please contact Julie Pearson at jpearson@michiganyouthsoccer.org for assistance or with questions.

Tournament Only Teams

When will MSYSA be issuing Tournament Only Teams again?

MSYSA will not process Tournament Only Team requests until it is deemed safe to return to play. Please contact Julie Pearson at jpearson@michiganyouthsoccer.org for assistance or with questions.

If clubs are still taking registration for tournaments and they have a registration deadline, can we still get a Tournament Only Team, so their deadline is not missed?

Please contact the Tournament Director. MSYSA will not process Tournament Only Team Requests until it is deemed safe to return to play. Please contact Julie Pearson at jpearson@michiganyouthsoccer.org for assistance or with questions.