



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) as of February 4, 2021*

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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?

Effective February 8, 2021 at 12:01 AM organized contact sports, including soccer, may resume in Michigan, provided **all participants wear facial coverings during practices and competitions**. All participants must maintain 6 feet of social distance from each other when not engaged in play. Gatherings of non-participants for the purpose of observing sports practice and competition must be held consistent with section 3 per the MDHHS [Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253](#) – Gatherings and Face Mask Order. In addition to MDHHS, MSYSA is using guidance from the State of Michigan, CDC, US Youth Soccer, US Soccer, University of Michigan School of Public Health and MSYSA's insurance carrier.

Are the use of facial coverings by all athletes still required?

Yes. Please see MDHHS Executive Order Under MCL 333.2253.

How many cases of COVID-19 have been transmitted as result of MSYSA affiliated youth soccer participation during the Fall 2020 season?

To the best of our knowledge, there were no cases of COVID transmission as a result of MSYSA affiliated youth soccer participation during the Fall 2020 season.



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If I'm a parent/spectator and I witness a suspected violation of MSYSA RTP Guidelines, who do I notify?

Please make contact with your Club COVID Point of Contact and/or your respective Club Representative.

How does MSYSA address/handle alleged violations of the MSYSA RTP Guidelines?

Please see RTP ['3 Strike Policy'](#).

Can a Club, League, MSYSA/MSPSP program/event penalize a team/team officials for non-compliance with MSYSA RTP Guidelines?

Yes. Please see MSYSA RTP ['3 Strike Policy'](#).

Spring 2021 Registration

Are there any changes for Spring 2021 registration for MSYSA direct member leagues (due to COVID-19)?

Information about league registration is available on the [League Registration](#) page of our website. Spring 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 June 2020. 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 Spring 2021 season?

If you are a direct member league and you've decided to cancel your spring 2021 season programming, please reach out to [Danielle Henry via email](#) as soon as possible in order to notify MSYSA and identify any next steps.



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State Cup and Junior State Cup

What's the plan for the 2021 Spring State Cup and Junior State Cup?

As of February 4, MSYSA is planning on full and complete tournaments "like normal". Divisions and brackets have been posted, and scheduling is underway. Go to the Boys State Cup, Girls State Cup or Junior State Cup pages of www.michiganyouthsoccer.org to review the rules, see a calendar of important dates, or view instructions for various tournament tasks.

Director's Academy

What's the plan for the 2021 spring season of Director's Academy?

As of February 4, MSYSA is planning on a full spring season of the Director's Academy "like normal". Tiers and game match-ups will be posted shortly, and scheduling will begin thereafter.

Some have asked if facial coverings will be required for the spring season. The use of facial covering by this spring will most likely be determined by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services as we get closer to spring programming.

Any questions about the spring season of the Director's Academy can be directed to sarah@michiganyouthsoccer.org.

National League

What's the plan for the 2021 spring season of National League Conferences?

As of February 4, US Youth Soccer is planning on a full spring season of the NLC "like normal." Scheduling is currently underway.

Additionally, MSYSA is in the process of registering teams, and distributing rosters and pass cards. Please contact sarah@michiganyouthsoccer.org with questions related to the registration of NLC teams.

ODP, ODP GKA & ODP 101

Where can I find up to date information on ODP?

https://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/ODP/ODP_Overview.htm



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When are ODP 2020-2021 tryouts?

ODP Tryouts have been rescheduled for March 2021, and will be held at the Michigan Stars Sports Center. Please visit the [ODP page](#) on our website to find specific dates and times for each age group.

When will the ODP Player Pools after tryouts be announced?

State Player Pools for each Birth Year will be determined and announced (via Constant Contact email) within one week after the completion of Birth Year's respective training sessions.

Tournament Sanctioning

Is MSYSA currently sanctioning tournaments?

Beginning on February 8, 2021, MSYSA will begin Sanctioning tournaments for 2021. Should changes in MSYSA's RTP guidelines occur, MSYSA may need to rescind or modify a tournament's sanctioning if conditions necessitate. All tournaments are subject to gathering size and spectator restrictions as specified by local health departments and/or the MDHHS. Please contact rtheisen@michiganyouthsoccer.org with any questions you may have regarding your respective tournament.

What does MSYSA expect these sanctioned tournaments to look like in 2021?

MSYSA has been working with the U-M School of Public Health to develop [COVID-19 Tournament Best Practices](#) that can be used by tournament directors to ensure a safe and successful event.

Coach Education

For questions regarding Coach Education, please contact stateoffice@michiganyouthsoccer.org and/or continue to monitor our website and social media platforms for updates.

MSPSP Spring 2021

Where can I find up to date information on MSPSP?

The MSPSP website: www.mspsl.org

When is the MSPSP Spring 2021 Season?

The MSPSP season begins on March 26, 2021 and ends on June 6, 2021.



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Certificates of Insurance

Are we (MSYSA) issuing new Certificates of Insurance?

MSYSA are issuing new Certificates of Insurance. Please contact Julie Pearson at jpearson@michiganyouthsoccer.org for assistance or with questions.

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.

Guest Player Pass Cards

When will MSYSA be issuing Guest Player Pass Cards again?

MSYSA is now processing Guest Player Pass Card requests. Please contact Julie Pearson at jpearson@michiganyouthsoccer.org for assistance or with questions.

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