



# Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) as of December 22, 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?**

Effective at 12:01 AM on December 21, 2020, all MSYSA affiliated training, scrimmages, games, tournaments, supplemental try-outs and in-person open houses in Michigan are suspended through January 15, 2021, 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.

**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.

**Has anything changed as a result of the Michigan Supreme Court's ruling on October 2, 2020, regarding Executive Orders issued (after April 30, 2020) by Governor Whitmer?**

No. MSYSA, and its affiliated clubs and leagues, are subject to MDHHS Emergency Orders. If/when there are any significant changes to MSYSA's Return-To-Play (RTP) Guidelines, this information will be communicated with our affiliated clubs and leagues.



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

Yes. Please see MDHHS Executive Order Under MCL 333.2253.

## **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 December 15, MSYSA is planning on full and complete tournaments "like normal". Applications for both tournaments are currently being accepted. The deadline to apply for both is 12:00 noon on February 1, 2021. Go to the Boys State Cup, Girls State Cup, or Junior State Cup pages of [www.michiganyouthsoccer.org](http://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org) to review the rules, see a calendar of important dates, or to submit an application.

## Director's Academy

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

As of December 15, MSYSA is planning on a full spring season of the Director's Academy "like normal". Over the December and January months, MSYSA will be preparing for the spring season. Clubs will be asked for feedback on tier placement, teams will be split into tiers accordingly, and match-ups will be placed into GotSoccer.

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](mailto:sarah@michiganyouthsoccer.org).

## National League

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

As of December 15, the NLC is well under way preparing for the spring season. Teams have been endorsed by state associations, accepted and divisioned by NLC, and will begin scheduling shortly.

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



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## ODP & ODP 101

Where can I find up to date information on ODP?

[https://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/ODP/ODP\\_Overview.htm](https://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/ODP/ODP_Overview.htm)

### **ODP Tryout Information:**

For participation in the 2020 ODP Tryouts, MSYSA requires that parents complete the [MSYSA Youth Waiver \(COVID-19\)](#) form on behalf of their child. Parents should email completed form(s) to: [stateoffice@michiganyouthsoccer.org](mailto:stateoffice@michiganyouthsoccer.org)

Players and Goalkeepers wishing to participate in the ODP Program should register for ODP Tryouts and attend all training sessions. Players' skill and abilities will be assessed during all training sessions by ODP Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Evaluators. Criteria for selection into the Michigan ODP State Player Pools includes but is not limited to: technical skills, physical abilities, tactical decision-making, attitude/self-awareness, etc.

### **ODP Tryouts**

[https://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/ODP/2020\\_ODP\\_Tryouts.htm](https://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/ODP/2020_ODP_Tryouts.htm)

**Birth Years:** 2004-2009

**Cost:** \$175

**Location:** Michigan Stars Sports Center  
65665 Powell Road, Washington Township, MI 48095

### **Boys Tryout Schedule**

**2004B:** Jan 16<sup>th</sup> & Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm

**2005B:** Jan 16<sup>th</sup> & Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 5-6:45pm

**2006B:** Jan 16<sup>th</sup> & Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 9-10:45pm

**2007B:** Jan 16<sup>th</sup> & Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:45pm

**2008B:** Jan 16<sup>th</sup> & Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 11-12:45pm

**2009B:** Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1-2:45pm & Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 3-4:45pm

### **Girls Tryout Schedule:**

**2004G:** Jan 17<sup>th</sup> & Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 3-4:45pm

**2005G:** Jan 17<sup>th</sup> & Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 5-7pm

**2006G:** Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 3-4:45pm & Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1-2:45pm

**2007G:** Jan 17<sup>th</sup> & Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 11-12:45pm

**2008G:** Jan 17<sup>th</sup> & Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 9-10:45pm

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## 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.

## What is the ODP Goalkeeper Academy?

The ODP GK Academy provides a professional training environment for youth goalkeepers from around Michigan. Training will be focused on developing the goalkeeper through the MSYSA's ODP age-appropriate curriculum.

## Register Here:

[https://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/ODP/Goalkeeper\\_Academy.htm](https://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/ODP/Goalkeeper_Academy.htm)

The MSYSA Goalkeeper Academy Program is not a 'tryout' process.

**Birth Years:** 2004-2010

## Cost:

Full Year Option: \$250 (includes Winter, Spring, Summer)

Half Year Option: \$175.00 (Includes Winter & Spring, Winter & Summer, or Spring & Summer)

Season Only Option: \$100 (Winter, Spring, or Summer)

## Schedule (Winter)

February 7<sup>th</sup> 9-10:45am

February 21<sup>st</sup> 9-10:45am

**Location:** Michigan Stars Sports Center

65665 Powell Road, Washington Township, MI 48095

## Participation Requirements:

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MSYSA reserves the right to deny participation of any child who does not have this waiver completed and on-file with MSYSA. Registration will not be complete until this form is completed and submitted.

## What is ODP 101 Beginner Academy?

The MSYSA ODP 101 Beginner Academy Program is designed to provide additional training



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opportunities to competitive/travel players seeking new challenges and to help identify the level of youth soccer players within Michigan. Training will be focused on developing the players technical, tactical, physical and psycho-social ability.

## Register Here:

[https://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/ODP/101\\_Beginner\\_Academy.htm](https://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/ODP/101_Beginner_Academy.htm)

**Birth Years:** 2009-2013

## Cost:

Full Year Option: \$250 (includes Winter, Spring, Summer)

Half Year Option: \$175.00 (Includes Winter & Spring, Winter & Summer, or Spring & Summer)

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## Tournament Sanctioning

### Is MSYSA currently sanctioning tournaments?

Tournaments are currently not permitted by MSYSA, but as of December, MSYSA has begun to review submitted tournament applications and offer provisional sanctioning for the 2021 Spring and Fall seasons. Should changes in MSYSA's RTP guidelines occur, MSYSA may need to revoke a tournament's sanctioning and shutdown the process. Current restrictions will make the conducting of traditional tournament formats impractical and challenging. Please consider this as you plan and promote your tournaments. Please contact [rtheisen@michiganyouthsoccer.org](mailto:rtheisen@michiganyouthsoccer.org) with any questions you may have regarding your respective tournament.



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## 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 **\*in-person\*** courses hosted by MSYSA have been suspended through December 31, 2020. MSYSA is currently in the process of rescheduling courses for the Fall and will announce new course dates soon. Candidates from D License courses that were suspended due to Coronavirus will be invited to complete the course in a new 'blended' format, which will begin in October and culminate in Spring 2021. Additional online-only grassroots courses (7v7, 9v9, 11v11) will be hosted by MSYSA on various dates from October through December. We will release all registration information once the courses are finalized.

## MSPSP Spring 2021

### **MSPSP SPRING 2021 IMPORTANT DATES:**

MSPSP Team Registration deadline: January 16<sup>th</sup>

MSPSP Player Registration deadline: January 23<sup>rd</sup>

MSPSP Passcard Distribution: March 8<sup>th</sup>

MSPSP Season begins: March 26<sup>th</sup>

MSPSP Season ends: June 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Affiliation Forms & Registration Fees:**

Affiliation Forms & Registration fees should be mailed (preferably) or dropped off to the MSYSA / MSPSP office by January 16<sup>th</sup>. The MSYSA / MSPSP office is currently closed to the public, but registration payments can be slipped under the office door if needed.

9401 General Drive, Suite 130

Plymouth, MI 48170

### **MSPSP REGISTRATION SUMMARY OF REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

The **Registration Deadline** will be **January 16<sup>th</sup>**. The following materials are due:

- **Affiliation Form** for Spring 2020 teams
- **Teams enrolled** in the MSPSP Spring 2020 GotSoccer event (see Event Enrollment/Team Information Submission document)
- **Registration Payment** – One check per club, or online payment per team.
  - Take into consideration your rebate amount from Fall 2020 (information below)

The **MSPSP Player Contract Deadline** will be **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**.



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- **MSPSP Player Contracts** completed via SportsForms
  - Verify the player contract details are valid and match GotSoccer
  - Ensure proof of birth has been submitted

It is the responsibility of the Club OR Affiliating League to submit payment to MSPSP with the League Affiliation Form by the registration deadline.

It is the responsibility of the Club OR Affiliating League to ensure all teams have been registered into the Spring 2020 MSPSP event in GotSoccer

It is the responsibility of the Club OR Affiliating League to ensure all players have completed their MSPSP SportsForm player contracts by the player contract deadline, or those players are deemed late-additions and will require the late-addition fee of \$25 to be added to the roster.

It is the responsibility of the Club OR Affiliating League to ensure all players have submitted valid **PROOF OF BIRTH** at the time of completing the MSPSP SportsForms player contract. Valid proof of birth includes either a passport, birth certificate, certificate of live-birth, or any additional method that proves the birth place of the individual.

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

The MSPSP League Affiliation Form (available on the League Registration page on the MSPSP website) will need to be submitted by the MSPSP registration deadline. On the form, the Club or Affiliating League will need to identify all teams they are affiliating along with the team head coach and referee assignor(s). There should be one form per club, per season.

## **SPRING REGISTRATION FEES:**

**\$550.00 for new teams** (teams that did not participate Fall 2020)

**\$200 for teams returning from Fall 2020** (U13-U15B / U13-U15G returning from Fall 2020).

## **FALL 2020 REBATE:**

There is a rebate (\$50) per team based on MSPSP Fall 2020 participation. This rebate is applied to the **clubs registration cost that is due by January 16th** rather than during team enrollment in GotSoccer (where you select payment via check or online). If registration is paid for online during enrollment, MSPSP will issue a rebate check in the total amount owed to the club after registration. If your club does not participate in MSPSP Spring 2021, MSPSP will issue a rebate check in the total amount owed to the club.

MSPSP will notify clubs of their rebate amounts based on Fall 2020 enrollment as a reminder.

The **rebate amount** will be determined by how many Fall 2020 MSPSP teams the club had. The rebate





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is \$50 per team. For example, for 10 Fall 2020 teams the total rebate amount is \$500.

The **team registration cost** is based off the total cost of your teams (550 for new, 200 for returning).

**Clubs that have an affiliate (GVSA, WMYSA, WSSL, MYSL, MMYSL, CASL, etc) that do not pay direct to MSPSP:** Subtract rebate amount from the team registration cost that is owed to your affiliate. The affiliate will then then pay MSPSP.

**Direct Members who pay directly to MSPSP via check:** Subtract rebate amount from your team registration cost in check to MSPSP due January 16th.

**Direct Members who pay directly to MSPSP via online payment:** MSPSP will issue rebate via check to your club after registration.

## PLAYER REGISTRATION FORMS:

- All players must complete the MSPSP Player Contract through SportsForms.
- Players who participate in the Fall season do NOT need to submit a new player contract in the spring, unless they transfer to a new club.
- Once the MSPSP Player Contract is completed the player is officially committed to the club for the entire seasonal year (fall and spring seasons).
- It is the responsibility of the club to collect the required player/parent concussion form.

## EVENT ENROLLMENT (TEAM REGISTRATION):

- See the document labeled 'Event Enrollment/Team Information Submission' on the MSPSP website for detailed instructions to enter your team into the GotSoccer event and provide divisioning information to MSPSP.
- Team placement (division) information will be submitted digitally.
- In order to participate in Michigan State Premier Soccer Program, all teams must be entered into the GotSoccer event prior to the registration deadline

**Please note:** Filling out a petition for division placement is a request, not a guarantee. The divisioning meeting is available for further adjustments.

## TEAM ROSTER RESTRICTIONS:

- No player can play up more than two age divisions except in the U19 division, where MSPSP designates the lowest division as age-diverse divisions to accommodate 'High School Open' style of play. This includes players U15-U20.
- All MSPSP teams must have a minimum of 14 players and a maximum of 22 players (This does not apply for the U15 Supplemental Division). Exceptions towards the minimum are granted based on a case-by-case evaluation.
- Each team can have a maximum of **four team coaches**, before the 'Additional Coaches Fee' of \$25 is required. This has been increased to allow more flexibility and availability for



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reschedules. Team Managers do not count towards this. This fee is payable on the MSPSP website under the 'Online Payment' section.

- The U19 division will serve as a U19 / U20 division in Spring 2021.

## **DIVISIONS:**

- Girls' age groups for the Spring season are U13, U14 and U15 Supplemental.
- Boys' age groups for the Spring season are U13 through U19/U20.
- The U13 age group in the Spring season will offer Premier 1-3, Classic 1-X, and Regional.
- NLC Qualifying teams from the fall returning to MSPSP will be placed into Premier 1, then Premier 2, then so on based off of performance - unless requested otherwise.
- Statewide teams will follow placement queue behind previous NLC Qualifying teams, and could see placement in the Premier divisions, such as Premier 2 or 3, availability and performance depending.
- Jr State Cup, Premier State Cup and Elite State Cup make a significant impact in divisional placement in addition to past league performance.

## **PLAYER / COACH PICTURES:**

Clubs / teams are to upload pictures to the GotSoccer player/coach profiles. Pictures uploaded to GotSoccer will be automatically printed on passcards. Pictures must be in color and be passport / portrait style. Players risk participation without a clear photo.

## **LATE PLAYER ADDITIONS:**

Effective January 25<sup>th</sup>, if you want to add a player to your roster MSPSP will need the following:

1. MSPSP Player Contract completed in SportsForms
2. Late Addition Fee (\$25.00) – payable online on MSPSP website.
3. Player need to be added to the team in GotSoccer via the club / team
4. Notify MSPSP once these steps are complete to secure player documents.

## **Certificates of Insurance**

### **Are we (MSYSA) issuing new Certificates of Insurance?**

MSYSA is currently not issuing new Certificates of Insurance. Please contact Julie Pearson at [jpearson@michiganyouthsoccer.org](mailto: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**



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## **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](mailto:jpearson@michiganyouthsoccer.org) for assistance or with questions.

## **Tournament Only Teams**

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