



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

MSYSA '3 Strike' Policy

Effective October 2, 2020 and subject to change

As relayed on our October 2, 2020 'Zoom' call, MSYSA has implemented a '3 Strike' Policy as it relates to non-compliance with MSYSA's Return To Play (RTP) guidelines.

Reporting a Violation

To report a violation of the MSYSA RTP guidelines [click here](#). Coaches, Managers, and other Club/Team Officials can access the report form through their GotSoccer account. Parents and players who wish to report a violation must contact their respective club, in writing, who can file the report on their behalf. Referees can/should submit reports of violations via their league/program/event game reports. Leagues receiving violations via game reports from referees should copy the MSYSA State Office at stateoffice@michiganyouthsoccer.org on any notices or warnings, fines, assessed forfeits, or removal of teams from league/event schedules.

Receiving a Violation

When MSYSA receives a report about an alleged violation of the RTP guidelines, the offending team's Club and/or League will receive notice. The league/event are then expected to issue, at minimum, a notice or warning to the team within 48 hours.

MSYSA RTP Violations

- Player(s) not consistently wearing facial coverings.
- Team Official(s) not consistently wearing facial coverings.
- Team Official(s) allegedly not enforcing the use of facial coverings by players and/or team officials.
- Team parents/spectators not consistently wearing facial coverings.
- Attendance restrictions, per RTP guidelines, not adhered to. See MDHHS Emergency Order Under MCL 333.2253 – Gathering Prohibitions & Mask Order.
- Any other incidents (determined by MSYSA) as a violation of MSYSA's RTP guidelines.



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3 Strike Process:

First Offense: Notice or Warning

When MSYSA receives a report about a specific team violating one or more of the following listed above, the report will be shared with the club and league. The club/league must provide acknowledgement of receipt (to MSYSA) within 48 hours, including how they plan to address the situation with the offending team

Second Offense: Violations/Fines

If a report is filed a second time against the same team for violating any of the above, they may be subject to a fine (as determined by MSYSA.) Any fines must be paid to MSYSA prior to the team and/or team official(s) next scheduled match. (Note: Any fines collected by MSYSA will be donated to charitable organizations.)

Third Offense: Forfeits and the Removal from League/Event Schedules

If a report is filed a third time against the same team for violating any of the above, this will result in forfeits and the immediate removal from a league/event schedule is likely.

First Offense Notices and Warnings will not be shared by MSYSA online. However, Second Offense “Violations/Fines” and Third Offense “Forfeits and the Removal from League/Event Schedules” will be shared on MSYSA’s website.