



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) as of January 22, 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 January 16, 2021 at 12:01 AM, **indoor and outdoor gatherings for the purpose of non-contact sports are permitted**, provided that 1) Gatherings do not exceed 25% of the total occupancy limits established by the State Fire Marshal or a local fire marshal; and 2) Participants maintain 6 feet of distance from each other at all times, 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 January 22, 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 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 January 22, 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.

National League

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

As of January 22, 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 with questions related to the registration of NLC teams.



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ODP, ODP GKA & ODP 101

Where can I find up to date information on ODP?

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

ODP Tryout Information:

On January 22, 2021, MDHHS issued an Emergency Order that precludes our ability to conduct ODP Try-outs, ODP 101 and ODP GK sessions through February 21, 2021. Please monitor our website and social media platforms for updates.

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?

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 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.



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MSPSP Spring 2021

Where can I find up to date information on MSPSP?

The MSPSP website: www.mspsl.org

MSPSP SPRING 2021 IMPORTANT DATES:

MSPSP Team Registration deadline: January 16th

MSPSP Player Registration deadline: January 23rd

MSPSP Season begins: March 26th

MSPSP Season ends: June 6th

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 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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