



Western Suburban Soccer League

Coronavirus COVID-19 Statement (4/16/20)

WSSL Members,

On April 15, the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) extended the suspension all soccer activities through May 14 – in addition to canceling the DA and MSPSP seasons completely – and stated the spring tryout date for fall 2020 is still scheduled for June 13. MSYSA will hold a conference call with league and club representatives statewide April 17, but the window to complete a spring season prior to tryouts has been drastically decreased.

Due to limited field availability and early reports of entire teams already withdrawing from spring activities, WSSL had already canceled the spring 2020 recreational season on April 5. WSSL is now **canceling the spring 2020 SELECT season**. Thank you to the clubs with select teams who responded with their interest in participating this spring, but the narrowed timeline and other logistics of implementing a season compounded to force this decision.

We do encourage clubs at both the recreational and select to run in-house programs, in-house summer leagues and/or summer camps within their individual clubs for as many age groups as possible once MSYSA and each individual club deems it safe. Even if MSYSA deems it safe to play starting May 15, it is up to each individual club as to whether to start programs then or delay that start further. As needed, please work together with clubs located adjacent to yours in order to allow teams to find field space and players to play a few friendly games this spring if everything is deemed safe. Once MSYSA deems it safe to play, WSSL will reach out at that time to clubs to coordinate a contact list of recreational and select teams that would be available for scheduling friendlies. Other alternatives in the meantime could be digital training videos or planning future summer camps.

MSYSA will refund fees for those teams not participating in soccer activities this spring season. The WSSL treasurer will send out checks by April 30 for any club account that has a credit due to their 80 percent payment. However, clubs who plan to host in-house programs or friendlies this spring and would need MSYSA insurance for new players should **contact WSSL Treasurer Dominic King at treasurer@wsslsoccer.org to inform him by April 24** of the number of team officials and players that will be participating, so WSSL holds the MSYSA fees associated to new team officials and players. If your club does not plan on any activities this spring, no action is needed and a full refund check will be mailed to your club.

It's with a heavy heart that we cancel the spring 2020 season in full, but it is what is best for our soccer community. Please take care of your families this spring and we'll see everyone out at the fields for tryouts leading into the fall 2020 season.

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