



# SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH SOCCER



## Executive Director Report

June 9, 2020

Phase 2- goes into effect once an individual club completes Tryout process- normal practice sessions permitted and in-house scrimmaging. No travel outside SC permitted.

Seasonal Calendar submitted for approval

Event locations determined by referees, facilities and cost savings for SCYSA

League end dates moved earlier in November due to Covid situation

ODP summer sessions (spring make-up) being explored by age group coaches

Coaching Education dates for completion of D course (13 candidates) July 31-August 2 in Columbia. Still finalizing the location and facilities.

League registration is now open.

Working on the scheduling meeting Sunday August 2 parameters – virtual, live, state scheduling or a combination.

Publix items delivered to Kevin Kollegger on Saturday May 30 for distribution. ED reaching out to Piedmont Board members for continued distribution in the next two weeks.

June 17-24, 2021 Southern Regional Championships will be held in Greer SC at MeSA.

Executive Director proposes combining the Cups Committee with the Leagues Committee into a Competition Committee to avoid duplicative efforts.

Thank you



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## WAIVER/RELEASE FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19

### ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate on behalf of *South Carolina Youth Soccer Association* athletic programming and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe and any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS (insert name of sports organization) their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.**

Name of participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed \_\_\_\_\_

### **FOR SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/ward's presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent guardian/signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed \_\_\_\_\_

The signed waiver/release should be kept on file by the sports organization for at least 7 years and possibly longer if the player has contracted a serious illness.



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## Return to Play –Practices and Scrimmages

PHASE 2 starts upon completion of the individual club tryouts

### Activities Permitted (dates and information subject to change)

- Practices/Trainings of single teams on each field. No more than 11 players and coaches present on each half of the field (Full size). Smaller field sizes – see below. No more than 50 people on adjacent fields unless reasonable space exists.
- See below for recommendations.
- Scrimmages
- Goal keeper training

Activities Prohibited- matches between clubs, tournaments and jamborees. No team travel outside of South Carolina in Phase 2

### Limitations on Activities-

*Coverage for medical/general liability under current 2019-2020 SCYSA insurance contract*

### Club Responsibilities

- Before a Club may begin to return to play, it must publish a notice to all players, parents and soccer families outlining the risks of returning and detailing how the Club intends to minimize or eradicate those risks. The notice shall prohibit any player or family member to attend (including dropping off and picking up a player) any soccer activity if either they or any member of their household has had an onset of illness with symptoms consistent with, suspected or confirmed to be COVID-19 within the previous 14 days.
- Club personnel may not be involved in any manner in the activity if either they or any member of their household has had an onset of illness with symptoms consistent with, suspected or confirmed to be COVID-19 within the previous 14 days.
- All Club personnel and Coaches are recommended to wear facemasks.
- Clubs are recommended to provide hand sanitizer at each bench area
- Clubs are recommended to organize a pick-up and drop-off area for players to minimize social contact between players and members of different families.
- Clubs are recommended to organize “stations” for each player at or around the bench area that are at least 6 feet apart in which players must keep all of their belongings. They shall be advised to return to their “station” only during breaks. ILLUSTRATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY CLUB
- No more than 11 players together on each half of a full size field-keep the player groups separate. No more than 9 players per half on a 9 v 9 field (50x80 ft). No more than 7 players per half on a 7 v 7 field (40x70 ft).
- Athletic trainers are recommended for any training/practice/scrimmage.

### Coach Responsibilities

- Before any and all activity (e.g. practice, tryout session, etc...) it is recommended that the temperature of each coach and player should be checked with an infrared thermometer and each individual must be asked and answer these questions
  - Have you been in contact with a person with COVID 19?
  - Have you had a cough, fever, or loss of taste or smell?

If anyone answers YES to any of these questions, they shall not be permitted to participate.

- Recommended if possible that the same coach work with the same group or individual players for contact tracing capability.
- It is highly recommended that activities last no more than one (1) hour. Fatigue brought on by physical activity renders an individual more vulnerable to the virus. Excessive activities, especially in the heat of the summer, should be avoided.
- Coaches only shall be permitted to touch training discs and cones.
- If training bibs or pinnies are needed, players must bring their own colored shirts. For example, a coach should require each player to bring or wear a dark and a light t-shirt to play. If for any reason a training bib or pinnie is used by a player, it must be immediately isolated (put into a separate laundry bag) and not used again by any other individual unless and until it is laundered.
- Physical contact outside the game must be strictly avoided.
- Players must use a sanitized soccer ball cleaned prior to the activities.

### Player Responsibilities

- Players recommended to wear masks prior to and immediately after training.
- Players required to strictly observe social distancing when not in play (6-10ft).
- Players required to only go to their “station” when not engaged in play.
- Players wash or sanitize their hands prior to and immediately after training
- Players are recommended to wash their clothes and bath immediately up returning home.
- Players recommended to NOT share drinks, food, equipment or clothing at any time.
- Contact outside of play (e.g. high 5s, hugs, etc.) should be avoided at all times.
- If player is diagnosed with Covid -19 or resides with someone diagnosed with Covid-19 then the player is required to quarantine for 14 days.
- Player diagnosed with or living with a person diagnosed with Covid 19 is recommended to share that information with the coach so contact tracing may be used to limit possible exposure.

### Parent Responsibilities

- Avoid carpooling. Only members of the same family should be in a vehicle together
- Recommended that only one parent accompany player to the complex for practice.
- Parents should have hand sanitizer available for their children before and after each session.
- Parent shall remain in their cars during all activities. They may not congregate at or around the field. If they leave their car for any reason (e.g. to use a restroom) they must wear a facemask and observe social distancing.
- If parents feel the need to communicate with a coach then it is recommended via telecommunications or email.

Governors’ McMaster Order on [Guidelines for Reopening Athletic Fields and Resuming Youth Sports - FINAL.pdf](#)

US Youth Soccer and SCYSA are dedicated to protecting the health and safety of all people. The purpose of this document is to provide our member clubs, coaches, players and their families with information they can use to assist them with developing their return to training programs in the context of COVID-19. As a guideline meant to be used by athletes and organizations with vastly different resources, this document cannot be prescriptive; rather, it should spark thoughtful deliberation among athletes, coaches and staff, who will use this information to create their own unique return to training plan that is specific to their situation. Many of the recommendations rely upon rules and regulations set forth by public health authorities, which will be different across the country. In addition to the logistical challenges of returning to training following COVID19.

The information in this document is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. All content, including text, graphics, images and information, are provided for general informational purposes only. The knowledge and circumstances around COVID-19 are changing constantly and, as such, US Youth Soccer/SCYSA makes no representation and assumes no responsibility for the completeness of this information. Further, you should seek advice from medical professionals and/or public health officials if you have specific questions about your return to training and competition.

Club members, players, parents and the youth soccer community at-large seeking information on general play should adhere to social gathering and distancing policies, guidelines, recommendations and mandates of state and local health and government officials, and your facility. Special considerations should be made for transitional periods between groups when overlap and crowding is more likely to occur. Be prepared to adhere to six-foot social distancing measures, as defined by the CDC. In addition, the following online resources are available including, [WHO Coronavirus Website](#), and the [CDC Coronavirus Website](#). The International Olympic Committee has also developed specific advice for athletes, including a statement from the [IOC Medical and Scientific Director, Dr. Richard Budgett](#). We encourage you to follow the travel, prevention, testing, and treatment recommendations of the CDC. For the latest updates and resources on the coronavirus, go to the [CDC Situation Summary](#).



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## EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR COVID -19 FALL LEAGUE PLAY 2020

### **Stage 1** (50 + people permitted) *social distancing required*

Normal 11 v 11 play

Spectators may be limited on the touchline to no more than the remainder of the gathering limits provided under State order.

### **Stage 2** (maximum of 50 people permitted) *social distancing required*

Normal 11 v 11 play

Spectators should be excluded from sitting/standing along the touchline but may sit/stand six feet off the line and six feet from each other as above (social distance). Only team members, coaches and referees permitted in and around the field location. Clubs may choose to paint a single line parallel to the spectator touchline with six feet between the two lines. Total number of spectators may be limited to maintain compliance. Video streaming recommended by Team manager/Parent from the touchline.

### **Stage 3** (maximum of 30 people permitted)

11 v 11 play reduced to 9 v 9 play on full size field same match lengths.

Only players with coaches and referees are permitted around the field of play. Roster attendance limited to no more than 12 players on the bench side and 1 coach per team with referee crew (3) social distancing required.

Players not engaged in the match can wait in their vehicles until 2d half.

No spectators permitted around the field location.

Video streaming recommended by Team manager/Parent from the touchline.

### **Stage 4** (suspended play)

An order by the State or Federal government prohibiting social gathering of more than 20 people will automatically suspend league play. League schedule is deemed complete if league is suspended. Post-season play may be moved to spring 2021. Format of post season may be altered to accommodate soccer/public environment.

## Post Season Emergency Action Plan Fall 2020

If Fall league season is suspended and thereby deemed complete the following options may be considered for post –season play.

**Open Cup-** this event as formatted (Group play) will be cancelled. If the demand exist in the spring then SCYSA will attempt to schedule a 1<sup>st</sup> round elimination match for any returning teams with seeding based on league standings and a Final 4 event as described below. SCYSA reserves the right to make any necessary changes to the format to ensure compliance and safety of the participants. Cost of this offering is yet to be determined.

**President's Cup-** this event format will take the top 8 teams from the league standings and complete a 1<sup>st</sup> round single elimination in the spring preferably after high school soccer has ended. Higher seed will host match unless there is a reasonable location provided by SCYSA if conflict exist with either team. Conflicts cover facilities, trainers, bathrooms, spectator barriers (fences, parking area etc...).

There will be a Final 4 round which may be divided by gender, age or for compliance to any existing social gathering orders in place or recommendations by US Youth Soccer for hosting soccer events in the spring of 2021. SCYSA reserves the right to make any necessary changes to the format to ensure compliance and safety of the participants. Cost of this offering is yet to be determined.

**State Cup-** see above as the same language applies. Cost included in league fee.

**Fall Festival-** this event will be cancelled. If there is a complete *return to play* in the spring then this event will be renamed “Spring Festival” and offered to our recreation community in the month of April if possible. This event is FREE.

Approval date\_\_\_\_\_

# SC Youth Soccer 2020 – 2021 Calendar

## Fall 2020

### June 2020

- Deadline to inform SC Youth of acceptance of NL-PC spots – June 1
- Tryouts and Evaluations may begin – June 13
- ODP Training (tentative)
- Deadline to inform SC Youth of acceptance of promotion spots – June 24

### July 2020

- League Registration Deadline – July 24
  - Open, PMSL, Challenge, Jim Hudson 9 v 9

### August 2020

- League Scheduling Meeting – Sunday August 2 (virtual/live or state office scheduling possible)
  - Open, PMSL, Challenge, Jim Hudson 9 v 9 ( Fall only )
- League Play can start – August 15
  - Open, PMSL, Challenge

### September 2020

Academy and Select Player Registrations due – September 14

### October 2020

- Recreation Player Registration Due – October 16

### November 2020

Open League endplay date – November 1

PMSL endplay date – November 1

Fall Festival – November 7- Saturday (one day only)

- Application November 1
- Roster Deadline November 3

SCSCL endplay date – November 8

Open Cup – November 14-15 (MeSA)  
Entry Deadline – November 3  
Roster Deadline November 12  
Rain date December 5-6 (MeSA)

EAP Covid date Spring May 1-2 (TBD)

PMSL Cup – November 14-15 (MeSA)

Entry deadline –November 3

Roster Freeze Date is 48 hours prior to start of cup play (November 12)

Rain date December 5-6 (MeSA)

If PMC is cancelled for Covid or no available rain date after December 4-5, 2020 then event moved to May 2021 with a single elimination 1<sup>st</sup> round starting May 1, 2021 and ending May 16. (Cup seeding based on standings)

- EAP Covid date May 22-23, 2021
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round of SCSCCL Cup – start date November 11 thru December 6, 2020
  - Roster Freeze Date is 48 hours prior to start of first round play (tentatively November 11)

State Cup date –December 12-13, 2020

Rain date January 23-24 2021

- If State Cup is cancelled in December for Covid or no available rain date after January 23-24, 2021 then event moved to May 2021 with a single elimination 1<sup>st</sup> round starting May 1, 2021 and ending May 16. Any 1<sup>st</sup> round matches completed in the Fall of 2020 will count towards elimination regardless of event final date. Once Freeze date passes no player movement permitted. (State Cup format seeding based on standings)

EAP Covid date Spring May 22-23, 2021-STATE CUP-see below

## **Spring 2021**

### January 2021

- ODP Sub Regional Event – January 2 -3
- Open, PMSL, SCSCCL League Registration Deadline – January 5 (Tuesday)
- Scheduling Meetings – January 10 (Sunday)
  - Open, PMSL, SCSCCL, Jim Hudson 9v9 (spring season)
- Open, PMSL, SCSCCL League Play Start – January 23, 2021
- New Academy and Select Player Registrations Due – January 30

### February 2021

- ODP Training Date – February
- New Recreation Player Registration Due – February 28

### March 2021

- AGM – March 6
- ODP Training Date – March

### April 2021

- Affiliation for 20/21 Season Due April 1
- League Play Ends – April 18

- Open League
- ODP Training Date – April
- League Play Ends – April 18
  - PMSL
- League Play Ends – April 25
  - SCSCCL/Jim Hudson
- Open Cup – April 24-25
  - Application Deadline – April 18
  - Roster Deadline April 22
  - Rain Date May 1 -2
- PMSL Cup – April 24 -25
  - Application Deadline – April 18
  - Roster Freeze Date is 48 hours prior to start of cup play (tentatively April 22)
  - Rain Date May 1 – 2

#### May 2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> Round of SCSCCL Cup (13U /14U) – start date April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Roster Freeze Date is 48 hours prior to start of first round (tentatively April 26)
- Academy Cup – May 1 -2
  - Application Deadline – April 25
  - Roster Deadline is April 29
- Jim Hudson Cup – May 1 -2 (combined w Academy Cup in separate division)
- Tryouts for 8U-12U academy teams may begin – May 3
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round of SCSCCL Cup/PMC (15U-19U if EAP Covid in effect) – start date May 1st through May 16th
  - Roster Freeze Date is 48 hours prior to start of first round (tentatively April 29)
- SCSCCL Cup- May 8-9 (13U/14U)
- SCSCCL/President’s Cup – May 22-23 (15U-19U) only if fall cups are cancelled for EAP Covid
  - Rain Date – May 29-30, 2021 or June 5-6 , 2021
- Tryouts for 13U-19U classic teams may begin – May 10 unless EAP Covid then May 24
- ODP Training Date – May