



URGENT UPDATE - March 25, 2020 IMMEDIATE ACTION ON COVID-19 (coronavirus)

COVID-19 (coronavirus) has now been declared pandemic and NCYSA is implementing actions to care for the health and wellness of our players, coaches, families, administrators and referees. The following action has been taken:

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, March 25, 2020, the NCYSA Executive Board has EXTENDED THE SUSPENSION OF ALL NCYSA SANCTIONED EVENTS, THIS INCLUDES BUT NOT LIMITED TO GAMES, TRAINING (PRACTICES) TOURNAMENTS, PERMISSION TO TRAVEL and ALL LEVELS OF PLAY (Classic, Challenge and Recreation) UNTIL APRIL 12, 2020. *(It is the belief of the Executive Board it will be much easier for our members to extend the suspensions versus trying to rescind if the pandemic improves)*

It is imperative you share this information with your players, parents, coaches, administration, referee assignors, and playing field contacts. We advise everyone to use best practices and common sense when it comes to the safety of our soccer community.

PLEASE NOTE: The NCYSA medical and liability insurance does not cover any incidents/claims that may occur during the mandated suspension of sanctioned events.

UPDATES:

- The Executive Board will continue to monitor the status each week and will communicate any additional actions being taken. NCYSA continues to communicate with US Youth Soccer and the US Soccer Federation
- **League Play season has been extended to June 15th** to hopefully give our teams/players the opportunity to get back on the field and complete their spring season schedule. It is also our hope that recreation leagues will be able to provide play a spring season with the extension of the spring season
 - This will impact some deadlines for our 2020-2021 Classic Season
 - New date for Association Commitment Form deadline July 6th
 - Online Intent to Play deadline July 10th
 - Tryout information is still under consideration and we will let you know as soon as it has been determined.
- Teams 13U and above will be allowed to schedule two matches a day when/if play resumes
- If there are NCYSA sanctioned tournaments to be held in North Carolina during the suspension they will be contacted and advised of the suspension. If your team was scheduled to attend one of these events, please reach out to the event tournament director
- NCYSA will not approve Notification to Travel for teams wanting to travel out of state during the suspension.
- The NCYSA Youth Academy Showcase has been **CANCELLED**. Teams and/or associations will be refunded the entry fee.
- The US Soccer Federation has **cancelled/discontinued all coaching education courses until May 1st**. We had several courses scheduled and NCYSA will work to reschedule as many as possible.
- US Youth Soccer has **cancelled the USYS ODP National Championships** to be hosted in Tennessee.
- April 5th ODP training is **CANCELLED**
- National League Piedmont Conference games are currently cancelled through April 15th and they are working with USYS to determine if there will be an extension
- The Executive Board in conjunction with the VP of Tournaments and Travel will continue to evaluate the possibility of a modified State Cup:
 - **The Singer Cup has been CANCELLED** and teams are being refunded.
 - Currently the Prelims for the Kepner and USYS Cups have been **cancelled**. Teams and/or Associations will receive the entry fee refund.
 - The Executive Board would still like to provide a Final Four, if possible, on May 30-31, 2020.
 - Teams would advance to the Final Four by league play – this is still in discussion and additional information will be provided when determined.
 - NCYSA has been in touch with USYS about the Southern Regionals and the Presidents Cup Regionals. We do not know if they will move forward with hosting those events but will keep you posted.

*Please stay safe and use best of practices during this very difficult time,
The NCYSA Executive Board*