



The importance of community is a founding principle of the Illinois Alliance. We strive to make decisions that benefit our players, families, clubs, and our greater community, both on and off the field.

With that principle in mind and due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in central Illinois, the Illinois Alliance has taken the decision to cancel summer tryouts.

In addition, Illinois Alliance will not offer a team for trapped players (8th grade boys born in 2006) this fall in order to limit travel and exposure to all players. If you are a trapped year player, please speak to your DOC about the playing options that are available to you.

We remain optimistic that the COVID situation will improve and soccer will be back this winter. Assuming this is true, our plans for the inaugural Illinois Alliance winter season remain unchanged. We still plan to form teams at each high school age and will begin training and playing starting in November 2020.

In preparation, our coaches will begin the process at the end of this month of loosely forming teams based on player registrations, prior knowledge of players, and the input of Alliance DOCs. Supplemental tryouts will be held closer to winter. All players interested in the Alliance will have the ability to demonstrate their skills and be considered for selection prior to the start of the season.

In order to facilitate our planning and ensure our teams are as strong as possible, we ask any interested players to register at <https://www.illinoisalliance.club/sign-up>. There is no cost to register. Registration does not guarantee a spot on a team but is required in order to be considered and assessed. Preferences will be given to players who register now over those who only attend the supplemental tryouts in Winter.

If you had signed up for tryouts previously, you are already registered as an interested player and do not need to sign up again. Additionally, all tryout fees previously collected are being refunded.



One of the benefits of our alliance is our flexibility. With the resources, facilities, and coaching expertise of three clubs at our disposal, we can respond to these challenging times differently than we can alone.

The Illinois Alliance is not built for the short term, and we will work to mutually benefit our players and communities long after COVID passes.

To the players who have already registered: we can't wait to set new standards for soccer in central Illinois. To those who are not yet registered, we encourage you to take the next step: Join the Alliance!

