



Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease) - **UPDATE**

Monday, March 16, 2020

Dear MASA Community:

I have received a new recommendation from Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA), today, regarding the start of our spring 2020 season. **WYSA is now asking clubs to suspend all soccer activities (e.g., team meetings, practices, matches, etc.) now until April 30th.** Based on this directive, MASA will follow suit with this formal request.

What does this mean for MASA? In short, we will continue to register Recreational and Competitive players as normal. (Registration for competitive high school Boys and Girls is forthcoming... Please look for an email update from me later this week.) In the event WYSA cancels the spring soccer season all together, MASA's registrar can easily refund all families that have paid in full. So, please, do not hesitate to register your player following the directions in the registration email invite you received this past weekend.

Further, it was MASA's plan to start competitive 14U Boys and Girls practices the Week of March 23rd. In addition, MASA planned to start competitive 12U Boys and Girls practices the Week of April 6th. Finally, competitive 10U Co-ed practices were scheduled to begin the Week of April 20th. (High school Boys and Girls practices are not scheduled to start until the Week of June 8th.) That said, I will work with competitive coaches to come up with a plan to engage our players at-a-distance, so they can train, independently, in order to be most prepared for when we can finally bring our competitive teams together for the season. At present, I am looking at a virtual training option as a possibility. But, at the very least, players should be able to carry out minimum coach-created workouts on their own to re-engage with our shared sport and build upon their skills. Recreational players, on the other hand, will start their practices the Week of May 4th.

MASA's registrar, recreational coordinator, competitive coordinator, board, and I, are diligently working to manage and forecast all things COVID-19/coronavirus disease as it impacts our forthcoming soccer season. As always, if you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at president@menomoneieareasoccer.org I/we are here to make this transition, despite the unanticipated difficulties, as smooth as possible.

Thank you,

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