



17 April 2020—Spring Season Status Update—Spring 2020 Season Cancelled

Dear KYSA Families,

I hope that you are all doing well--and that you are all staying healthy and safe during this challenging and uncertain time.

Due to the ongoing public health risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Spring 2020 Soccer season has been cancelled. All KYSA Spring 2020 registrations will be refunded in full.

KYSA and the other clubs of the Northeast Freedom Youth Soccer League (NEFYSL) voted unanimously to make this decision after extensive consideration of current CDC guidelines and ongoing directives from local, state, and federal leaders and public health officials. We also worked in consultation with EPYSA recommendations. Ultimately, we made this decision as clubs and as a league to protect the health and safety of our players, our coaches, our referees, and our families.

I know that this news is disappointing, as we were all holding out hope of preserving, in some way, the joy and fun of soccer for our kids this spring—especially after they have had to sacrifice so much of their normal spring rites and routines already. However, I know we also stand together in recognizing the complexity and seriousness of this global public health issue, and that we all look forward to gradually returning to community sports and activities some time relatively soon.

The KYSA board and the other clubs of NEFYSL are actively planning and preparing for the Fall 2020 season, and we are excited and hopeful about bringing soccer back for our kids and for our community. We will be proceeding with Fall 2020 registration along the usual timelines, and we will reach out to KYSA families about Fall 2020 registration in the coming weeks. However, we recognize that we will need to be flexible and adaptive, as evolving responses to the COVID-19 pandemic may impact traditional August start dates for the Fall season. We will continue to work collaboratively with the other clubs of NEFYSL and in consultation CDC guidelines and ongoing directives from local, state, and federal leaders and public health officials as we work to finalize plans and timelines for the Fall 2020 season. We will also be monitoring EPYSA recommendations for additional perspective and guidance. We will continue to keep you updated on our progress and plans.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the KYSA Board if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks, everyone. Take care--and stay safe.

Best,

Tom

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