



School of GINGA

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TOTAL GINGA ACADEMY CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PREVENTION POLICIES

School of GINGA (GINGA) believes that the health and safety of our players, coaches, and families are our highest priority. We will continue to monitor and respond to guidance from health officials regarding COVID-19. The following policies are effective immediately and until further notice.

League Games & Tournaments Suspended Through April 15th

The Ohio South Youth Soccer Association issued this statement on March 12 around 4PM:

“In a coordinated effort with USYS and U.S. Soccer, Ohio South will suspend with immediate effect all Ohio South State league games, OSYSA Cup games, ODP, TOPSoccer, and coaching education until April 15. Ohio South further recommends member leagues and clubs follow the same course of action. All other activities, including tournaments and team training, should assess a course of action on a case-by-case basis.”

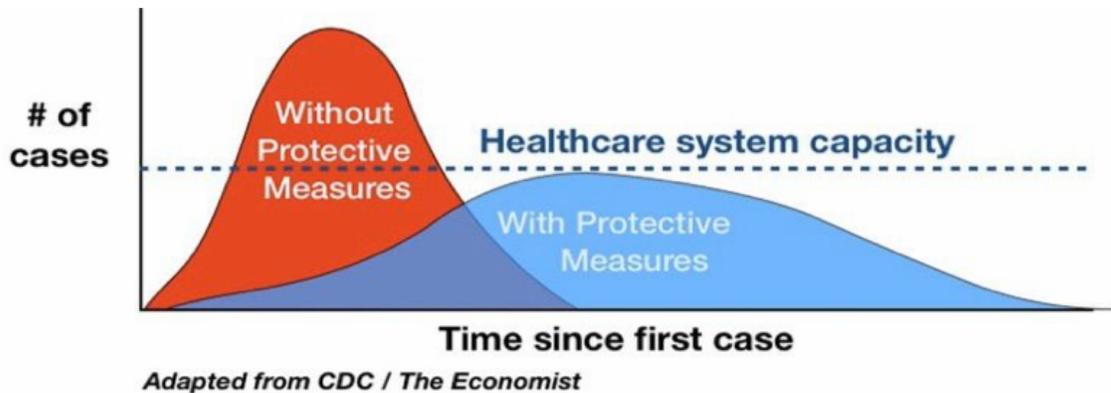
- The leagues we play in, Buckeye and EPL, have both suspended all games through April 15. We do not know if those games will be rescheduled later in the season.
- Tournaments scheduled between March 12 and April 15 have been or will likely be canceled.

Taking Protective Measures

The guidance from the CDC has been to take Protective Measures to “flatten the curve” and control the spread of COVID-19 in order to not overwhelm our healthcare system and reduce risk for our community overall. In addition to increased personal hygiene awareness, decisions to close schools and universities, cancel pro sports and conventions, and ban gatherings of over 100 people are all significant steps being taken to flatten the curve.



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What level of Protective Measures is enough?

The decision on whether to cancel training is not one we take lightly. Pro sports events draw tens of thousands of people from diverse areas and create unpredictable exposure. Mike DeWine (Ohio Governor) recently prohibited gatherings of 100 people or more. This ban applies to indoor gatherings in arenas. School of Ginga trainings occur at one location at Game On Sports Complex. As you are aware other sports organizations also train at this location which can often lead to 100+ people at the location.

Overabundance of Caution

In the end, we've made the difficult decision to suspend training as part of an overabundance of caution. As of now we are planning to return back to normal trainings on April 3, 2020. If the date must be moved back we will inform all.



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When we resume, Ginga will observe the following precautions based on [CDC Guidance for Community Organizations](#) :

- Any player, coach, parent, or family member that has tested positive for COVID-19, believes he/she has been exposed to COVID-19, or shows flu-like symptoms must refrain from attending club activities for at least 14 days.
- At training and in games, players and coaches will not participate in any handshakes, fist bumps, high fives, team cheers, or other unnecessary activities that would result in close contact with others.
- Players may not share water with a teammate.
- Parents who attend training or games should limit close contact with others (~6 feet).

Players, coaches, parents, and family members should follow the general [CDC recommendations](#) for prevention, which include:

- Stay home when you are sick or feeling ill.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and dry your hands thoroughly. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
- Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.