



## The Wisconsin Rapids Kickers

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Dear Kickers Families and Friends,

First I hope you are healthy and staying active as much as possible during these unique times. I want to provide an update to you in regard to the operation of the Kickers due to COVID-19. Tomorrow the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) will be sharing the U.S. Soccer plan, adopted by WYSA, to reopen soccer clubs around the State of Wisconsin. U.S. Soccer's plan, "Play On", will be the guidelines we will follow over the upcoming months.

Currently we are in Phase 0 of the plan. This includes possible virtual practices and individual drills at home. Our coaches and facilities still remain closed. WYSA has given clubs in the state the ability to move to Phase 1 which includes practices with one coach, a maximum of nine athletes (cohort group), and social distancing being maintained at all times. At this time, the Kickers have **NOT** moved to Phase 1. We are currently surveying our coaches for their preferences. There are many new expectations upon the club, coaches, and families that we need to complete as we begin progressing through these phases. [Please see this communication from WYSA for more details.](#)

The Kickers Board will be meeting on Monday, June 15th to determine our local progression through the protocols. We can only move onto the next phase when given permission by WYSA. This is to maintain our insurance coverage for the club and athletes. One option for the club is to wait until Phase 2. Phase 2 is similar to Phase 1, however, coaches may have their entire team practice at the same time, still maintaining social distancing. Close contact, scrimmages, and possible local games will not occur until Phase 3.

US Soccer has created a website with great information at <https://www.ussoccer.com/playon/>. The chart here is a quick summary of the phases.

Based upon these phases, it will probably be about 6 to 12 weeks before we are allowed the local option to move to Phase III: Full Team Competitions.



So what does this mean for you and your athlete?

- We will communicate information on our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#). Also coaches will be contacting you when practices resume.
- A decision will be made by the Kickers Board on June 15th on the direction of the Club on moving to Phase 1 or waiting until Phase 2.
- Athletes are not required to participate in phases 1 or 2. Participation is a family decision.
- We are working with the Central Wisconsin Soccer League (CWSL) for a possible fall soccer season.
- We will not allow overnight travel tournaments to occur this Fall (if WYSA sponsors any tournaments). All tournaments must be within a day travel distance.

The new soccer season officially begins August 1. The board will soon be discussing registration for 2020-21. This includes when registration will open, initial costs, and deadlines to register. This information will hopefully be shared by July 1.

Lastly, I want you to know we are working on processing refunds and credits due to the lost Spring soccer season. This is a manual, extremely time consuming initiative for an all volunteer board. Please bear with us as we work through this process.

We are doing everything we can to provide our community with youth soccer programming and open the Washington Fields as soon as it is safe to do so. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope to see you all soon on the pitch!

If you have any questions, I can be contacted via [email](#) or text at 608-432-5454.

On behalf of the Kickers Board,

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