



ODFC Return to Play Update

Summer/Fall 2020



Old Dominion Football Club strives to create an educationally based, enjoyable, pressure free learning environment with a high degree of professional and ethical standards. Even during these trying times we continue to work together to plan our eventual return to the field.

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Our Decision Making Sources

- ODFC has relied on valuable sources of information during the current crisis; the federal government, local/county government, CDC, USSF (US Soccer governing body) and our state soccer governing body, the Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA).
- VYSA is currently working on specific protocols/guidelines to get our kids back playing again when the time comes.
- ODFC will receive and review these protocols/guidelines and augment them with our own set of standards to be applied as we move forward.
- All of these measures to be instituted have one focus in mind, to keep our kids, families and coaches safe.



Soccer School Update

- Plans continue to provide training/playing options for our Little Friends, Jr. RTP, RTP and Future Stars this summer.
- Sessions and games will most likely be held on the weekends and will consist of structured play and “free-play” opportunities for our kids.
- We will announce final schedule and location once we get the word fields are open.
- Looking ahead, the Fall 2020 season will begin in mid-August as opposed to early September.
- Spring 2020 registration fees are being deferred to the fall 2020 season.



ODFC Cesena – Travel & SFL Teams Update

- All league play is “on-hold” until further notice. Indications are that the structured league games will not be resumed until the fall 2020 season.
- The summer training and scrimmage schedule will be released once we receive word that fields are to re-open.
- Our plan continues to be to have “team” pre-season camps the 1st week of August with the field training for the fall season beginning in mid-August.
- Travel and SFL teams are expected to keep the spring 2020 rosters intact as the possibilities for structured open tryouts are limited.
- Coaches may hold “walk-on” tryouts during their fall pre-season camps/training sessions.



Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL)

-Many of the 130 clubs (including ODFC) have cancelled their WPSL season this summer due to the COVID-19 crisis. This unprecedented situation has forced WPSL Directors to re-think season options and are formulating a plan to move forward.

-Our WPSL Coach, Manya Puppione, is being fully informed of the situation and is planning to get our local players out on the field as soon and possible for pre-fall season training.



ODFC Financial Policy-Travel Teams

-ODFC continues to focus on serving our membership base through the COVID-19 pandemic and in the future. As with the majority of youth clubs around the world we are subject to fixed costs and numerous expenses. Expenses include operating costs that are incurred regardless of team play or outdoor activities.

-ODFC is strongly committed to retaining our coaches and administrators as they all play an invaluable role in the survival and growth of the club.

- The club's financial policies will not be altered and no refunds will be issued. We as a club will work with individual coaches and administrators to implement a deferment process that may apply a portion of the spring 2020 fees to the fall 2020 season. Individual Coaches/Administrators will be contacted to review this protocol.



Closing

- All of us at ODFC are hoping for the same thing; a quick end to this pandemic that has adversely affected so many lives around the world.
- ODFC continues to plan and organize to begin training operations as quickly as possible.
- We will provide another update in mid-May.
- Stay safe!