

Good evening CSFC Members,

We would like to provide an update with where things are with the club and the 2020 Fall Rec season.

The CFSC board members have been constantly monitoring all the COVID-19 situations and have been meeting regularly to discuss plans moving forward the best we can with the information provided to us.

With the state of things constantly adjusting, we are doing our best as board volunteers to stay in front of everything.

## **Status of Fall Season**

At the moment we are currently planning to move forward with the fall soccer season. We are following the SSUL, Washington Youth Soccer, County and State guidelines. Which in order for us to have practice/league play we must be in a minimum of Phase 3 guidelines.

## **How do we determine if fall league play will happen?**

If we move to cancel fall league play it will be a decision made by the collective clubs and associations that are the members of the SSUL. For coaches that would be interested in moving forward, we could possibly look at alternative. Here are the key things that will determine if we play in the fall.

1. Most critical thing.... Both King and Pierce Counties need to be in Phase 3.
2. Field capacity is very crucial for our club. We have to follow any/all guidelines the school district sets forth. We use their fields exclusively for practice and league play. Our options are very limited for field space outside of the school district for the Enumclaw Plateau, so this is paramount for our club.

A decision to cancel league play may not be made until about the week of August 20th. As we are only weeks away from league play starting.

## **Practices**

Ideally we need to be in Phase 3 in order to have some normalcy in practices. But even then it would be different than previous seasons with a lot of contact guidelines in place. If we move into Phase 3 we would likely have to use field capacity between school district, city park fields to accommodate teams.

If still in phase 2, CFSC would not have the volunteers and/or human power to coordinate and structure things for safe play as any age level. We have considered various ideas, but just isn't soccer and what it's suppose to be.

## **How League Play would look in Phase 3**

League play in phase 3 will be different. Coaches would have a very important role to ensure your players, parents, and families stay safe if we play league soccer. Here are some of the changes you should expect. Some of these will be tough for parents and players.

- Spectators will not be allowed at the games — only players, coaches, team managers and match officials. This limitation is necessary in order for matches to go forward in compliance with the Phase 3 guidelines.

- Player passes are likely to be banned this year to reduce cross team contact.
- Teams will be on opposite sides of the fields from each other to allow for better social distancing.
- Coaches and players on the sideline would wear masks at all times.
- No handshakes/contact or team cheers between players, coaches, and referees.

There may be other changes that WYS, CFSC, or SSUL determine are necessary. If you have not already done so please review [Return to Play Guidelines from Washington Youth Soccer](#). This page provides a great roadmap of where we need to be in order to do different soccer activities and what the practice or game atmosphere would be like in the different phases.

## **Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Managers**

If you are planning to coach, assistant coach. Please ensure that you are registered with CFSC. It's imperative that we get you lined up ready to coach early, as you will need to pass a background check.

[Fall 2020 Coach Registration](#)

### **Revised Key Dates:**

With the status of league play still questionable we are pushing out the Coach's meeting, the start of practices. Unfortunately we cannot lock in dates right now with things changing daily. We are being patient and trying to be very flexible to make things happen for Fall Rec Soccer.

- Player Registration Extended: August 7 Revised
- Coaches Meeting: August 18 Revised
- First practice with teammates and coach: Week of August 31 Revised
- League play begins: September 12/13

We understand this is a great deal of information. But we feel we need to give you as much as we have available to us. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We truly want the best for our community and all the kids we serve here. CFSC is doing it's best to be here for you and your children at this time....

Please stay safe, healthy and strong for our kids!

Thank you!

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Questions???

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