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### WYSA Response to Coronavirus – 03.16.20 Update Suspension of WYSA Activities

As a result of the ongoing health crisis, and in consideration of the safety and wellness of our members, WYSA is suspending all sanctioned activities through April 30, 2020. This is a rapidly changing environment, where we are responding to guidance from many organizations including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), US Youth Soccer and US Soccer. The most immediate concern is the health of the WYSA family, followed by a proactive plan to reconvene WYSA activities when the situation permits. WYSA Staff will begin contacting affected parties immediately regarding their participation in specific programs. The following is a summary of WYSA activities and planned changes:

#### State Staff

- State Office staff will be working remotely through March 31. WYSA remains committed to serving our members during this unprecedented time. Please use email as your primary means of communication with WYSA Staff and understand that some questions cannot be answered until we are certain how long this crisis limits soccer activities.

#### Club Activities

- WYSA strongly advises clubs to suspend local activities until guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other local authorities indicate it is safe to resume. It is the discretion of each member organization to make decisions about their programming, including sanctioned tournaments through the April 30 suspension.
- The Accident/Medical policy is in place but does NOT cover the Coronavirus even if the disease is contracted through contact at a WYSA sanctioned event (including activities of member clubs); the policy is specific to injury, not medical illness.

#### Tryout Dates

- Tryout dates will remain unchanged. ([2020/2021 WYSA Tryout Policy](#))

#### WYSA Administered Leagues

- WYSA administered leagues including State League, WDA, SECL, SWCL and Youth Academies are suspended until April 30. The reschedule window will begin today and end on April 3. The deadline for games to be played is being extended to July 12. (Use of the extended dates is discretionary to clubs, with the understanding that tryout dates will remain unchanged.)

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### State Cup

- There will be no qualifying (play in games) for the Spring State Cup event. Instead, teams seeded 1-16 will enter the tournament directly and those teams seeded 16+ may choose to participate in Presidents Cup. (Note, certain age groups (G14U, B15U, B18U & B19U) will accept seeds 1-12, which is based on the total number of tournament applications in that age group.)

### Presidents Cup

- Presidents Cup applications are being accepted through March 27. The tournament is planned to proceed as scheduled.

### Coaching Education

- All Grassroots and Y courses scheduled now through April 30 are postponed, with future dates and locations to be determined. Candidates scheduled to participate in a course may immediately elect to reschedule for a future date or wait for new dates to be announced.

### Olympic Development Program

- The remaining State Pool and Winter Developmental trainings for this program year are canceled.
- Spring Developmental programming scheduled to begin in April is being postponed.
- No decision has been made about future State Team activities.

### TOPSoccer

- The Border Battle previously scheduled for April 4 has been postponed until November 15 in Illinois.
- It is recommended that local programs suspend activities until at least April 30.

### WYSA AGM

- The AGM will be rescheduled for a virtual or by mail vote to conduct the business of the Association, on a to be determined date and time.

### Hall of Fame

- The canceled Hall of Fame ceremony is being rescheduled for a future date in the Fall of 2020.

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### Referees

- Referee certification courses are scheduled (and canceled) at the discretion of the Wisconsin Program for Referee Development; please refer to [WisRef](#) directly for information regarding their immediate plans.
- WYSA is preemptively seeking guidance to address the nationwide referee shortage when soccer activities are safe to resume.

### U.S. Youth Soccer Programming

All 2020 USYS Leagues Program and Conference activities are suspended through April 15. USYS will be evaluating conditions on a bi-weekly basis to determine when it's appropriate to reinstate USYS activities.

### U.S. Soccer Programming

U.S. Soccer has decided to postpone or cancel a number of scheduled events through April 30. This includes, but is not limited to, all National Team programming: Men's, Women's, Youth and Extended National teams; Development Academy regular season matches and the upcoming Spring Cup; all Coaching Education and Referee courses, and all Talent Identification opportunities.

Thank you for your patience as we react to an ever-changing environment. WYSA will evaluate the situation on an ongoing basis and provide regular updates on the status of soccer activities. We look forward to safely resuming the game we all love, as soon as reasonably possible. Stay safe and well.

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