



WISCONSIN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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COVID-19 Response FAQ

Refunds

Q: Is WYSA issuing refunds of player registration fees for full year players?

A: No, WYSA will issue refunds for "spring only players" which includes players registered to high school boy's teams as well as those who were registered after November 1, 2019.

Q: How will refunds be paid?

A: Refunds will be issued according to the method of payment received. Registration fees paid by check will be refunded by check and credit card payments will be credited directly back to the credit card. All refunds will be issued to the payor.

Insurance

Q: Is virtual training a covered activity?

A: Yes. Player injuries that occur during virtual training of a club are covered under the Accident Medical Policy. (The club must certify the injury occurred during a sanctioned activity of their club.)

Q: Are spring only players covered by WYSA insurance even though player registration fees are being refunded?

A: Yes, all players that are registered to a team in the state system will be covered by the Accident Medical Policy.

Q: Is the General Liability Policy in place in case of a claim related to COVID-19.

A: Yes, but this is limited to activities sanctioned by WYSA. Virtual training is the only activity being sanctioned at this time.

Tryouts, Offers & Registration

Q: If a player declines an early offer from their current year club, are they free to accept an offer elsewhere?

A: Yes, however players cannot receive offers from other clubs until the uniform offer date – July 21 at noon.

Q: Are virtual or pre-recorded video submissions an acceptable format for tryouts if in person tryouts are not possible?

A: Yes, but virtual activities cannot occur until July 13, the statewide first date of tryouts.

Q: Is a player required to participate in a tryout to receive an offer from a club?

A: No, an offer can be extended regardless of participation in a tryout, but must not be extended before the universal offer date.

Q: Are individual or small group tryouts permitted rather than a full group tryout?

A: Yes, only if it occurs during the tryout period.

Q: Can offers to players be to a pool, rather than a specific team?

A: Offers and registration to pools is acceptable for the 11U and 12U age groups. All other offers must be to a specific team.

Q: Can clubs issue future credits for canceled Spring 2020 programs in an amount that exceeds the refund amount?

A: Yes, but it must be limited to players who were already a member of the club in 2019/2020.

Q: What flexible roster policies exist to assist clubs with the registration of players for program year 2020/2021?

A: The [Age Exemption Policy](#), [Pool Roster Policy](#), and [Club Pass Policy](#) are all intended to offer clubs flexibility in registration and roster management.

Consideration will be given to additional requests for exception, on a case by case basis. A request for exception must originate from the Club and can be submitted to the District and/or WYSA State Office. Please note, competition rules may dictate WYSA's ability to consider such requests.



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- Q: Should clubs register (or sync) current year players even though the spring season has been canceled?
A: Yes, please do. Players must be registered (and rostered to a team) to be reported and covered by WYSA insurance.

Participation Outside of Wisconsin

- Q: Can Western Wisconsin clubs who are part of the Minnesota Border Agreement participate in MYSA league despite the cancelation of WYSA activities.
A: No, currently virtual training is the only activity sanctioned by WYSA. Participation in training and all other competitions are suspended until a Wisconsin Return to Play date and protocol are announced.
- Q: Are teams permitted to attend out of state tournaments with a return to play date that is sooner than Wisconsin's?
A: Not currently. Virtual training is the only activity sanctioned by WYSA until a Return to Play date and protocol are announced.

2020/2021 Season

- Q: What is the timeline for fall leagues administered by WYSA?
A: Applications available: July 6
Application due: July 29
Division out: August 4
Schedules out: August 6/7
Schedules due from clubs: August 19
Schedules to referee assignors: August 21
Season start date: September 12
Season end date: November 15

- Q: How will league placements be determined for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021?
A: All 13U (boys and girls) and 14U girl's divisions will be rolled forward to the Fall 2020 season. Teams must reapply for placement when the Fall 2020 application window opens. Requests to play in a lower league will be considered.

All 14U through 18U boy's divisions will be rolled forward to the Spring 2021 season. Teams must reapply for placement when the spring 2021 application window opens. Requests to play in a lower league will be considered.

All 16U through 19U girl's division placements will be based on league play results from Fall 2019.

New requests for State League placement will be considered and final decisions regarding placements will be made by the competition authority.

- Q: How will team rankings be determined for 2020/2021 Cups?
A: Girl's 16U-19U division rankings will be based on a combination of Fall 2019 State Championship and Fall 2019 league results. For all remaining age divisions, rankings will be based on most recent league and State Championship results.

Demosphere

- Q: Is there a process in Demosphere that allows for refunds of all registrations in a program at once?
A: Not currently.
- Q: Is there a basic guide for issuing refunds and/or credits in the Demosphere system?
A: Yes, please see <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c5GDjlxzGJ5jPUhgvoUIR0rNqmLNtjCmlx3ZEI8BT/edit#>



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Return to Play

Q: When can clubs return to play?

A: A definite return to play date has not been established. WYSA will await and be actively engaged in the formulation of a safe and feasible RTP protocol based on expert guidance from numerous, relevant organizations which include but are not limited to: Centers for Disease Control, State and Local Health Departments, US Soccer and US Youth Soccer.

Q: When will WYSA Return to Play Guidelines be published?

A: As soon as possible. It is critical we have all relevant information before establishing RTP protocol for WYSA activities.

Q: When will decisions about future competitions, like sanctioned tournaments be made?

A: This is totally dependent on a return to play date and especially, guidance from Centers for Disease Control, State and Local Health Departments

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