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WYSA Spring Planning | January 28, 2021

Several updates as you begin planning for the Spring season and beyond. Contact Executive Director [Melissa Zielinski](#) with questions.

2021 Tryout Policy

With input from clubs around Wisconsin, the WYSA State Board has taken action to approve the 2021 Tryout Policy. The Tryout Policy applies to all clubs who register competitive players with WYSA. Each district has the authority to establish tryout dates for their geographic area, however all other aspects of the policy are standard across the state.

[2021 WYSA Tryout Policy](#) | [2021 Southeast Wisconsin Tryout Policy](#) | [Youth Academy Policy](#)

COVID Prevention Protocol

The [WYSA Indoor Play Checklist & Requirements](#) will remain in effect for the duration of the indoor season. Regardless of any change to the statewide mask mandate, WYSA will continue to require masks as part of our risk prevention protocol this winter.

Looking ahead to the spring season, our [WYSA Return to Play Checklist & Requirements](#) will also remain in effect. Club hosted tournaments have been approved with COVID prevention protocols in place, therefore tournament participation will be allowed this spring. In addition, interstate travel to tournaments sanctioned by a US Youth Soccer State Association in a locale accepting interstate travelers will be considered sanctioned activities of WYSA, and therefore covered by WYSA insurance.

WYSA AGM

The 2021 WYSA AGM will be conducted virtually on Saturday, March 13. Additional meeting information will be sent to clubs in the coming weeks.

Risk Management

The migration of Risk Management Services from Backgroundchecks.com to Player's Health is nearly complete. We understand there has been confusion surrounding the emails coming from Player's Health and apologize for any inconvenience. Soon clubs and registered club staff will receive an email with instructions for completing the steps necessary to update their risk management record. (Please note, club volunteers and staff who have current state issued pass cards will have a required action item to update their record. This will be detailed in the launch email.) Thank you for your patience as we navigate the transition.

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Referee Education

Please continue to promote new referee certification! Certification courses which register prospective referees for the 2021 calendar year are now available through the Wisconsin Soccer Referee Development Program. Completing courses January through April will allow new referees to take the field in Spring 2021. Refer to www.wisref.org for registration and information.

Referee Mentorship & Retention Initiative

A reminder that applications for RMRI reimbursements are being accepted at this time. The objective of the RMRI program is to increase the number of available referees across the State through retention of existing officials and registration of new referees. Due to pandemic related player registration decline in 2019/2020, clubs and/or Districts will be eligible to apply for RMRI funds based on total players that were invoiced and paid in, in the 2020/2021 program year. (\$.50/player) We will accept multiple applications from an organization to ensure they can receive all RMRI dollars paid in to support local referee initiatives. Details about program funding and application are available [here](#).

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