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## WYSA Return to Play Update | September 11, 2020

I hope this finds you well and ready for fall soccer! There is much excitement as we prepare for our first weekend of games. With that excitement comes the responsibility of clubs to maintain safe environments for all participants. As leagues kickoff and communities intersect through these competitions, everyone is asked to do their part in communication and compliance of WYSA Return to Play Requirements. The following are important reminders and most recent updates.

### Enforcement Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each member club to both communicate and ensure their members are compliant with the requirements set forth in the RTP Checklist. Referees will not be enforcing compliance at games nor is it the responsibility of the home club to enforce compliance of visiting teams.

### COVID Protocols

The WYSA COVID Procedures is a protocol document which addresses close contact, individuals with symptoms, and positive test results for players and club personnel. Also included is template language for notification to the appropriate parties in each scenario. WYSA COVID Protocols are generic guidance based on expert advice and current CDC guidelines. Clubs should refer to their local health department with specific questions and always, in the event of a COVID case.

### Updated Communicable Disease Waiver

With the exclusion of communicable disease on the 20/21 general liability policy, an amendment to the communicable disease waiver was required. We apologize for the inconvenience, but please be sure to collect an updated waiver from each participant (player, coach, or other volunteer) before further participation. Electronic collection is acceptable, but NOT recommended.

### Unsanctioned Activities

As a reminder, teams who participate in unsanctioned play are restricted from participation in WYSA sanctioned activities for 14 days following the date of participation. This includes participation in unsanctioned tournaments, friendlies, or other competitions not approved by WYSA. Teams who are restricted from participation will be required to reschedule WYSA sanctioned games under the approval of their respective competition authority.

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### Interstate Travel & Tournament Participation

To preserve the fall season, interstate travel and tournament participation remain suspended. Conditional to the completion of their league season, teams will be granted permission to participate in interstate games, tournaments and travel beginning the weekend of November 7. Please note, this guidance is subject to change based on the current environment and state or national health orders. Traveling teams must follow return to play protocol of the state where the competition will occur. WYSA will only issue permission to travel to those states who allow it.

### Indoor Activities

For now, permitted activities are limited to outdoor trainings and games per US Soccer recommendations. We are seeking additional guidance on indoor events and anticipate updated information to clubs by the end of September. (Remember only some indoor activities are sanctioned by WYSA.)

### Player Registration

The final day for player drops is September 15 for players to be excluded from player registration invoices. Please remember to sync player registration data with the state system via Demosphere. Also note, players must be registered and rostered to be covered by WYSA insurance. (Even if your team elects not to participate in a fall league, players must be registered, rostered and synced to the state system for coverage during training activities.)

Thank you for your continued efforts on and off the field to make soccer possible this fall. Wishing you all the best this season.

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