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WYSA End of Fall Update | October 29, 2020

Thank you for all your work to make soccer opportunities available this fall. There was a tremendous effort around our state to safely get players back to the field. Much credit is due to the clubs and local leaders who successfully served so many athletes this fall. As we near the end of the season, there are questions about winter programs and soccer in 2021. This update is intended to address some of those questions and provide anticipated timelines for releasing details on each. If you have questions on the below, or there is something else WYSA can assist with, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director, [Melissa Zielinski](#).

Indoor

We are optimistic about sanctioned indoor activities. Like outdoor, there will be specific guidance and best practices required of clubs for indoor play, and all activities are subject to state and local health orders. Details will be distributed to clubs in the next 7-10 days.

Tournament Sanctioning

Tournament Sanctioning Applications for calendar year 2021 will be available to clubs by November 15. Sanctioning applications will require an approved safety plan requesting details about facilities, capacity, number of teams, logistics on parking, concessions, event check-in, etc. Approval criteria will be outlined in the official application announcement along with the required safety plan template. Our hope is to safely reintroduce club hosted tournaments in 2021.

WIAA

Scheduled WIAA seasons for high school boys (March 22 – May 10) and girls (April 25 – June 29) will overlap with traditional club seasons next spring. WYSA Competitions staff are developing spring calendars that account for WIAA schedules. (The anticipated season start date is April 24. Teams affected by WIAA would be able to use the reschedule window to accommodate high school boys' age groups.) We are in contact with WIAA regarding the number of play dates each athlete is eligible for while "in season" with WIAA.

2021 Tryout Policy

The process and timing for approving the Tryout Policy will be different for 2021. Instead of November approval for the summer policy, WYSA staff will facilitate listening sessions in the month of January to gather club insights on the tryout and offer experience. From there, a final proposal will be developed for presentation back to clubs, prior to board approval in February.

WYSA AGM

Each year we look forward to gathering with membership to take up the business of the association. We have decided to forego an in-person AGM in 2021 and instead conduct a virtual meeting on March 13. We will miss seeing everyone but think this is the best decision for 2021. Please save the date and look forward to detailed information after the holiday season.

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