

Dear Kickers Families and Friends,

I am excited to continue planning for Kickers soccer. As has been the case since March, I am hopeful about seeing our soccer athletes back on the pitch soon. Yet I also recognize that circumstances can change rapidly. As the Kickers Board, we appreciate your patience, flexibility, and understanding through this time.

In this letter, I want to provide an update to you in regard to the operation of the Kickers due to COVID-19. Yesterday Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) shared that we are moving to Phase 2 of the U.S. Soccer plan to reopen soccer clubs around the State of Wisconsin. We, as a club, are moving forward with Phase 2 for our U13 levels and above. U.S. Soccer's plan, "Play On", are the guidelines we will follow over the upcoming months.

Phase 2 reintroduces full-team training which includes practices with coaches, full team participation, social distancing being maintained, with limited exceptions as part of training activities outlined in the guidelines. Teams are not allowed to have a full scrimmage or share equipment. Athletes may not congregate before or after practice. To view the Phase 2 guidelines, please visit <https://www.ussoccer.com/playon/guides/phase-2-grassroots>

Moving to Phase 2 and conducting practices is up to individual teams and coaches. We are currently working with our coaches for what teams will begin practices after the 4th of July. Phase 2 places significant burdens on coaches including tracking, cleaning of equipment, and communication to the club/WYSA. We must also first get fields lined, goals and nets placed, and signage placed throughout the Mid-State and Washington Fields complex.

US Soccer has supplied us with a parents' and players' [PLAY ON Check List](#) Also all athletes/parents must sign a communicable disease form in order to participate.

We will be sharing the "Kickers Return To Play" local guidelines for practices by July 7, 2020.



RETURN-TO-PLAY 5 PHASES OVERVIEW

U.S. SOCCER PLAY ON

- Phase 0: Stay and Shelter**
Duration: Based on state and local regulations
 - STAY AT HOME. BEND THE CURVE.
 - No organized trainings or competitions
 - Consider virtual options
- Phase I: Individual and Small Group Training**
Suggested Duration: 4-6 weeks
 - State and/or local stay and shelter regulations lifted
 - Recommend small group trainings with max of 9 players and 1 coach
 - Maintain social distancing
 - COVID-19 prevention protocols in place
- Phase II: Full Team Training**
Suggested Duration: 3-6 weeks
 - Full team training allowed
 - Continue to maintain social distancing
 - COVID-19 prevention protocols in place
 - Allow 3 weeks for COVID-19 tracking purposes
- Phase III: Full Team Competitions**
Duration: Indefinite
 - Full team competitions can occur
 - Continue COVID-19 mitigation strategies
 - Consider only local and single-day competitions
 - Large events guided by local/state public health authorities
- Phase IV: No Restrictions**
 - COVID-19 is no longer a public health matter and there are no restrictions directed by federal, state and local authorities.
 - Please refer to www.recognizetorecover.org for general health and safety recommendations from U.S. Soccer.

* Across the country, clubs in different regions will be operating under differing state & local regulations and may be in different phases. All phases must be compliant with your region's regulations.

As we begin registration for the 2020-21 season, I want you to understand that PLAYING THIS FALL IS A FAMILY DECISION. It is each individual family's discretion if they wish to register for the fall 2020 season. We are planning for training games/possible league games this fall. Tournaments are uncertain at this time and could be added to registration fees as the months' progress.

What we are able to do this fall will depend on what Phase we are in under the PLAY ON guidelines. At this time, it is uncertain whether fall tournaments will take place. Given this uncertainty, and assuming we are in Phase 3 this fall, we are planning on:

- Fall Classic season consisting of regular weekly training sessions (practices) and games (either formal, refereed scrimmages with other clubs, play weekends/round-robins, or a fall Classic league).
- Fall State league season consisting of regular weekly training sessions (practices) and games for state league teams (either formal, refereed scrimmages with other clubs or a fall State league).
- Information about fall tournaments will be communicated by mid-August. The Play On guidelines strongly discourages overnight travel/hotel stays.

Bottom line: there is a certain level of unpredictability that parents and players should be comfortable with when making the decision to register for fall.

Parents will register now and pay a BASIC WYSA PLAYER FEE. All other fees including the coach's stipend, field/facility fees, referee fees for games/scrimmages/league, league fees, and tournament entrances, and other small administrative expenses will occur as an add on later in August to reflect the difference in the additional cost of the season.

In addition to the traditional Medical Waiver, parents will also be asked to sign a WYSA Communicable Disease Waiver during registration. This is required by WYSA for our insurance coverage. If your child has an underlying medical condition that makes them at a higher-risk for COVID-19 [for example, chronic lung disease (including asthma); heart disease; or conditions that weaken the immune system] please discuss their participation with your primary care provider prior to registration.

Lastly, we are sponsoring three state league teams. You must pre-register for tryouts with Megan Johnson at mmjohnson0924@gmail.com Tryouts are at Washington Fields:

2020-2021 Team	DOBs Eligible to Tryout	Tryout Date / Rain Date	Tryout Times
WR U16B Dunn (Spring 2021 team)	2005, 2006, 2007	July 13 / 14	6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
WR U18B Derringer (Spring 2021 team)	2003, 2004, 2005	July 15 /16	6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
WR U18G Weidman (full-year team)	2003, 2004, 2005	July 13 / 14	7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

We are doing everything we can to provide our community with youth soccer programming! Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope to see you all soon on the pitch. If you have any questions, I can be contacted via [email](#) or text at 608-432-5454.

On behalf of the Kickers Board,

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