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To: Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA) Membership
From: Florida Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors and Staff
Re: Return-to-Play & Tryout Information

On May 5, 2020 the FYSA Board of Directors met to address FYSA's plan to return-to-play amid the Coronavirus pandemic. Please be advised, the below procedures were adopted by the Board of Directors and are effective immediately. All FYSA members shall be expected to adhere to these timelines and procedures:

Lifting of Mandatory Suspension Criteria

- Trigger: Majority of Counties within the State is authorized to enter Phase 3 of Governor Rick Desantis' plan.
- Commensurate with the start of Florida Phase 3, a two-week period during which practice is permitted but no other activities would be allowed, unless precluded by local guidance or further action by the Governor. This is to allow time for local authorities to reopen parks, clubs to plan tryouts, and leagues to develop schedules.
- All sanctioned activity to include In-person tryouts would be permitted to begin 14 days from the start of Florida Phase 3, unless precluded by local guidance or further action by the Governor.

FYSA BOD Guidance as it relates to Tryouts, Contracts, and Registration

- Prior to May 18, Affiliates may only offer roster spots for the 2020/21 seasonal year to players registered with their club for the 2019/20 seasonal year.
- Affiliates may not contact players registered with other FYSA members prior to May 18.
- On May 18, affiliates are permitted to contact and offer roster spots to any and all players, regardless of 2019/20 registration status.
- In accordance with FYSA Rule 203.1, contracts with players/parents become binding on the parties on June 10.
- Any matter related to the refundability of fees paid to secure a roster spot would be subject to the agreement between the parties.
- Not in Good Standing procedures and timelines established in FYSA Rule 302.3 remain unchanged:

302.3 A debt between a player/coach and an affiliate is a civil matter between the parties. Currently, registered/rostered players/coaches may be placed in NGS (NGS) via the procedures outlined in the FYSA Procedures Manual for Affiliates. This COS must be submitted no later than 5:00 P.M. on the Friday before Memorial Day of the current seasonal year or within thirty (30) days of the date the debt was incurred, whichever is later. The affiliate shall supply all documentation regarding the debt to include, but not be limited to, the basis of the debt and documentation as to the affiliate's actions taken to resolve or collect this alleged debt. Failure of the affiliate to submit this documentation via the procedure outlined in the FYSA Procedures Manual for Affiliates within two (2) business days of the original NGS transactions shall negate



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the action against the player/coach. It shall be the affiliate's responsibility to immediately notify FYSA of any change in status of the player/coach. Failure to do so may impact the affiliate's ability to place future members in NGS. Upon receipt, the FYSA office will notify, in writing, the player/coach or the parents of any minor player/coach, copying the affiliate and appropriate RVP by e-mail. The parties will have fourteen (14) calendar days to challenge this status in writing to FYSA's State Office. The FYSA office shall forward all documentation to the Vice President of Administration and Communication for a ruling as to the validity of the action; this ruling shall be final and binding on all parties. In the event of a returned check for payment to the club for a NGS issue, submission of a copy of the returned check to FYSA will be sufficient evidence to place a member back into NGS immediately. The affiliate will be billed the normal COS fee (\$25) for this service.

- Registration timelines set forth in Rule 201.6 remain unchanged:

201.6 Affiliates in compliance with Rule 104 (in good standing) may begin to register players, coaches and other members for the upcoming seasonal year on June 10th with an effective date of August 1 or on a date set by the BOD.

A. For all players electronically registered with FYSA, the affiliate will maintain on file, for a minimum of two (2) years, plus current seasonal year a copy of the FYSA registration form signed by the parent or legal guardian. If the affiliate wishes to use an alternative document for registration, permission must be obtained from the FYSA Registrar, each seasonal year, prior to using the form.

- Re-affiliation requirements and timelines set forth in Section 104 remain unchanged, to include challenges to re-affiliation.

At FYSA, safety of our players and coaches is our number-one priority. We feel this plan embodies our commitment to return to the pitch in a cautious and healthy manner. Should you have any questions please contact the FYSA State Office.

Yours in youth soccer,

Florida Youth Soccer Association

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