



Dear SV North Families,

These certainly are extraordinary times and I hope you are all staying safe and healthy. Our board met Wednesday, so I wanted to update everyone regarding spring soccer. You can also keep up with the latest information on our [Player Safety Page](#).

1. Our state association, PA West has set May 1st thru July 31st as the spring season dates. This is not a start and end date for games but a window within which soccer activity can occur. They hope to start travel games mid-May and get in at least a six game season.
2. SV North's Board decided that our in-house programs, U5-U10, will not extend past the end of June. Our best case scenario has us completing a full 8 game season starting mid-May, but we are also confident that we can start as late as the first week of June and still complete a 4-6 game in-house season.
3. We absolutely will not begin if it is not safe to play, but we understand everyone's schedule and medical situations are unique, so the board has approved a generous, no-questions asked, refund policy for this spring. We are also refunding the volunteer fee for all families, and will offer pro-rated refunds if we schedule a shortened season. We recognize not only the health concerns but the economic distress this pandemic has caused and want to support our members as much as we can.
4. We do have very limited administrative capacity to process refunds, so we ask that you just sit tight for now. Once we can confirm the season start date we will begin processing refunds. I want to thank our volunteer Treasurer, Mike Keefer, for all the hard work he is doing to set this up.
5. For this season only we are suspending the club's policy of paying tournament registration fees. We want to focus all our resources on providing a meaningful regular season. We will resume paying tournament fees for our teams next fall.

Like everyone, we are saddened that our schools will remain closed. I do want to stress however that we are regulated by a completely separate set of guidelines. The school decision does not impact us, except as it effects field availability, and we have already been working on the assumption that school fields may not be available to us. We also expect that different kinds of activities will resume at different times. SV North must wait for the government to relax restrictions on outdoor sporting events before we can resume play.

I want to end this update on a positive note. It is still an exciting time to be involved with SV North. Our club remains in excellent financial shape. We have more than enough resources to weather the shutdown no matter how long it lasts. Our new Jackson Township fields are beautiful. While we will use them this spring, we still look forward to a Grand Opening Celebration next fall. As a club and a community, I know we will all continue to support each other. Stay safe, and if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Michael E. Aleprete
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