

March 19, 2020



Dear SV North Families,

These are certainly extraordinary times, and we hope you are doing what you can to keep yourselves safe and help slow the spread of COVID-19. Our Board has been working hard to make sure we can safely offer outdoor soccer this spring. We continue to follow the CDC guidelines for sporting events, and the directives of our state association, PA West. We are also doing our best to plan for various contingencies. Please remember that all changes to the season, including postponements, will be communicated via email, and on our Player Safety Page. I would like to provide the following updates:

1. Travel Teams will follow the PA West schedule. As of now ***there are no practices prior to March 30th***. We expect a decision from PA West shortly about the April 5th games. If those games are cancelled, we will announce a further delay in the practice schedule for travel teams.
2. ***The first weekend of games for all our in-house programs, including U5/6, U8 and U10 mini-travel, will be April 18th***. No in-house teams will begin practices prior to Monday April 13th.
3. ***This spring our U5/6 in-house program will take place Saturday afternoons*** rather than in the mornings. This allows us to minimize crowd sizes by not having multiple programs run simultaneously.
4. As long as the CDC recommendations remain in place (currently through 5/10) ***we ask that only immediate family members attend games, and that individuals who are in any "at risk" category refrain from attending***. Ideally, only one adult would attend for each child.
5. ***We are instituting several practices to clean, as well to as minimize the sharing of goalie equipment and training vests***. Stacy, our equipment manager is going to need help. Those willing to help her can volunteer on our volunteer list.
6. ***Our concession stand will remain closed until further notice***.
7. ***SV North Night at the Riverhounds game has been postponed until Saturday June 27th***.
8. ***We added volunteer slots for a variety of contingencies***. If you volunteer for something which doesn't happen, or on a week we don't play, know that you still met your volunteer obligation.

This may not wind up being an ideal season, but I invite you to remain positive, and help us provide our kids the opportunity to enjoy soccer in a manner that is as close to "normal" as possible under the circumstances. I want to end with a very big thank you to all our Board Members, Coaches and Volunteers. The countless hours of their time that they dedicate to SV North is truly amazing. Finally, please stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you all on the fields, hopefully sooner than later.

Sincerely,

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