

Subject: Introducing the East-West Alliance – A Plan to Return to Play

To Our Michigan Soccer Players and Families –

As the leaders of the Michigan Soccer Clubs below, we hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented time.

This past month has been a difficult time for our soccer community, but we are starting to see some positive signs that signal the eventual return to play.

Like you, we are all anxious to get back to what we all love - playing, coaching, helping players grow on and off the field, and watching the ones we love play the sport they love.

As we all navigate the changing landscape, leaders from many of Michigan’s youth clubs have come together to plan for the eventual return to playing. We have collectively agreed to work together and are happy to announce the formation of the “East-West Alliance” in order to provide programming as soon as it is safe to do so.

While we do not know an exact date that we will return to the fields, we have a plan to provide training and games when we do. This will include games against alliance clubs, team training sessions, club training sessions, and possibly a one-weekend “festival” (multiple games over two days).

We recognize that summer soccer is not what most of us are accustomed to. We will plan programming to allow for as “normal” of a summer as possible, including weekday training and games.

More information will follow as we get closer to the return to play date. In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing everyone out on the fields as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

