

# Soccer Club of Oak Ridge COVID-19



As the Soccer Club of Oak Ridge (SCOR) closely monitors the coronavirus (COVID-19) development, the health of our athletes, coaches, and families remain at the forefront of all our decision making. The SCOR board met on the evening of 3-23-20 via an online platform to discuss the following topics: spring season for competitive play teams, spring academy, spring tournament, and coaches' pay during this ongoing national crisis. Given the unique circumstances with the crisis's fluid nature, we are making responsible and deliberate decisions based on current CDC recommendations and government updates given at local, state, and national levels.

Per the Tennessee State Soccer Association's (TSSA) March 25th Update, there was an extension of the suspension of play, practice, tournaments, and travel through April 15, 2020. The SCOR board would like to table making any decisions on the status of the following: spring season for competitive play teams, spring academy, and spring tournament. Our hope is that the crisis will lessen, and play may continue. We will reevaluate the fluid situation in early April and release another statement at that time concerning the status of SCOR's spring season, spring academy, and spring tournament.

The SCOR board decided during the online meeting on 3-23-20 to pay the coaches for the spring season. We value our coaches and what they do for our soccer club. This was an unexpected national crisis and we know that many of them depend on the income from coaching to provide for their families. Each of the coaches will be expected to maintain bi-weekly contact with their athletes and families beginning no later than 3-25-20. The coaches will send online workouts for the athletes to complete at home. They may also ask players to send video clips of portions of the workout so that they can provide feedback. As previously stated, our hope is to be able to pick up with the soccer season if the CDC and government recommendations allow for citizens to return to their normal routine.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all are learning to cope during the uncertainty of this national crisis. We hope that you and your family stay well and strong during this time. Our desire, as is yours, is for the athletes to be able to safely return to the soccer fields. Again, thank you for your cooperation and support during this unprecedented time.