

Thibodaux Soccer Association

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Dear Thibodaux Soccer Members, Coaches, and Players,

As you know our Governor proclaimed that Louisiana could move into Phase 3 in response to the Covid 19 Pandemic just 18 days ago. In this short time, Thibodaux Soccer Association has learned about the restrictions of Phase 3 from both the Louisiana Soccer Association and the City of Thibodaux Recreation department. This email has three objectives:

1. Inform everyone what TSA has completed up to this point;
2. Inform everyone of the Covid 19 Regulations regarding soccer play at Andolsek Park; and
3. Inform everyone of the upcoming TSA Fall Season schedule of events.

1. TSA Accomplishments

- a. Registration of soccer extended from the initial July 1 date until September 28 to insure every kid wanting to play soccer had the opportunity. As a result our total number of members this year is only about 200 players down from last year. At this time I am pleased to announce that we have a total of 565 players.
- b. TSA has completed the annual U10 team drafts and has all team rosters from U5 though U14 set;
- c. TSA has assigned Head coach and Ast. Coaches to all 48 teams for this Fall;
- d. TSA ordered all uniforms and they should be in within 10 to 14 days;
- e. TSA ordered all soccer equipment needed for the team coaches and this should be in by the middle of next week;
- f. TSA completed all the necessary paper work to continue affiliation with the Louisiana State Soccer Association;
- g. TSA will be developing fields at Andolsek this week and next.

2. Covid 19 Pandemic Regulations for Soccer play at Andolsek Park

- a. No more than 200 people at Andolsek at any one time (to include players, coaches, referees, and parents);
- b. Players and Coaches and Referees must wear face masks from their vehicle until they reach the field of play;
- c. Parents and spectators must wear face masks at all times;
- d. Parents and spectators must practice social distancing at all times;
- e. Players should not attend practice nor soccer games if they are experiencing cold like symptoms especially fever over 99.4;
- f. Parents must inform the team coach if there are any Covid 19 symptoms or exposure to individuals that have recently tested positive for Covid 19;
- g. A team is required to sit on the same sideline as their parents and relatives. Parents and spectators cannot cross the mid line and should NEVER interact with their respective team bench;
- h. Soccer teams will not initiate contact by shaking hands or fist bumps at the end of the game;
- i. There will be no more Coin Toss to start the game, the visiting team will get to choose whether they want the ball first or what side they want to defend;
- j. If possible, spectators are encouraged to sit in their vehicles or tailgates to watch practices and games – this does not count against the 200 number as they individuals are not directly around the field of play;

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- k. Parents, spectators, and players are strongly encouraged to have their own personal bottle of sanitizer;
- l. Definitely NO sharing of drinks or food from one player to another;
- m. Please don't Police each other but Please Remind each other of our safety guidelines – I personally want to continue playing soccer and not go backwards!

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- TSA will be doing its best to schedule a window of time, about 30 minutes, between each age level of games to insure everyone has an opportunity to exit the park and thus limit their exposure to others and to keep the numbers at Andolsek under the 200 limit;
- TSA will use bigger fields and bigger goals at the lower age levels to try to limit the amount of time of close interactions between players in the small goal areas;
- TSA will attempt to work with Recreational coaches to help schedule practice times to limit the number of people at the field in the afternoon to not exceed the 200 limit;
- The TSA United Competitive teams have moved all their practices to a start time of 6:45 pm on week nights to help TSA remain under the 200 population limit – with that being said we are expecting all Recreational teams to complete their weekday practices so that the United teams can get onto the fields by 6:45 pm
- See the Louisiana State Soccer Association Guidelines of play for additional information located at www.playlouisianasoccer.org

3. TSA Fall Schedule of Events

- a. Release of Team rosters will be Wednesday, October 1, 2020;
- b. Recreational practices can begin once rosters are released;
- c. Recreational Coaches meeting will take place within the next week – equipment will be handed out. Uniforms will be handed out about a week later;
- d. Opening day will be Saturday, October 24, 2020;
- e. Recreational weekends of play will be Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 7, Nov. 14, Nov 21, Dec. 5, and Dec. 12 (Fall closing day); This later start will provide our players with three solid weeks of practice before the season starts – it also takes us out of the *Crazy* 2020 Hurricane season! I AM A BELIEVER THAT IS BETTER LATE THAN NEVER so I fully embrace the opportunity to PLAY SOCCER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I know everyone is extremely ready to get back to playing soccer and the sense of excitement that Saturdays at Andolsek bring. It will happen, but please do your best to support TSA's efforts to keep everyone safe and healthy. I have had direct contact with Gulfport, MS for the past two months and just last week in Hammond, LA where soccer play and soccer tournament play was spectacular and safe because parents, spectators, players and officials followed the Covid 19 safety measures.

Thank you for your patience and God Bless you and your families!

Ricardo Rosado
TSA Board President