

Dear Parent and Player,

We hope you are doing well at this time and keeping healthy and safe with your families and loved ones.

I wanted to provide some information and clarity surrounding tryouts and team selections for the 2020-21 season, as we would usually be busy with tryouts/travel offers in preparation for the new fall and spring seasons during this May period.

As such, in light of the current circumstances with COVID-19 affecting tryouts and the ability to hold organized sessions, and following similar measures enacted in conversation with member clubs, we have taken the decision to implement a club renewal policy for the 2020-2021 season. Put plainly, ALL current NRU players will have a spot on a travel team, if desired, for the 2020-21 season.

That said, we understand that at certain age groups, player numbers dictate that we roster multiple teams. Our intent is to host some assessment days for these groups. We are working with our various facility partners to determine a timeline that would make these feasible given the current restrictions being enforced to help us move past this pandemic. Additionally, as we know more about our abilities to potentially train and play rearranged spring games in the summer through the Skyline and the CCL leagues, we will also use this period to assess players and examine the best way to provide the appropriate playing and training environment for the 2020-21 season.

One of the foremost considerations in our mind as a club is dealing with the possibility of not being able to play games in the summer. Fortunately, it seems like the trend in our region is heading towards a return to normalcy, and with that we anticipate the ability for our kids to play. However, be rest assured that should summer play not happen, the club will outline a policy in which an assigned dollar amount for families that paid for the full 2019-2020 season will be credited to the 2020-2021 fees for those families. In essence, the 2020-2021 fees will be at a discounted rate for the applicable families.

As we learn more about the Governor's phased opening directives and the health and safety guidelines that influence our ability to train and play, we will be sending out more information in the coming week regarding the timeline for NRU travel offers and the processes for the 2020-21 season. This will also include information about coaching assignments in the fall and the plans for our U11-14 and U15-18 programs.

Note, for administrative purposes with Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA), US Youth Soccer, and our member leagues, it is important that we start the registration process for the 2020-21 season, even though we are still working through the spring season.

As always, we thank you for your patience and good spirits during this strange, unprecedented time. When the circumstances are right, I hope we can get to the soccer fields for some welcome play and training. In the meantime, please keep your kids fit and active and working on their technical skills.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All best,
Steve
NRU Technical Director