

TO: PA West Adult Soccer Managers and Teams
FR: PA West Adult Soccer Board
DT: April 12, 2020
RE: Coronavirus Covid-19 Update

I hope this memo finds you and your families well and healthy. This memo is to apprise you of developments related to PA West Adult Soccer in 2020.

The PA West Adult Board met online last weekend to discuss the Coronavirus Pandemic and its impact on 2020 Adult Soccer activities. We reviewed available information from the Commonwealth of PA, the CDC and federal and local governments, as well as USASA and the current PA West Soccer suspension of all activity until April 30, 2020. It is also apparent that many Adult teams are having difficulty securing firm Spring field locations and times as the field providers are addressing more immediate and pressing concerns and are unsure when they will again process field requests.

The consensus of the board is that we will not be having any games in May and quite likely not even in June. We have therefore decided that the remainder of the previously scheduled Spring games are now being cancelled. It is very disappointing that we will not have a Spring season and that our entire 2020 schedule is now on hold until possibly July. However, we cannot expect our team managers to rearrange schedules every week or two as we repeatedly extend the suspension as required by authorities. We must face the inevitable and plan for a longer suspension. Just Wednesday USASA announced they are suspending their summer competitions (attached announcement) and on Thursday Governor Wolf announced, "All schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year".

Each PA West Adult league and age group Commissioner is in the process of reviewing how best to address the loss of Spring games and plan for a resumption of play in the August through November time frame. Our summer leagues in Coed and WGPSL are evaluating how to offer games this summer. Each league will decide on how to resume competition and offer full or abbreviated schedules to be played in 2020. We need to ensure that all leagues create plans that recognize the increased potential for resource conflicts (fields, referees etc.) as we overlap leagues and schedules.

In addition, we discussed the possibility of foregoing promotion and relegation at end of 2020 if a leagues season is shorter. We also discussed that referee costs for any 2020 schedules will likely be split 50/50 at every game (for leagues that had home team pay 100%) since we may not achieve equal home and away game schedules. All these are adjustments we will have to make in order to get back to playing the game we love and we will provide updates as we have them.

Once we are more sure of how this pandemic is resolving and when we will be allowed to play we are also considering a possible Tournament style event sometime in July to get us all back on the field and celebrate. More information as we get closer to the time.

Please also be aware of directives from PA West. Those changes will be posted on the PA West Soccer web site (www.pawest-soccer.org).

If we can be of any help, please do not hesitate to reach out to any one of the Board members and Commissioners with questions, ideas or suggestions. We are all here to assist each other... we are all in

this together! Stay safe and continue to adhere to directives of your local authorities. This too will pass, and we will see each other again on the pitch!