



2020 AGM Postponed

Given the evolving health concerns of our soccer community the 2020 Massachusetts Youth Soccer Annual General Meeting (AGM), originally scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020 in Leominster, MA, will be postponed.

This decision has been made in accordance with the guidance of public health and medical professionals as well as the ongoing acceleration of the coronavirus in towns in which our soccer families reside. The recent state of emergency declaration by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was also a factor in the decision since we endeavor to exercise caution on behalf of our soccer community.

Your Board of Directors is working on alternatives with regard to the three main components of the AGM agenda: 1) election of an Officer and Directors, 2) training support on US Soccer Connect from Stack Sports and 3) collaborative efforts on standardized Tolerance Policies and Codes of Conduct. Once we have an alternative finalized we will communicate this to all member organization leaders.

All of us were really looking forward to this innovative annual meeting format providing our members with the opportunity to learn, share and be heard. As noted above we will develop alternatives to help us accomplish our goals.

We'd like to thank all of our Mass Youth Soccer member organizations, families, staff and volunteers, for your ongoing support as we manage our programming given the current health environment. The safety and security of our soccer community is, and always will be, our highest priority!

Other Soccer Activities

More important than any meeting is the health and well-being of all members, young and old. After seeking advice from a myriad of health professionals we still plan to hold other soccer related activities (games, practices, small group meetings). We surely understand we must be cautious. To that effect we will ask all attendees to consider the following questions and their answers prior to attending these activities:

- Do you have an onset of a cough?
- Do you have a fever or have had one in the last few days?
- Do you suffer from shortness of breath?

- Have you been out of the country or have knowingly been exposed to anyone who's been outside the country at any time in the last 14 days?

If you have answered yes to any of the above questions we ask you to not attend. Even if you have the common cold or just getting over the flu, it is imperative our attendees are in as good health as possible.

Coaching courses will still be held as scheduled pending cancellations due to facility closures, local health board restrictions or state mandated restrictions. Those signed up for coaching courses should check the US Soccer Learning Center for updates. We believe that all of us share in the obligation to maintain a healthy and safe environment. Your help in supporting these efforts are appreciated.

Good Health Habits

To reinforce health safety and best practices for illness prevention, please read the list below:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth prior to proper washing or disinfecting.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow the CDC's recommendations for using a face mask.
- CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including Coronavirus.
- CDC recommended face masks should be used by people who show symptoms to help prevent the spread of the disease.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

We also recommend, out of an abundance of caution, that teams forgo high fives and handshakes between themselves, opposing teams and officials during and after competitions.