



MIDWEST CONFERENCE

Illinois State Restrictions On Youth Sports Announcement (7-29-20)

This email is for all team contacts that are listed on current Midwest Conference (MWC) teams registering for the 2020/21 season. The Midwest Conference is one of 13 conferences across the country that make up the USYS National League Conferences. See below for important upcoming dates and information.

CONFERENCE UPDATES



This email is being distributed to the team contacts from the 11 State Associations that are within the footprint of the USYS Leagues Program Midwest Conference (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin).

Team Contacts,

I am sure many of you will have already heard about the announcement from the Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker today with new restrictions on youth sports statewide for the upcoming school year due to coronavirus.

<https://www.mystateline.com/news/pritzker-suspends-youth-and-adult-sports-for-upcoming-school-year/> See link in the article for the newly released guidance categories.

As you can imagine our phone and email has been red hot for the past few hours, so we wanted to get something out to all of our registered teams for the Fall season that are currently in the middle of fall scheduling, with online scheduling for all Premier I/Premier II divisions taking place tomorrow and all First Division/Qualifier scheduling taking place on Friday via online chats.

I have been in communication with IL Youth Soccer who sent out this message to all of their teams:

"Following Today's Announcement Of Further Restrictions On Youth Sports Throughout The State, We Have Reached Out To The Illinois Department Of Public Health For Additional Clarification On Items In The New Plan. Once We Have Those Details We Will Be In Contact With Our Membership. Thank You For Your Patience As We Work To Get Answers" (Illinois Youth Soccer)

I have been in communication with Sportscore II, Rockford, IL, where we are due to host two conference hosted weekends this fall on Sept 12-13 and Sept 19-20. The management at Sportscore II are under the impression they will be unable to hold any events at their facility this fall. So at this time, we will be **suspending all scheduling at those two conference hosted events at Sportscore II, in Rockford, IL.**

Our scheduling deadlines and scheduling meetings are tomorrow for all PI and PII teams and Friday for all First Divisions and Conference Qualifiers, these deadlines will now be extended for any divisions with IL teams in them. All matches with IL teams should remain on the schedule, we just ask them to push them back to later in the season until we can get more of a clarification on what this means for IL teams.

For all other divisions that do not contain IL teams, scheduling will continue as normal.

We will update you as we receive any more news.

IMPORTANT DATES



July 30 - Premier I and II Mandatory Scheduling Online Meetings (14U through 19U)

July 31 - First Division and Conf Qualifier Mandatory Scheduling Online Meetings (14U through 19U)

July 24 - Team Registration Begins for 2021 Spring Season (15U through 19U)

August 1 - 2020 Fall Season Begins

August 28 - Team Registration Closes for 2021 Spring Season (15U through 19U)

October 12 - Team Registration Begins for 2021 Spring Season (13U & 14U)

October 24 - Roster Freeze Deadline for the 2020 Fall Season

November 8 - 2020 Fall Season - Last day of scheduled games for ALL 14U teams

November 9 - Team Registration Closes for 2021 Spring Season (13U & 14U)

November 22 - 2020 Fall Season - Last day of scheduled games for ALL 15U-19U teams

(All dates are subject to change)