



# MIDWEST CONFERENCE

## MWC Application Deadline Has Passed - Important Update (7-8-20)

This email is for all team contacts that are listed on current Midwest Conference (MWC) teams registering for the 2020/21 season. The MWC is one of 13 conferences across the country that make up the USYS Leagues Program. 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,

With the application window for the Fall season now passed, I wanted to update you on a few items. Despite the ongoing concerns regarding Covid-19, our application numbers are up. We continue to monitor conditions across all states within the conference and will always try to keep you updated if things change.

### **Payment Deadline July 10**

ONLY paid teams will be considered for acceptance and that deadline is July 10, **no exceptions**. To this point the majority of teams have elected to pay their league fee (and state assn fee) by credit card. Cards will only be charged once a team is officially accepted by the conference. If you elected to pay by check, you must ensure this is in hand at the national office on July 10, so if you have not sent this yet, we suggest this is paid by credit card or worst case mailed overnight immediately to avoid disappointment.

Here are some important reminders on the upcoming dates and timelines for the Fall season:

- July 8, 2020 State Assn. Deadline for Approving/Rejecting Teams for 2020 Fall Season
- July 10, 2020 Team Payment Deadline
- July 16, 2020 Selection Committee completes team assignments for 2020 Fall Season
- July 20, 2020 Fall 2020 Brackets Posted
- July 30, 2020 Premier I and II Mandatory Scheduling Online Meetings (14U through 19U)
- July 31, 2020 First Division and Conf Qualifier Mandatory Scheduling Online Meetings (14U through 19U)

### **Scheduling Process**

Teams will receive notification of acceptance from the conference once brackets are posted online on or around Monday July 20. At that time we will begin the scheduling process. Full details will be sent out regarding this at the time brackets are posted, but all scheduling will be done online via zoom calls (or similar platform determined by the DSC). Designated Scheduling Coordinators (DSC's) will be appointed to every division. They will be provided with a scheduling template and will be responsible to set up a call on the dates listed above. Meetings **MUST** take place on this day, so a team representative, preferably the coach **MUST** be available to represent your team on that day. We will be looking for DSC's once brackets are posted, please **DO NOT** offer your services before then as we will not consider anyone until brackets are posted. Again, full details on the scheduling process will be provided at that time, so we appreciate your patience with that.

### **Conference Hosted Events**

The conference hosted event weekends you can see listed on the conference homepage in the Team Information drop down menu. Click on the 2020-21 Midwest Conference Team Information Document and scroll to the last page of the document. This lists the dates, locations, costs and hotel mandates for event weekends.

### **Building and sharing venues in the GotSport system**

This **MUST** be completed by all clubs prior to the scheduling process starting. We don't want to wait on clubs creating the venues and sharing them with us before we can schedule the games. The scheduling process will start the week of July 27. So ALL of your club venues **MUST** be added into GotSport **prior to Friday July 24**.

Club administrators and staff will need access to their Club account in GotSport if they have not already done so. If needed users can find instructions on how to access the account on the Conference website under Team Information titled "[Walkthrough - Clubs Gaining Access to Club GotSport Accounts](#)". This walkthrough will also show users how to add their fellow club staff members to access the club, as well as how to build teams, create coaches/managers, and assign them to teams.

In order for games to be scheduled, clubs must build their fields and venues in GotSport and share those fields with the Conference in GotSport. A walkthrough is available on the Conference website under Team Information titled "[Walkthrough - Clubs Building and Sharing Fields in GotSport](#)". The walkthrough will show users how to build the venues and fields in GotSport and how to share those fields with the Conference so games can be scheduled on those fields. The user must have access to the club before building fields and venues, so please refer to the walkthrough on accessing the club account in GotSport, available on the Conference website under Team Information. For any questions on GotSport please contact [jsparkman@usyouthsoccer.org](mailto:jsparkman@usyouthsoccer.org)

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**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)*