



TO: Member Leagues/Clubs and Sanctioned Tournaments
FROM: Jen Fickett, Executive Director
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RE: COVID-19: Ohio North Update

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On March 31, 2020, US Youth Soccer announced a further delay on returning to play through April 30, 2020. In addition, [US Youth Soccer announced](#) its decision to cancel the Midwest Regional Championships, US Youth Soccer National Championships, Midwest Presidents Cup and National Presidents Cup.

After much consideration, Ohio North has made the difficult decision to cancel our 2020 Ohio North Cup Series for both State Cup and Presidents Cup events. A separate email will be sent to all registered teams next week with more information.

In addition, Ohio North is suspending all of our soccer activities*, all Ohio North sanctioned tournaments and all Ohio North affiliated activities through **May 1, 2020** to align with Governor DeWine's current orders.

*Ohio North affiliated activities include scheduled games, team practice/training sessions, or sponsored activities that are under direct supervision of a team official; or sanctioned local or national tournaments as a member of a contestant team (e.g., any activity that Ohio North sanctions and insures).

Ohio North will reevaluate the return-to-play date based on decisions and/or recommendations anticipated from the [State of Ohio](#), the [Ohio Department of Health](#), [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and our governing bodies. Our Board of Directors continue to meet on a weekly basis to discuss contingency planning and alternative programming options and [our staff](#) is still available to further assist you through email.

We will launch our new "COVID-19 FAQ" page on our [website](#) by April 6 to provide updates and to answer member questions.

We recognize that many are anxious to get back onto the soccer fields; however, our main priority is the safety and well-being of everyone. When we can resume play, even if it's for a modified season or during the summer months, we hope that all of our members will pull together and support one another. We are in this together.

We encourage all of you to continue reviewing our website, email communications and social media platforms for updates.

Player Challenges & Coach Webinars

Watch Ohio North's social media channels on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as we continue to provide player challenges as well as grassroots and premier coach webinars targeting the various levels of coaching motivation and expertise.

