



TO: Member Leagues and Clubs
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RE: Return to Activity: Phase II

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On June 18, 2020, Governor DeWine released the Responsible RestartOhio Guidelines specific to Phase II: [Contact for Sport Practices](#). We are excited about this opportunity; however, want to stress to everyone the importance of complying with the Responsible Restart Guidelines.

Of particular emphasis in the new guidelines are the following:

- Contact in training may resume for soccer on **June 22, 2020**. This **DOES** mean contact in small groups, team scrimmages or intra-club.
- Scrimmages against outside teams are **NOT** permitted at this time.
- Sanctioned league and/or tournament play are also **NOT** permitted at this time. Travel to out of state tournaments is also still not permitted at this time. As soon as we get notification of a projected date for games within the state, we will also lift this for out of state games/tournaments.

To assist our members, Ohio North has a [Return to Activity](#) page on our website. This includes a collaborative deck between Ohio North and Ohio South on Mandates and Best Practices, US Youth Soccer Best Practices and examples of fellow State Association guidelines on Return to Activity. We hope this will assist our members as they move forward. We also anticipate the addition of further resources as we move forward to normalcy.

For those organizations that are looking to take advantage of contact in training, please note that that there are requirements that every soccer club/organization will need to have in place that include:

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- **Parent/Guardian Waiver (Previously Released):** Having each parent/guardian sign an [Ohio North Infectious Disease Waiver- Player](#). This is a requirement by our insurance provider and has been added to both the Sports Connect and Demosphere registration platforms.
- **Coach Waiver (New):** Having each coach sign the [Ohio North Infectious Disease Waiver – Coach](#). This is a requirement by our insurance provider and will be included as part of our background screening and participant safety compliance process.
- **League/Club Waiver (New):** Having all leagues and clubs sign the [Ohio North Return to Activity Review and Compliance Waiver](#). This separate online form is simply to verify that all clubs and leagues are following the State of Ohio protocols.
- **Protocol Compliance:** Ensuring compliance with the newly released [Contact for Sport Practices](#) protocols.

As previously stated, it is important that as Ohioans we continue to do our part in mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Soccer clubs/organizations can move forward with tryouts/training opportunities IF they can meet state requirements. However, it is important that as soccer

clubs/organizations/parents/players that you feel comfortable with the new guidelines. If soccer clubs/organizations do not feel they can achieve the required level of compliance, then it is important that you do not proceed. And please know that you should feel comfortable in making the decision to not proceed. You are making a conscious effort to do your part in protecting the health and safety of our youth. As we have heard many times, “Just because WE can, does not mean WE should”.

Ohio North Return to Activity Updates

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