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RE: 2020 South Texas Spring Cup Series Announcement



Over the last few days, President Trump and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have extended nationwide social distancing guidelines as an ongoing effort to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic. Governor Abbott also issued an Executive Order implementing Essential Services and Activities Protocols for the entire state of Texas and, most recently, US Youth Soccer made the very difficult decision to cancel the 2020 National Presidents Cup, the 2020 National Championships and all of the regional competitions leading up to those two events. As a result of this information, along with other contributing factors, South Texas has made the difficult decision to cancel all 2020 Spring Cups: NCS State Cup, Presidents Cup, Directors Cup, and South Texas Cup. Due to this cancellation, team entry fees will be refunded.

Rather than prolong our Spring Cups timeline again without having a clear path forward, we felt this decision would best support South Texas teams, clubs and families. Hopefully this will provide players, coaches, clubs, and parents the time they need to return to a period of normalization before getting back on the field. We also hope this gives our Member Associations the time they need to regroup, finish out the spring season and prepare for the fall season. We understand that this is a financially burdening time and it is not our intent to create more undue stress on families. Instead, we would like give everyone the time and space they need to navigate this unprecedented situation. Each team will receive a refund of their Cup entry fee. Refunds will be processed as soon as possible. You do not need to request your refund as they will be processed automatically.

This decision was not made lightly, and we can only imagine the frustration that some players, coaches and teams will feel, especially those in the oldest age group. As the next weeks, months, and years pass, we hope to look back on this situation and know that we made the right call. With the absence of Spring Cups this season, we will be greatly focused on strengthening our competitions for the 2020-21 season.

On behalf of South Texas Youth Soccer, we thank you for your dedication and patience through this time of uncertainty. We are looking forward to a strong fall season and continuing our mission of making soccer the preeminent sport in South Texas.

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