



## 2020 Return-to-Play Plan Watertown Youth Soccer Association

In this rapidly changing environment, we are responding to guidance from many organizations including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), South Dakota Youth Soccer (SDYSA) / US Youth Soccer (USYSA) and our South Dakota State Government. Our most immediate concern is the health of our Watertown Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) family, followed by a proactive plan to reconvene WYSA activities when the situation permits.

In the interest of providing the best possible experience, while promoting community health and safety by following guidelines set forth by the CDC, WYSA in an effort to safely return to the fields to resume soccer activities has created a Return-to-Play plan.

The 2020 Return-to-Play guidelines provides a plan for soccer players to return to the field through a multi-step process with safety measures in place.

The first phase would allow our Competitive soccer teams to begin organized practice by following appropriate physical distancing. We would like to kick off the season by hosting an optional skills camp the week June 1<sup>st</sup> followed by a regular practice schedule (twice weekly) beginning the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

- \* In this phase all players and coaches would be encouraged to observe social distancing guidelines in their implementation of practice.
- \* Parents would be encouraged to limit their attendance at practice.
- \* Players will be encouraged to bring and use personal hand sanitizer as well as practicing good hygiene washing their hands at the completion of each practice.
- \* Hand sanitizer will be available for public use at the park.

The second phase would include optional participation in tournaments beginning the last weekend of June. None of which will be hosted in Watertown.

- \* In this phase all players, coaches and spectators would be encouraged to observe social distancing guidelines. Including but not limited to players and coaches on the sidelines during games.
- \* Parents and spectators would be encouraged to remain on the fan side of the field, limiting the field access to players, coaches and referees.
- \* Hand sanitizing should be available to the players and encouraged to take place before, during, at halftime and at the completion of each game.
- \* Players should not share their drinks or snacks with others.
- \* Fans will be encouraged to bring and use hand sanitizers.

WYSA understands that we may be asked to suspend play once started if directed by emergency order.

Enforcement of these guidelines will be the responsibility of the coaches and players on the teams. Players or spectators may be invited to vacate if not following the guidelines set forth by WYSA and/or tournament organizers.