

Ohio Travel Soccer League Return to Soccer Activity

OHTSL Communities,

The OHTSL is excited to announce plans for a Fall season based on the Ohio State Department of Health order that went into effect on Friday August 21st.

The plan is:

- Begin games on Sunday 9/13,, although we will allow rescheduled games to begin as early as 9/8.
- Play 7 Sundays from 9/13 - 10/25 with a weeknight game scheduled the week of 9/14 and 9/21 if needed.
 - If you are scheduling weeknight games. please remember sundown occurs at 7:30 on September 15th and becomes earlier after that..
- Please note we have had to make adjustments to divisions. If your teams brackets look different it is most likely due to the combining of divisions when teams dropped.
- We plan to release a new schedule by Tuesday evening 8/25 and have the game change system open for one week only closing at midnight on 9/1). Please make sure during this week to frequently check the game change system as there is limited time for communities to work to make changes to follow spacing and timing guidelines required in the health order. Please, also remember the health order allows for only one opponent per day. It does allow you to play the same opponent more than once in a day, so if you are in a division where you play a team twice in the season you can play that team twice in one day.

Over the next week, we will be updating game rules to include the new rules that went into effect in 2020, as well as deadlines for attestations and passes and guidance on how to handle games that do not have a referee.

Below is all the current information from the Ohio Department of Health on requirements for practices and games. The league will be hosting a call on Tuesday evening at 8 PM to help with any questions or issues you have after reviewing the state mandate. Please see below for details.

OHTSL requires all member communities to follow all state orders regarding contact sports provided by the [Ohio Department of Health Director's Order on 8/19/20](#).

OHTSL will hold a community meeting on 8/25 at 8:00PM to review and discuss the following OHTSL return to play policies.

- Join Zoom Meeting - [Link to 8/25 8PM Meeting](#)
- Meeting ID: 437 588 8027
- Passcode: 113

Additional OHTSL COVID Related Policies:

1. Any mandatory, community/facility COVID specific policies must be communicated as follows:
 - To OHTSL in writing to covid@ohtsl.com by 9/7/20
 - To the opposing team 48 hours in advance (ie: no/limited spectators, required temp checks, etc.)
2. There will be no pre-game check-in by the referee. Player passes will not be handed back and forth between adults. If a player is questioned for age, the coach will produce a player pass from 6 feet of distance and show it to the opposing team's coach or the player will not be allowed to compete.
3. There will be no pre-game captains meeting. The away team will take the ball first and the home team will pick sides first.
4. Coaches are required to enforce state mandates for their teams (players, coaches, spectators). If anyone is not willing to follow mandates the coach should cancel the game. The game will not be rescheduled, please notify OHTSL with the game number, date and team not following the mandate.

5. If communities are not following state mandates OHTSL will provide a one-time warning, upon a second offence all future games for the entire community will be canceled.

OHTSL COVID Game Cancellations/Reschedule Policy:

- If notification is provided that a community Health Department has quarantine a team for a specified amount of time the impacted games will be rescheduled for later in the season (they will move into the open scheduling section of the OHTSL website, labeled postponed, it will be the responsibility of the teams involved to agree on a date/time and reschedule)
- OHTSL will honor additional community team quarantine policies up to 14 days if the community has submitted their community specific rules to OHTSL prior to the season start date.

OHTSL Refund Policy:

1. League Cancellation Refund Policy:
 - If the season is canceled prior to any games being played, 90% of team fees will be refunded
 - If the season is canceled within the first half of the season, 50% of team fees will be refunded
 - If the season is canceled within the second half of the season, there will no refund of team fees
2. Team Cancellation Refund Policy:
 - A team that is canceled and only played 1-4 games will receive a refund of 50% of team fees
 - A team that is canceled and played 5-8 games will not receive a refund
 - If a team is unable to play 50% of their games due to other teams COVID related issues, they will receive a 50% refund of team fees.
3. US Club Soccer:
 - There will be no refunds from US Club Soccer for player or staff passcards.