

## **Ohio Travel Soccer League**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FALL 2020 SEASON ODH REVISED MANDATE**

All,

As you are all aware the Ohio Department of Health released an amended Sports Mandate early this afternoon. The OHTSL wants to emphasize that this amended mandate may be amended again and the rules change several more times before the start of the season. Please be aware that our goal for the Fall season is to do everything we can to allow our local youth to play soccer. Therefore based on the rules as they stand today, the OHTSL board has decided to implement the following changes for Fall season.

#### [Ohio Department of Health amended Sports Mandate 8/28/2020:](#)

- Sports Participants shall not compete in more than one contest or game on any calendar day, unless it is against the same team(s) or player(s) as in the original game or contest.â€
- As of today the Director's Order defines a sports participant as: sports athletes, coaches, volunteers, staff, employees, venues, affiliated teams and schools, and spectators.â€

OHTSL changes for the Fall season:

1. A team CAN play a double header against the same opponent.
2. Extend the season one week, the last date to play is now 11/1/2020.
3. There will be NO standing or scores reported.
4. Cancellation policy is reduced from 7 days to 3 days. However if cancelled under 3 days, the cancelling team will be billed for referee and referee assignor fees.
5. It is extremely important for communities to be flexible and work with each other in order to get the kids to play soccer.
6. Home communities need to reach out to the opposing team at least 3 days in advance to discuss; the number of players (i.e. a 9v9 game may be played as 8v8 or that team A may need to borrow two players from team B in order to play the game), jersey colors, and COVID specific guidelines.
7. If a team drops from the Fall season, the OHTSL is NOT rescheduling the impacted division. As a result, the remaining teams in that division will play one less game but are permitted to schedule a friendly with any other team in that division or any other team in a surrounding community.

The OHTSL Board of Directors

As always please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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