



Alaska Youth Soccer Association

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To: Alaska Youth Soccer Membership

CC: Board of Directors

Re: Indoor Mitigation & Safety Guidelines – Anchorage District

AYSA Members and Affiliates,

Good Afternoon,

As Alaska Youth Soccer continues to diligently work on providing a clear path for our clubs participating in the Anchorage Municipality. AYSA has worked directly with the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), and the local municipality to ensure that we have clear operating guidelines to continue to provide safe programming within our clubs and leagues. Alaska Youth Soccer is confident that our programs for our youth participants will remain safe as we proceed through the ongoing challenges with the pandemic.

In light of the recent announcement from the Anchorage Mayor and subsequent update to the Emergency Order (11-6-20) [EO-14v3](#) and **Attachment B – Organized Sports** (requires individuals to wear mask or face covering all times for all athletes, players, coaches, officials, and volunteers involved in organized sports.). Alaska Youth Soccer Association has modified the current phase for Anchorage. Effective immediately Anchorage will remain in Phase III with modifications allowing for small, sided competition.

Alaska Youth Soccer is confident that with the current measures implemented clubs and teams will be able to follow the updated Emergency Order as they align with AYSA's current Indoor Mitigation & Safety Guidelines. It is important that we can move forward but do so safely. The addition of the implantation of wearing a face covering during practices and games, can be done safely. Families may choose at this time to take a step back from soccer- this OK, soccer will be here when you are ready to step back on the pitch!

For the benefit of all Anchorage clubs, leagues, and members, we ask that you strictly adhere to all regulations within your local municipality including the updated current Emergency Orders and Attachment B –Organized Sports guidelines. For youth soccer participation to continue throughout the winter months, we all must ensure to remain compliant within the provided guidelines along with following the Alaska Youth Soccer Policies and Indoor Mitigation guidelines.

The AYSA webpage "[Return to Play Guidelines](#)" will remain updated with ongoing announcements, current **Indoor Mitigation & Safety Guidelines**, leagues play, updated COVID-19 health and safety protocols for coaches, players and parents.

Alaska Youth Soccer remains steadfast in our commitment to the safety of our players, coaches, referees, families, and communities. We appreciate your help in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and appreciate your patience in this matter!

Municipality of Anchorage- E/O

EO-14V3 ORGANIZED SPORTS

[Emergency Order EO-13v3](#)

Thank you for your support as we move forward TOGETHER. We Are Alaska Youth Soccer!

Sincerely,

Linda Burke

Executive Director

Alaska Youth Soccer

Alaska Youth Soccer reserves the right to amend its decisions on sanctioned activities and timelines to best adapt to and reflect all new federal, state, and local directives and guidelines.