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To: Alaska Youth Soccer Membership

CC: Board of Directors

Re: AYSA Alaska State Cup

AYSA Members and Affiliates,

In a normal season, this is that time of year where youth soccer teams throughout Alaska are preparing for the grand tournament of all competitions. As you know all too well - this is not a normal season.

Due to the unprecedented nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 Alaska State Cup is officially postponed for the first time in history. For the past several months AYSA and the State Cup Committee has worked diligently to cover all aspects of the tournament platform including coordinating with the several local and state health officials to ensure we could offer a safe event to our attendees along with following CDC, State and Municipal guidelines.

The Alaska Youth Soccer Board of Directors has decided at this time the tournament posed too many health and safety concerns for the athletes, coaching staff, referees, spectators, and community members.

Though the decision to postpone State Cup was a difficult one it was necessary to ensure that we remain true to our mission. Our highest priority has been and will continue to be ensuring we provide a healthy and safe environment for activity within our soccer programs and leagues, as well as that of the community at large. Moving forward the tournament has not been cancelled and the Alaska Youth Soccer BOD along with the State Cup Committee will meet at a later date to determine when and where the Alaska State Cup can be held responsibly and safely for the teams as they continue to prepare to win a spot in the 2021 US Youth Soccer Regional Championship Series.

For now, please stay safe, healthy, and connected as we prepare to safely get back on the pitch. We Are Alaska Youth Soccer!

Sincerely,

Linda J. Burke

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Executive Director

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