

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Can/should we travel to tournaments outside of NC if their rules are different?
That depends on where we are with the NC phases – Also, I have spoken with our surrounding states and each have responded it will depend on when their states are able to open. As it progresses, they have shared they may need to pull the sanctioning of an event. Recommendation: If you have applied or plan to apply – make sure to be in contact with the tournament to see what their policy on refunds will be if cancelled. Right now, NCYSA is not approving Notifications to Travel until we know our teams will be able to travel. US Youth Soccer in their guidelines have addressed traveling – If someone travels, they should be required to quarantine for 14 days upon return.

2. Are we insured if we have 1 on 1 training with players on our fields now?
NCYSA covers sanctioned activity therefore insurance would not be in effect until June 1st. If you do have 1 on 1 training prior to June 1st, parents should be made aware and the association should determine if they will accept that liability. It is also important to remember that 1 on 1 training should be following the SafeSport Act, which means there should be another adult present (have the parent present).

3. What local rules do we apply? We have kids and fields in NC and VA/SC.
This will need to be addressed with individual associations because there are a variety of scenarios. Teams training on a field in another state, teams playing in a league in another state. NCYSA will work with our associations to coordinate with the states needed to make sure our members know regulations for compliance. On another note: We have released players from NC to other states to play. Those players should comply with the guidelines set forth in that state. We also have received players from other states, and it would be our expectation they would be asked to comply with NCYSA guidelines. I have communicated with the surrounding states and waiting on a reply to make sure we are all on the same page.

4. What should we document?
Use the RTA guidelines from NCYSA as a guide, but two areas are important:
 - Provide a coach checklist and **note the players attending each session**
 - Provide a club checklist for facilities and communications, and include any documentation of an illness report or player/coach/family member who tests positive

5. How do we do tryouts if we are still in “25 maximum group training” mode?

First, I would ask you to take two things into consideration for the players – where they are physically and mentally. Tryouts are stressful for most players and with the Covid-19 experience there could be additional stress for some of the players.

Be creative – we have gotten feedback that some are doing virtual tryouts – some are planning drills that would highlight skills – looking at this year’s team and determine needs. We are in new waters, so it means thinking outside of the box. It could also be determined by the dates you plan to hold your tryouts –

June 15 to July 31 for 11U/12U

June 22 to July 31 for 13U and above

As we look at NC Phases, Phase Two has allowed us the opportunity to have larger groups. We also must stay aware: the Governor’s Phases are subject to change.

6. Electronic paperwork moving forward

Our target is August for next year’s registration cards to be electronic. In the meantime, for safety reasons, we have options this summer to bring images of cards to events (team managers) to avoid handling paper. A clarifying letter has been sent.

7. Promotion and relegation for the spring season?

Since we did not complete additional games for the spring season, we will maintain existing positions for next season.

8. Does groups of 25 mean 25 players or total of players and coaches

Total of 25 or less (ex. 23 players, 2 coaches)

9. Size of the field?

The guidance for our training is focused on spacing the players – multiple groups can spread across fields or training areas. As a guideline, one group of 25 at each end of a full sized field. Actual group size and younger age appropriate fields may require adjustments.

10. Who measures the temps?

Our guidance is for parents to be responsible and players, if old enough, to take their own temp. Coaches are not responsible for taking temps.

11. Can we share a soccer ball?

Our training should be aimed at foot skills. Players should focus on touches and keeping the ball on the ground, if multiple players are playing a ball.

12. Does insurance cover virtual training?

We are investigating this question. Watch this space.