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Subj: Observations on Returning to Play

Thank you for continuing to care about your club's health and safety. Across the state, kids are practicing and training based on your local decisions while you are watching the progress on the pandemic front.

The Governor and NC Health and Human Services continue to issue mandates, recommendations, and guidance on sports topics. NCYSA has talked to leaders in NCDHHS and expect another update next week, leading up to the Phase III target of June 26th. As you know, there are legislative bills and lawsuits swimming around as well.

Some clubs are absorbing this information and deciding to add intra-team scrimmages and intra-club play to their practices, keeping the groups small and contained locally. They have the safety guidelines for hygiene and equipment and spectators as covered in our NCYSA guidelines of June 2, 2020. Other clubs are maintaining the smaller groups (10 or less) and avoiding contact, and some clubs are delaying any practice. Some are even surveying members. Each club is acting in their best view of the trade-offs involved for their location and membership.

Legally, soccer must follow mandates, and we should also consider recommendations and guidelines. We will continue to post relevant guidelines in the COVID tab on [ncsoccer.org](https://www.ncsoccer.org). Inter-club matches and tournament play have not yet been sanctioned by NCYSA.

Some parents may feel that added scrimmages will keep their kids enthusiastic about soccer. Others will feel that any added contact is too much too soon. NCYSA will continue to update our guidelines as new news comes in. Parents have the final say on their sons' and daughters' play.

Stay safe and enjoy getting back on the field!

NCYSA Executive Board