

Coaches and Managers,

Opening Weekend is here and for so many of you that have reached out to us at ASA to thank us for getting our youth back on the field, you are welcome. However it has also been a group effort that needed you as well to make sure we stayed disciplined in returning to play. Let's not blow it and let's make sure the protocols are being followed.

In conjunction with our COVID Protocols, the younger ages have intentionally been delayed to start their season when possible. This was intentional because of the current status that we are in (Step 1) of Spectators returning. Hopefully the governor will open things up and we can follow suit.

We have Advanced League games being played at Copper Sky, Santos Complex, and Fear Farm this weekend. Field information is posted on the [Advanced Leagues Web Page](#). With our current COVID Protocols on spectator seating, a map that shows areas where spectators can observe their game is attached by clicking on the field below. Weekly, you will note where ASA Staff is present and if there is an Athletic Trainer. I have high expectations of my support staff to assist you and help support you in enforcing the Spectator Step 1 requirements that are your team's responsibility. You will find staff wearing ASA gear and/or under ASA Canopies or signage at the fields.

- [Copper Sky](#) – ASA Staff and an Athletic Trainer from our partner Banner Sports Medicine will be on site all weekend. The Athletic Trainer will be located under an ASA canopy on the South end of fields 2 and 3.
- Fear Farm – ASA Staff will be on site Saturday to help you with anything you might have at the fields. ASA Staff will be directing teams and spectators where they are allowed. Teams should expect that Spectators will not be allowed on the field.
- [Santos Complex](#) – ASA Staff will be on site Saturday to help you with anything you might have at the fields.

KEY REMINDERS:

- [COVID PROTOCOL FOR ADVANCED LEAGUES](#): ***Make sure you read this document!***
- **UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS at the Discretion of the Referee.**
- **MANDATORY WATER BREAKS FOR THIS WEEKEND:** Based on current forecasts as of 9/10/2020, decisions on Mandatory Water Breaks will be made at the field by ASA Staff, Referees, or a mutual agreement of opposing coaches. WHAT THIS MEANS = ASA Staff is the ultimate and final authority on decisions. A Referee may use their authority to enforce an mandatory water break. An agreement prior to the match by opposing coaches AND communicated to the referee may result in mandatory water breaks.
- Benches and canopies are not provided at sites due to COVID. Please bring your own and be aware of the expectations regarding sanitization in following the COVID Protocols.
- Hydration is not provided due to COVID. Players must bring twice as much water or Gatorade than they think they can drink.
- Teams must clean up their trash prior to exiting the field and the new team coming on the field.

Here are the other follow up items from yesterday's [Part 1 email](#).

1. GAME DAY PROCEDURES: Click to access what is on the [Advanced Leagues Web Page](#).
2. GAME CARDS: **PRINT YOUR GAME CARDS!** For any Advanced League Game, the home team needs to provide the game card to the referees, report the score, and scan game card to advancedleagues@azyouthsoccer.org. **IF THERE IS ANY YELLOW OR RED CARD OR INJURY WHICH OCCURS, THE GAME CARD MUST BE EMAILED WITHIN 24 HOURS FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE MATCH.** Game cards may be physically turned into a Site Director or ASA Representative when on site. IF No cards or injuries occur, you are required to send in the game card to report the score within 48 hours of completion of your game. Referees will be returning Game Cards to the appropriate Home Team coach or team representative after it has been signed by both teams.
 - a. Home team is responsible to bring the printed Game Card.
 - b. [HOW TO PRINT GAME CARDS](#) is published on the [Advanced Leagues Web Page](#).
 - c. IF any team makes roster changes such as when adding a Club Pass Player, ***they must print a game card whether they are Home or Visitor Team so that it may be presented to the referees before the game for player check in.***
 - d. Both teams must communicate to the referee prior to the start of the game who will be scratched from the game.
 - e. It is allowed to cross off players from your roster but players being added ***ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE WRITTEN IN AND MUST BE DONE IN GOTSOCGER PRIOR TO THE GAME***

3. [CLUB PASS POLICY](#): Make sure you read the policy.
4. Player Passes and Team Official Passes:
 - a. All Team Officials must wear their pass visibly displayed.
 - b. Player passes will be presented to the referees for player check in. However coaches must attest to the validity of the Game card prior to the start of the game and signature of the game card after the game is your attestation that you agree to the recorded document.

Lastly from me:

- Respect the Game - Inappropriate comments and behavior directed toward players, coaches, referees, or fans during the game will not be tolerated!
- ZERO TOLERANCE – ASA Staff reserves the right eject or enforce behavioral protocols as outlined in the ASA Code of Conduct. This may lead to immediate ejection, termination of a match, forfeiture of a match, fines, or additional disciplinary actions.
- If a referee is not present at the start of your game, the existing referee crew is aware of their escalation process as the game will proceed to be played.

Let's Start Playing!!!!