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To: Team Contacts, Team Officials, Coaches

2020-2021 Arizona Federal Credit Union Advanced Leagues - November 6-8 weekend Updates Teams,

It's been a crazy week so I apologize for the late communication. For the U15 and older groups that in general end their Advanced League season before Thanksgiving weekend, we are aware that AIA has pushed the HS Winter season back as of yesterday.

This season has been unprecedented in terms of having to move games around (not necessarily by choice of either team or me...) due to COVID protocols postponing games, facility max field requirements, etc. Once again I need to thank you all for your cooperation and patience. ASA has not charged any additional fees or implemented forfeits this year due to those COVID changes so it's required all of you to help make things work out. There have been times that I have needed to move games due to the overall referee shortage. I do my best to send a communication (or in the team chat function in getsoccer) for any changes in fields, locations, dates, times but please continually check your online schedule before your next games anyway.

This weekend there is the potential for rain. ASA Staff will be working with each facility in making decisions as early as possible. I communicate through getsoccer via email and text as soon as reasonably possible. Please do not call or email me asking "hey is the weather going to cancel our game?".

Here is where we are playing this weekend:

- NOS Santos (Saturday): ASA Staff and Athletic Trainers will be there. **Spectators continue to be allowed on the field following the ASA Spectator Seating layout and all must wear masks.**
- Copper Sky (Friday, Saturday, Sunday): ASA Staff will be there. Athletic Trainers will be there Saturday and Sunday. [SEE COUPONS](#). **Spectators continue to be allowed on the field following the ASA Spectator Seating layout and all must wear masks.**
- Pioneer Park (Friday, Saturday, Sunday): ASA Staff and Athletic Trainers will be there. **Spectators continue to be allowed on the field following the ASA Spectator Seating layout and all must wear masks.**
- Tucson Kino (Saturday and Sunday): ASA Staff will be there. No Athletic Trainers. **Spectators continue to NOT BE ALLOWED on the field and must remain outside the gate.** BREAK BETWEEN GAMES IS NOW 30 MINUTES TO ALLOW FOR TRANSITION OF GAMES. I HAVE ADDED AN ADDITIONAL 5-15 MINUTES ON TOP OF THAT FOR THIS WEEKEND. **SEE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. **NO SPECTATORS PERMITTED ON THE FIELD. THERE ARE GOOD VIEWPOINTS BEHIND THE FENCED AREAS.**
2. **DO NOT CONGREGATE AT THE GATE ENTRANCE. THERE IS NO SHADE TO WAIT AT THE GATE. DO NOT APPROACH THE GATE UNTIL 20 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR GAME TIME.**
3. **PARK WILL ONLY ALLOW YOU TO ENTER THE GATE WHEN THE PRIOR GAME HAS VACATED. I RECOMMEND NOT APPROACHING THE GATE ANY EARLIER THAN 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR GAME IF THERE IS A GAME BEFORE YOU.**
4. **COACHES PLAN YOUR PREGAME WARMUP BEFORE YOU ENTER THE GATE. DO YOUR STRETCHING PRIOR TO ENTERING.**
5. **TEAMS FINISHING THEIR GAME NEED TO QUICKLY VACATE THE FIELD. NO POST GAME TEAM DEBRIEFS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD.**

US Youth Desert Conference Teams: I have your patches for uniforms. Please email me at advancedleagues@azyouthsoccer.org to arrange pickup or to meet. I will be at Copper Sky Friday night and Santos Saturday. Arrangements for next weekend will work or at the ASA office.

Recurring Important Reminders:

- Last week the first reminder was about the Head Coach's responsibility to control their bench, technical area, and spectators actions. I will remind again and elaborate further... this means your players cannot

leave their bench area as well if an incident precipitates on the field. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS** or delegate to an assistant to know what to do. Multiple coaches this season have been reminded how they have not fulfilled this responsibility.

- **COVID PROTOCOL RESCHEDULING:** Teams, at this time it is highly likely that for U15 and older games that are postponed, you will need to play that game the weekend of March 5-7 as the only option. For U14 and younger, if the games cannot be fit into the December 5/6 weekend, they would be moved to the Spring (January-March).

See you all on the field.