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To: Team Contacts, Team Officials, Coaches

2020-2021 Arizona Federal Credit Union Advanced Leagues January - March and Games this Weekend

Teams,

This communication is relevant to the older ages (U15-U19) and younger ages (U12-U14). For all ages, the following updates regarding COVID Protocols regarding rescheduling games will take place:

1. For any games in January and February that are postponed and require rescheduling due to COVID Protocols being followed, the game will be rescheduled to the next available date taking into consideration the following.

- Existing games scheduled for both teams
- Existing Blackout Dates for both teams
- Available field inventory on play dates
- The last available play date weekend is March 12-14 weekend which has been reserved as a mandatory play date for rain out make up games. https://www.azsoccerassociation.org/assets/77/6/leagueinformationchart2020-2021_fall-spring.pdf
- Teams will not be given an option to select a different date and will need to make accommodations to play the rescheduled game.

2. For any games that are postponed due to COVID Protocols and cannot be rescheduled or do not have an available remaining open date, those teams will be communicated to that the game will be cancelled and rule 4.08 will govern how that cancelled game is handled.

3. For any games in March that are postponed due to COVID Protocols being followed or are outside the controls of ASA (force majeure), those games will be cancelled and rule 4.08 will govern how that cancelled game is handled.

Specific details for each group below...

OLDER AGES (U15-U19): Several Updates due to the Winter High School Season.

- Games that were pushed to March due to rescheduling a game from the fall for COVID Protocol will not be played prior to 3/5 due to conflicts with the Winter HS "regular" season. At this time the high school association has been moving the start/end dates of the high school season which as of now the regular season is targeted to end 3/5/2021. **That means that game prior to 3/5 will need to be moved to the week following 3/5-3/7. Games currently scheduled on that weekend also will be moved to the following weekend.** It has not been published when the High School Playoffs will take place but most likely those playoffs will at least extend to 3/13. If any of those dates are moved by the high school association, another communication will take place from ASA to teams. **ONLY TEAMS THAT HAVE 4 OR MORE PLAYERS STILL PLAYING IN THE PLAYOFFS WILL BE LOOKED AT WHEN THAT TIME COMES. ALL OTHER TEAMS WILL BE EXPECTED TO PLAY THEIR RESCHEDULED GAMES.**
- Games that are scheduled for those March Dates which may be impacted due to COVID PROTOCOLS will not be rescheduled due to conflicts that exist with fields and State Cup or Presidents Cup. Rule 4.08 will govern unplayed games.
- For teams that are in Desert Conference, I have already communicated to the League Commissioner of the probably conflict with the Nevada Play dates 2/26-2/28. It is my recommendation that we wait for the high school season to actually start before communicating whether Arizona (only) teams will need to reschedule or make other plans for those games.

YOUNGER AGES (U12-U14):

This weekend games are being played at the following fields. Keep in mind that multiple field complexes were not available so while normally I try to schedule "geographically logical", we all need to understand that for the remainder of the season we might have some constraints that make that process a challenge or not possible.

- NOS SANTOS: Friday - ASA Staff will be on site. No Athletic Trainers. **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 and Athletic Trainers will be on site. **Spectators continue to be allowed on the field following the ASA Spectator Seating layout and all must wear masks.**
- CCV NW PEORIA Campus: Saturday - No ASA Staff or Athletic Trainers. **Spectators continue to be allowed on the field following the ASA Spectator Seating layout and all must wear masks.**

The same COVID Protocols, MUST DO ITEMS, & REMINDERS:

- **SPECTATORS AND MASKS: COACHES, TEAMS, CLUBS YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS. MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SPECTATORS AT THE FIELDS AS WELL AS COACHES AND THEIR PLAYERS ON THE BENCH. IF YOU DON'T WEAR A MASK, DON'T COME.**
- **TEAMS, I NEED YOU TO DO A BETTER JOB OF COACHES AND PLAYERS ON THE BENCH WEARING A MASK.**
- For those that are new to Advanced Leagues, the season continues from the Fall to the Spring with an intentional heavier front load of games in the Fall (usually in case of an average of 2 rainout weekends takes place).
- This season in conjunction with the multiple rescheduled COVID Protocol games, you will see that some teams have a different number of games in the Spring (January-March).
- Intentionally games were "front end loaded" in case games need to be rescheduled to a later date. The purpose of this is to try our best to have all games played. This does mean that while you might not have a game in the end of February or in the beginning of March, there is a chance one of your games might need to be moved to those later dates due to unforeseen circumstances.

See you all on the fields and Happy New Year!

Derek