



To: ASA Club Presidents and Directors of Coaching
From: Rick Kelsey, Chief Executive Officer
CC: Board of Directors
Date: August 24, 2020

Subject: Arizona Soccer Association (ASA) – Thank you!!!

ASA wanted to take a moment and say THANK YOU!!!! Thank you to all the parents, families, players, coaches, and referees for helping to make our return-to-competition a success throughout the Arizona Federal Credit Union Advanced League play-in games and Scrimmage Fest presented by the Las Vegas Mayor's Cup, at Copper Sky Recreation Complex in Maricopa. Approximately 200 teams participated in games that began Friday night and the commitment and discipline displayed by so many to enable our players and teams to get back on the field is appreciated!!!

Since our season was abruptly ended last March, ASA and the member clubs have been working together and doing everything possible to manage the ebbs and flows that the global pandemic has thrown at us. It was the discipline and commitment display by the majority that has allowed us to not only create the guidelines but implement the guidelines for each of the phases, including Returning to Competition this past weekend. We all recognize that not having spectators on the sideline may not be optimal, but it is the situation we are faced with at this time.

The Copper Sky Recreational Complex in Maricopa provided spectacular fields and their surrounding areas provided space for families to socially distance and still be able to watch games. The majority of those in attendance did their part in masking up, especially in the heat and everyone's efforts are appreciated more than we can express.

As we continue moving into tournaments and league play, not every facility will provide the same opportunity to see the games from the same vantage point. And while kicking-off our season is a tremendous first step, we want to make sure that we are still playing in December, January, February, and through the completion of Cups in May, so please continue to work together to keep the games being played by remaining disciplined and committed, and holding each other accountable to that discipline and commitment.

In closing, it was a very successful first weekend and on behalf of the ASA Board of Directors and Staff we want to say **THANK YOU** to all that were at Copper Sky this weekend. Let's continue working together, remain disciplined, hold each other accountable, and continue to allow the kids to play!!