



4/3 Update - MSYSA State and Presidents Cup Update

Last night US Youth Soccer lengthened their mandate that no activities can be held prior to May 1st (UPDATE: this has since been extended to May 15th) which would mean that MSYSA State or Presidents Cup matches could not begin until the weekend of May 9th at the earliest. In addition, they made the very difficult decision to cancel the National Championship Series and Presidents Cup Regional and National events. This decision was discussed in detail with members of the National Championship Committee and Presidents Cup National Committee with input from the State Associations and was based on the following:

- School closures/ability to use public facilities
- Concerns over travel (airline and hotel)
- Financial implications on families
- Keeping the integrity of the events
- Taking away additional stress within the families
- Supporting the State Associations and Leagues

You can find the full announcement from US Youth Soccer here: <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/usys-programming-notice-33120/>

STATE CUP SPECIFIC: For teams that made reservations for the quarter-final rounds in Salisbury, HBC Event Services will proactively cancel and refund all deposits paid and automatically issue everyone a reservation cancellation email. These deposit refunds will appear on the credit card which was used to make their original reservation, within 5 to 7 business days. I want to really thank HBC for taking on this action for our teams.

MSYSA is still hopeful and committed to providing some sort of event for our teams as soon as it is deemed that a safe and healthy environment can be secured. This could range from completing the State or Presidents Cup competition, holding a festival, or any other suggestions that would assist in celebrating the return of soccer in Maryland. Please take a minute or so to complete the survey as soon as possible, we feel strongly that your opinion is important as we attempt to get positive buy-in from all of our teams moving forward.

MSYSA is wishing each family, within our family, continued health during this unprecedented event. We will provide updates to our teams as necessary.