



Dear CSA Membership and Families,

We hope that this announcement finds all of you healthy and well during these times of anxiety and uncertainty.

We would like to take this moment to say “thank you” to all of you that have displayed patience and understanding in regards to these ever changing announcements. We do understand and appreciate all of the input we have received whether it be positive or filled with frustration. Please know that while it is fairly easy to make decisions based upon the safety and well-being of all participants, families, and friends, we as a 501c-3 non-profit youth sports organization have had to make very difficult and thorough decisions to ensure the sustainability and future existence of the organization that has been a fabric of our community for the past 36 years.

Financial Impacts and Explanation to All CSA Members

With these trying times of uncertainty and the statements above we feel that we are obligated to provide you an explanation and reasoning of such. As you may know, Calvert Soccer Association is a community based 501c-3 non-profit youth soccer organization. It has been our mission and will continue to be one of which that strives to provide quality soccer programs to the children of Calvert County and surrounding areas, all the while holding the safety and well-being of all participants to the utmost importance.

While we have multiple programs and levels of play which commensurate with a players abilities and aspirations, we as an organization are intentionally limited to working within a very tight budget with very little cash reserves, just as the vast majority of youth sports organizations and leagues not in just our area, but across the country do as well . Organizations and leagues such as ourself work within these narrow budgets to keep costs to families as low as possible, all the while doing our best to provide quality programs and facilities.

Nonetheless there are fiscal responsibilities and obligations that we have to fulfill in order to continue to provide quality programs for seasons to come. While recreational programs and travel teams operate on different fees and budgets, the one thing both have in common is that the vast majority of costs associated with these divisions of play occur prior to the first practice, let alone game.

These fiscal year expenditures and necessities include and are not limited to employee salaries, multiple insurance policies (liability insurances, MSYSA player and coach insurances, and workmen’s comp to name a few), background check fees, league fees, tournament fees, maintenance and development contracts for fields used, website maintenance, lease obligations, utilities, supplies and so on.

In these extraordinary times there is nothing more CSA would like to do other than alleviate some of the financial stress which burdens many in our community. We as an organization are however limited as to what we can do, as the vast majority of preparation and cost has been put out on the front end of the spring season. We will continue to work through these uncertain times and attempt to provide families with as much financial easement as possible for future seasons.

While this statement and explanation may not sit well with some and a certain level of frustration is acceptable and understandable, please keep in mind that our ultimate goal is to have a safe, fun, and positively challenging environment for the children to return to once we have made it through this together.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or opinions you would like to voice, please send them to covid19@calvertsoccer.org Some questions may be answered quickly, while others are left to be addressed at a later date if not clarified within this lengthy email.

We would like to thank all of you for taking the time to read through this email. We hope that all stay safe and healthy, as we look forward to providing quality programs to your children in the near future.

Sincerely,
CSA Executive Board Members

Enclosed: Recreational Division & Travel Division

Recreational Division

Calvert Soccer Association has had to make the final decision to cancel our 2020 spring recreational season. Initially we were hoping to delay the start of the season until both MD schools and Calvert County parks were reopened for students and sports programs. Unfortunately, these two things have not happened and there is no inclination as to when this will happen, if at all.

In regards to the recreational program, many thoughts and scenarios have been expressed and explored through conference calls between CSA Executive Officers, CSA Board Members, club advisors, and affiliates on a seemingly regular basis. While there are many ideas and means to solutions, we find ourselves in a moment of perpetual hold and ultimately are at the mercy of these moments in time.

While we have thought about starting our spring league in the summer, this is not a viable option as there are many logistical hurdles and participant limitations that would have to be overcome in order to do so.

With that being said, listed below in order are the scenarios/ phases we are going to implement if at all possible. Again, while we strive to provide the best programs possible for the kids we are not in control of the current environment and will have to make changes when necessary.

1-Start of spring season this fall with no registration fees for those that were signed up for the spring 2020 recreational season. This of course would have to be worked out with CCPR seeing that they have historically run a fall program and have control of field assignments based upon availability. We will not be able to pursue this option/ idea until CCPR is opened back up and we have the opportunity to hold these conversations with county leadership.

2- Cancellation of the 2020 spring recreational season all together with either a partial credit towards the 2021 spring season and/or a one time discounted registration fee for the 2021 spring recreational season. We are currently working through these ideas as there are several challenges providing individual credits to nearly 1400 participants manually 1 by 1.

3- For those that choose to do so, A tax deductible donation/ write-off of \$85 to Calvert Soccer Association. For those that wish to do so you will need to submit information electronically by [submitting this form](#) by July 15, 2020. This form will be used to verify requests, as well as give CSA the ability to provide you with a confirmation receipt of your charitable tax deductible donation.

Exemptions and Additional Pertinent Information

Tykes- The 2020 spring tykes program that has been cancelled will be resumed this fall with no additional cost for those that had signed up for the spring 2020 sessions. This of course can only be provided if there is a return to normalcy by this fall. In the unfortunate event that this is not possible, 2020 spring tykes will have to pursue either option 2 or 3 as listed above.

Graduating Seniors- Players that were registered and had the full intention to participate in the CSA 2020 spring season will be granted \$85 refunds upon request. We are granting these refunds and these only since we will not have the opportunity to provide these outgoing students with any season, credit, and/or discount for future seasons. All requests for these specific refunds will need to [fill out this form](#) no later than **May 15, 2020**. Any request after this date will not be granted.

Late Fees- Late fees are non-refundable/ creditable as these are fees that are based upon signing up after registration has closed.

Annual Club Raffle- The 2nd annual CSA club-wide raffle will still take place and all that had a paid registration will still be eligible to win prizes. By federal law and 501c-3 non-profit compliance, we cannot discontinue this endeavor. More information regarding the date of drawing(s) will be provided in the near future. For those that desire to purchase additional entries into this raffle please use the following link: [Purchase Raffle Ticket](#)

Uniforms - All individuals that have ordered and paid for uniforms will be provided those products once we are permitted to facilitate the distribution of such. There will be no refunds or credits regarding uniforms to any player, as this is a product that has been ordered, paid for, and delivered which will be supplied once it is deemed safe to do so.

Travel Division

As you may already know USYS has suspended the spring 2020 season for all travel team programming in the country until May 15th as of the moment. Additionally, USYS has cancelled all regional and national championships that are typically held in June and July.

In accordance, all state soccer associations including MSYSA and their affiliates/clubs have suspended all activities (practices, leagues, games, and tournaments) until this date as well. While these postponements and findings are disappointing to many, please find solace in the fact that the best decisions are being made and exercised in order to provide a safe environment for all of those who participate and attend such events.

While all activities for travel teams have been suspended until May 15th, there are no guarantees that play will resume on this newly projected date. While the vast majority of leagues including EDP, NCSL, and CMSSL have projected contingency plans in regard to the start of delayed seasons they too are at the mercy of an environment and situation of which they have no control. As a club, we will continue to convey these changes to travel members within our club as we are made aware.

While it is our hope and desire to return to play as soon as possible and when deemed safe to do so, we have been discussing and playing out scenarios in the disheartening event that there will be no return to activities for the remainder of the 2019/2020 travel season.

With that being said, listed in order below is the sequence in which individual travel team budgets will operate in the untimely event of season termination.

1- The remaining team balance for a travel team from the 2019/2020 season will be broken down and divided equally into a per player credit. This credit will be applied to the players 2020/2021 travel season player fees. For players that leave CSA all together no credit will be granted.

2- In the event of a team dissolving, the remaining team balance after all expenditures are accounted for will be divided equally into a per player credit. For those transferring to another CSA travel team or recreational program a family credit for that specific player will be administered. For those exiting CSA all together no credit will be granted.

All per player credits will be based upon remaining team balance after all expenditures are accounted for.

Exemptions and Stipulations

Graduating High School Seniors- Graduating seniors will have the opportunity and choice to either receive a refund based on remaining per player balance or carry that remaining per player balance onto a sibling within the same family account.

Recipients of Partial Scholarships- There will be no credits and/ or refunds to those that received a partial scholarship for the 2019/2020 travel season.

Unpaid Balances- Any player account balance that has not been fulfilled by June 30, 2020 will not be permitted any credits

Exemptions and arrangements to these balances can be made provided that families contact traveltreasurer@calvertsoccer.org and reach a mutual agreement prior to June 30th.

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