



PETERS TOWNSHIP SOCCER ASSOCIATION

PTSA 2020-2021 Rec and Travel Seasons

As we approach the summer months and the county going to “green” status later this week, the Peters Township Soccer Association (PTSA) wanted to provide an update to our players and families on the resumption of PTSA soccer activities.

As announced previously, the PTSA 2020 spring season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related governmental restrictions and cessations of youth sports activities. We continue to work with PA West and the Peters Township Parks & Recreation Department to plan for a safe and healthy return to on-field PTSA activities when allowed, based on the guidance and recommendations of the CDC and the PA Department of Health. The health and safety of our players, coaches, fans, and families is our foremost concern.

To that end, and assuming youth sports are cleared to return by such time, the PTSA is happy to announce that it is planning to resume activities for the 2020-2021 season in August as typically scheduled. This will allow time for events to unfold over the summer with COVID-19 and for us to adequately prepare for a return to soccer that is as safe and healthy as possible.

While the PTSA is planning on the same timing as usual, certain changes to how we operate the soccer season will be necessary due to the ongoing presence of the COVID-19 virus and resulting restrictions. Return to Play Guidelines are currently being developed and will be shared with our PTSA members before any activities resume. Below is the current timeline for resumption of PTSA activities:

Summer Camps

The PTSA will not be offering any summer programs in 2020. However, the PTSA will continue to provide any information we receive on summer camps and programs offered by others via email and on the PTSA website (www.ptsoccer.org).

Rec Soccer

On-line registration for the 2020-2021 Rec Soccer season will open on **June 7** on the PTSA website (www.ptsoccer.org). The PTSA Rec season typically begins in late-August or early-September based on PA West’s schedule and the PTSA is planning for a regularly scheduled return to play at that time. Registration will remain open until shortly before the season begins.

Travel Soccer

Registration for the 2020-2021 Travel season will open on **June 7** at www.ptsoccer.org and will close on **June 25, 2020**. Any player interested in playing travel soccer next year must register by this deadline.

Since the 2020 PTSA spring season was cancelled and we are not able to return to full on-field activities at this time, the travel rosters and teams from last season (2019-2020) will carry over to next year (2020-2021 season). There will be no travel tryouts this year.

Returning Travel Players

Returning travel players must register on-line by **June 25** to confirm your spots on the current rosters. Coaches will also be contacting their teams to remind everyone to register and confirm that players are returning.

New Travel Players

Children in the 2012 birth year are eligible to play travel soccer in the 2020-2021 season for the first time and need to register before **June 25**. The PTSA will run an Academy-style player pool for the 2012 kids this fall. All 2012 players who register will be part of the travel program next year, will play on a team, and, to the extent possible, will practice together. Further details on how the program will be run under Return to Play Guidelines will be provided at a later date based on the number of kids who register.

Any player in birth years 2011 or older who is interested in playing PTSA travel soccer and did not play last season must also register for travel soccer by **June 25** and the PTSA will contact you thereafter about team assignments.

If you have any questions about the PTSA programs or plans, please feel free to contact any of the individuals below:

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We look forward to seeing everyone back on the soccer field soon. In the meantime, we wish all of our PTSA families and friends continued health and well-being. We encourage all of our members to continue to monitor the guidance and recommendations from the CDC and the PA Department of Health on precautions and best practices to take with respect to the COVID-19 virus.

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