



PLUM AREA YOUTH SOCCER CLUB P.O. Box 14037 Pittsburgh, PA 15239
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Dear Plum Area Youth Soccer Parents,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We knew from the beginning of restrictions that COVID-19 would change this year's athletic season. We know this outbreak has been stressful to many and recognize that exercising and participating in activities like sports can be a healthy way to cope with stress and connect with our community. And our goal from the start was to get the players back out on the fields as soon as it was safe to do so. After careful thought and planning, we are excited to let you know that we plan to resume youth soccer while following CDC considerations to protect players, families, and our community.

The health and safety of our players, staff, and volunteers remain our highest priority. A Participation Waiver and Return to Play Plan will be required to resume play, and is awaiting approval from PA West. We are hoping to have that approval shortly so that we can resume soccer activity at Larry Mills within the next week. The waiver must be completed for each participant and brought to the first scheduled activity and given to the coach. Anyone not comfortable in resuming play can avail themselves of the refund policy we have put in effect during COVID-19. However, that option must be taken by Sunday June 7th at 11:59pm. After that time the normal [PAYS refund policy](#) will be back in place. Request for a refund should be sent to web@plumsoccer.org.

Our In-House Age Group Coordinators are making final preparations to begin the season including putting teams together and drafting schedules for play in conformance to the guidelines that we have included in our Return to Play Plan that is pending approval from PA West. Our Travel Coordinator will be in contact with the travel coaches to discuss opportunities for each travel team/player to practice and potentially scrimmage internally. You will be notified of the return to play protocol and team/schedule information in the upcoming weeks. Hopefully, we will receive approval of our Return to Play Plan shortly so we can send information out next week.

Many other organizations decided that they would pull the plug on this season. We held out hope that we could get the players back on the field. Now more than ever, it is because of the actions and efforts of our great group of volunteers, that Plum Area Youth Soccer Club is able to continue to provide the children of Plum Borough the opportunity to play organized youth soccer. Every spring and fall (now summer...who knew?) since 1987 we have gathered some of the finest young people in Plum Borough at the soccer fields at Larry Mills Park. We offer these players the chance to learn the game in a safe, affordable, drug free, violence free atmosphere. It is a place where all of our children are considered equal and all of our activities are aimed at just one goal. Thank you to all the parents and players who have waited patiently for this season to begin. And for supporting the Plum Area Soccer organization, without which our community would be a lesser place.

We look forward to seeing you at the fields. Now, let's get the players going! Thank you, and please stay healthy, stay safe, and stay positive.

Respectfully,
Frederick R. Lucas
President
Plum Area Youth Soccer Club Board of Directors