



July 3, 2020

The Parkland Soccer Club (PSC) management team (RLC) and the Travel Leadership Committee (TLC) want to thank you for your patience during these difficult times. We have tried to strike a balance between communicating updates to our membership and not providing inaccurate information. Much of what we would like to have said about expectations on the absence from playing, the return to play, and other items was outside our control. We did not want to make commitments we were unable to meet.

While we cannot share all information in a public forum, we would like to provide answers to the most commonly asked questions that we are receiving these days.

### **Frequently Answered Questions**

#### **Is PSC going to have regular season starting in the Fall?**

PSC is planning for regular operations during the Fall of 2020. We are working closely with State and National governing youth soccer organizations including US Club, ECNL-R, Florida Club League, and FYSA among others, on scheduling our regular season competitions.

In early June, the City of Parkland made the decision to re-open our fields and we were able to start getting back to playing soccer and began player evaluations for the 2020-21 Season. Coaches began hosting smaller group assessments for tryouts and recently some teams are conducting voluntary training based on the latest health and governmental guidelines. We have published our “return to play” guidelines for players, parents and coaches, as well as provide on-line interactive COVID resource library and training classes for players and parents to educate themselves.

In maintaining compliance and safety at all times, the PSC is forming a “**COVID Taskforce**” and is looking for one volunteer per team to represent your team. If you are interested, please contact Eddie Chung at [edwardhchung@hotmail.com](mailto:edwardhchung@hotmail.com) with your name, team name, team coach, and contact information (phone & email).

#### **What happens if the Fall season gets cancelled?**

PSC expects to have a full Fall season. However, in the event that the Fall season is cancelled due to Covid-19, the Club will provide a prorated refund, depending upon the circumstances of when it occurs.

#### **Do we need to buy new uniforms this year?**

PSC is on a two (2) year uniform replacement cycle with our uniform distributor. PSC is scheduled to get new uniforms this summer for the next 2-year cycle. The uniforms will have new sponsors and while we stay true to our club colors, the overall look will be different because we have new sponsors on the jerseys. Each player is required to purchase a new uniform kit, at a minimum:

**Home Kit:** White Jersey, Shorts, and Socks

**Away Kit:** Red Jersey, Shorts, Socks

**Training Kit:** Navy Jersey, Shorts, Socks

**Backpack:** NIKE PSC

**ECNL-R teams:** Polo Travel Shirt & Warm-Up Suit

## **What services did PSC offer during the pandemic?**

PSC provided many services and connections during the time away from soccer. As the situation evolved, PSC continued to offer creative options to stay connected. Some of the many activities included:

- Training videos sent to members
- Juggling competitions
- Interactive events and interviews with professional players, collegiate coaches, collegiate players, and MLS professional coaches, world-wide player agents, nutritionists, etc.
- Zoom calls with coaches
- Coaching staff education
- Skills challenges
- Regular at-home technical work
- Social media skills challenges and points of interest are posted continuously and updated

## **Does PSC offer financial aid?**

PSC does not provide financial aide.

## **Does PSC offer payment plans or do we have to pay the entire registration fee up front?**

Yes, parents can apply for a hardship to request payments to be stretched out over a longer period of time, making smaller payments per month. All requests should be sent to David Balaban at david.balaban@gmail.com.

## **When does team training start for the 2020-21 Season?**

Specific team schedules (training days and times) will be sent by the first week of August.

- **Week of August 10:** ECNL-R & FL Club League Two team training resumes
- **Week of August 17:** All team training resumes
- **Tentative Team Acclamation Camp:** August 3-7 (*Additional fee applies*)

## **Start of the Season:**

\*FL Club League is planning to start all four leagues (ECNLR, FCL2, FCDL) the weekend of **Saturday, September 12, 2020.**

\*The Girls Alliance League (U9-U12) is planning to start the weekend of **Saturday, September 12, 2020.**