

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Parents & Players,

Welcome back to a long awaited return to the soccer fields. I'm sure you are all anxious to get back outside and play soccer. My name is (your name) and I have the privilege of coaching your child.

I apologize in advance for the length of this email. There is a great deal of information that you will need for your child to have a successful start to Clinton Youth Soccer Fall Season. Please reply to this email so that I know you received it. Thanks!

Opening Day is Saturday, September 26th at 10:30am.

Please try to remember that although the way we play the game has changed the reason why we play the game has not..

Please print off and sign the Player Return to Activity Mass Youth Soccer Waiver. This will need to be brought to the field on opening day, September 26th. There will be hard copies available on opening day -

https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/assets/61/6/return_to_soccer_activity_review_and_compliance_waiver_player.pdf

Clinton Youth Soccer has been given permission to play on the South Meadow Fields (across from Clinton High School) as long as we are in compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Clinton Board of Health and Massachusetts Youth Soccer.

Prior to your son/daughter joining us for soccer activities, it is important that you read the information/links in this email. It will help ensure that all goes as smooth as possible

1. Ensure that you have read and understand the Player and Parent sections in the Mass Youth Soccer Return to Soccer Activities Guidelines.
https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/assets/61/6/return_to_soccer_activities_phase_3_step_1_-_sep_4.pdf
2. Mass Youth Soccer created a Webinar Slide Show that Travel Select League presented on Thursday, September 10, 2020 for the parents. It is very informative and we are asking parents to watch it. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fd_mtkWgihM&feature=youtu.be
3. We have created a document with all of the Return to play guidelines/modifications - https://docs.google.com/document/d/17viFLbUnvYmoN7QT2rvyN2y9ppxrge5HvYNYt-5r_xc/edit?usp=sharing

4. Masks for everyone (unless under 2) at all times. If you have a medical condition please let me know.
5. One Spectator per player and spectator (guardian – over 18/parent) must stay for the entire time – in car or in designated spectator area on the field.
6. Your players/Adult/Guardian will check in each week with a Board Member for a wellness check. Your player will be directed to their designated staging area (a 6' area where they will put equipment/chair and wait until coach directs them onto the field). Parents/Guardians may return to their cars or can head to the Spectator designated areas.

It is important for every family to familiarize themselves with the Mass Youth Soccer Return to Soccer Activities Guidelines, Safety Protocols, and the Modifications to the Game throughout the season.

We will follow all state and local health protocols along with recommendations from US Soccer, US Youth Soccer & MA Youth Soccer.

Important Information from your coach.....

- If you notice your child is not feeling well, please keep them home.
- We will refrain from any contact with the players. This means NO handshakes, high 5's, fist or elbow bumps. The only contact will be in case of injury; in which case I will follow all recommended steps to keep him/her safe.
- All equipment such as cones, discs and portable goals will be cleaned and sanitized prior to every soccer practice. I am the only person that will be handling any of the training equipment (cones, discs portable mini goals, etc).
- I will have my personal hand sanitizer & will use it regularly throughout training. To help maintain physical distance, and cleanliness, I will not share it with players. I will have disinfecting wipes to clean any equipment that may have been accidentally handled by players.
- I will have my personal protective equipment available and make sure my mouth and nose are properly covered before coming in close contact with any players In the days leading up to opening day.
- In the case of inclement weather you will be notified by 8:30am if our session is canceled. You will be notified via Sportsmanager/email and it will be posted on Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CYSoccer>
- Please do not use your hands to pick up the ball.
- For every session, every child must bring a mask, water bottle, chair, wear their team jersey, comfortable shorts, soccer cleats or sneakers, and shin guards covered by soccer socks. Please bring a Size 3 soccer ball. They will not be sharing equipment. If you do not have a ball CYS will supply one.
- In order to ensure safety for all of our children, please do not bring or wear: - Jewelry – players will not be allowed to play with earrings, bracelets, necklaces or watches.- Metal or hard plastic barrettes or headbands- Leg or arm braces that have any metal showing- Casts –

players with hard casts will not be allowed to play. It is a Clinton school policy that no dogs are allowed on the field.

I am aware that these are unprecedented times and many may be concerned about returning to play. I assure you that I will take every measure to make a safe training environment for your child. If you have any hesitations, please reach out to me to discuss any further questions or concerns.

Again, Welcome back and I look forward to getting the season underway.

Coach's Contact Information