



COVID ACTION PLAN

OPENING Letter

Dear FC Dutchmen Parent:

We hope everyone has remained safe as we continue to navigate through these unsettling times. We here at FC Dutchmen have been working tirelessly to make sure we develop a program that our players will enjoy once we are given the okay to get back on the fields. We understand the desire of so many of our families to get back to our soccer related activities this is also the goal of the club but only once we have been informed it is safe to do so.

This document is the club policies in addressing the Covid-19 crisis. Please read thought it and contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Once again, all our actions going forward will be 100 percent based on State and National guidelines. Please understand that just because some states are back on the fields does not mean that our governing bodies have deemed it safe for us to do so.

I want to thank everyone once again their understanding support, your emails have been greatly appreciated and I to cannot wait to see all our players back on the field.

Sincerely,
Michael Kinnally
Executive Director
FC Dutchmen Premier/Academy

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We cannot rely on leagues and tournaments to provide a full season for our teams, but as soon as we are allowed to return to the field (based on guidance from state and local governments) FC Dutchmen hopes to provide an altered “spring/summer season” which will include team training as well as festivals/scrimmages between FC Dutchmen teams and potentially other premier clubs. As well as small sided trainings and tournament type activities, with other clubs and in house.

VARIABLES

We fully understand there may be a temporary “new normal” and we are working to create multiple scenarios to make sure we can execute our action plan. The variables we are taking into consideration are field availability, participation restrictions and state regulations. Once a solid start date is given to us by local and state authorities, we will communicate the exact details of the spring/summer season. Taking all of this into consideration, we may develop altered training formats (small groups, shortened sessions, different times of the day, etc.). It is important that we stay flexible in our approach and ensure we remain realistic in our execution and provide value to our membership.

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FINANCIAL POLICY

Our goal is to have a club that can serve its membership in the near term and long term. There are many expenses from the spring season that the club will not be able to recover regardless of a shortened spring season. We are also fully committed to our staff and the retention of them during this crisis, and we intend to support them through this situation the best we can. We are trying to balance supporting our staff while making sure our membership is treated fairly based cost that can still recovered. For example refunded league fees, referee cost and team accounts. These cost/refunds be valued when information becomes available. We appreciate the understanding that our families have expressed while we sort out these circumstances.

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MOVING FORWARD

Leagues and governing bodies are discussing what the fall season may look like, but above all, we believe we will be able to train. We are currently working with our facility providers and evaluating the health and safety standards of our membership. By the end of June we will open registration for next season. Once a player is registered, he or she will be sent an invitation to re-join their team for 2020-2021. Next year's coaching assignments will be announced shortly. We simply do not think we will be able to have a traditional open try-out format this season. Coaches will be reaching out to you to return for next season. Players currently not a member of FC Dutchmen looking to join for next season will need to register and will then be contacted by FC Dutchmen for more information for a formal in person evaluation in late summer. We will have an additional email communication outlining programming ideas we have been working on for all age groups along with updates from our State Soccer Association. Most importantly, please keep safe as we navigate through these troubled times. On behalf of our coaches we miss seeing you all and look forward to the day we can all see each other on the pitch.