

# Massachusetts Youth Soccer's COVID-19 Out-of-State Travel Policy

## *In Effect Until Further Notice*

As of August 13, 2020, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is currently in Phase 3, Step 1, Expansion of Activity Number 1 for Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Activities. This status permits soccer, a moderate risk classified sport, to be played under specific modifications. In order for Mass Youth Soccer to make sure we maintain a level of compliance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directives and support our members in performing their responsibilities with the highest duty of care we provide the following COVID-19 Out-of-State Travel Policy. This policy has been compiled based on legal and insurance carrier input. This policy is in effect until otherwise amended.

### **Tournaments**

- As Tournaments are only permitted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directive in Level 4, no teams may play in Tournaments in any state as a Mass Youth Soccer affiliated member.
- If a team (players, coaches and administrators) is taken over state lines to play in a tournament they will be doing so at their own risk and will not be permitted to use any Mass Youth Soccer/USYS pass cards or documents. This information must be communicated to all player's parents.

### **Games**

- The current playing rules in effect within the state of Massachusetts as defined by Mass Youth Soccer must be applied in all games member organizations compete in both in and out of state if the teams want to maintain being considered affiliated and eligible for member benefits (i.e. insurance).
- Any games (league, scrimmages, friendlies, etc.) played under playing rules considered more lenient than current Mass Youth Soccer modified rules will be doing so at their own risk and will not be permitted to use any Mass Youth Soccer/USYS pass cards or documents. This information must be communicated to all player's parents.

### **Practices**

- The current playing rules in effect within the state of Massachusetts as defined by Mass Youth Soccer must be applied in all practices, clinics and training member organizations conduct both in and out of state if the teams want to

maintain being considered affiliated and eligible for member benefits (i.e. insurance).

- Any practices, clinics or training conducted under rules or guidelines considered more lenient than current Mass Youth Soccer modified rules will be doing so at their own risk. This information must be communicated to all player's parents.

### **Other**

- Current Commonwealth of Massachusetts Travel Orders must be adhered to.

For access to the most current Travel Orders go to Commonwealth of Massachusetts website (<https://www.mass.gov/>) and click on Travel Orders.