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Organizational alternatives to a typical soccer season

SAY Soccer has always placed kids first. The priority now is playing the game of soccer when the time is right. We provide a great degree of reasonable flexibility to administrators and how they choose to organize their community events. The philosophy of “Kids Having Fun” is more important now than ever before. So, when the time comes for our communities to take the field again, we have assembled a shortlist of standard league alternatives that would fall under SAY Soccer sanctioning and insurances when postponements are lifted.

Jamboree Events

A fun style of play for all age groups. This format allows everyone to play based on who can make it to the field without regard to specific teams. The games would still have referees and supervision, but no coaching at the field. Administrators would set up fields based on age groups and randomly assign kids to teams as they show up to play.

- Players would show up with registration documents at each event.
- Consider onsite registration for new players that were unaware of your new activities
- Volunteers should still be pre-screened according to SAY Risk Management Policies before participating in any events.
- Teams can be modified between periods in case of any skill imbalances.
- Field sizes and the number of players can change based on that even’s participation levels.
- You can reduce the number of substitutes, even eliminating them entirely, so that everyone gets more playtime.
- Keep an eye towards flexibility and fun for all the players.
- Setup areas for skills competition and/or demonstration (juggling, speed dribbling, relay races, etc.) for those waiting to play games.

Small-Sided Games

If your league experiences lower than usual registrations, play can be adapted to smaller sided games. Team sizes can be reduced to round out divisions and bracketing. Field sizes can be reduced to accommodate the change in team size. It is permissible to use alternatives for goals and field markings. i.e. cones, flags, scrimmage vests, etc.

Compact Season

When the time comes to take the field, timing may not permit a full season. SAY Soccer is fully prepared to work with our members to assure they get the best value for their registration dollar. In the event of a shortened season, we can discuss how your registrations may extend into future seasons with SAY Soccer.

Tournament Series

In the event that teams are formed, and a season of play is out of the question, holding one or more small tournaments over several weeks may be a possibility. This alternative to league play could take many different forms.

Player Camps

Similar to jamboree events, players would arrive ready to be placed in stations based on technical and tactical objectives. For example, station one: offensive drills and games, station two: defensive drills and games, station three: individual skill building, station four: small-sided games. This design set up would of course be age-appropriate.

Work together with other Districts, Areas, or local organizations

All of us are facing the same challenges and it can make things easier for everyone when we work together. We encourage you to reach out to other nearby organizations to see how you can partner together and achieve the common goal of "Kids Having Fun!"

UKI

Look to SAY Soccer National Partner for camps or clinics for the kids. UKI provides a variety of services for your soccer programs. Any programming with UKI would be under their support and independent of SAY Soccer sanctioning and insurances. www.uksoccer.com