



WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE FALL 2020 BAYS SEASON

Agenda

- Return to Play Guidelines (Brief)
- What's Your Role
- Fall Planning
- Money
- Referees
- High School
- Questions

We Need to Stay Flexible

- Information changes daily
- We are not in control
- Decoupling opening of season from school schedules and MIAA



Our Goal

To build healthy communities by providing soccer to as many children as possible in a fun, safe, and competitive environment.

Our Values

These are what guide us when it's time to make tough decisions:

- Community
- Engagement
- Transparency

CRISES HAVE 3 PSYCHOLOGICAL PHASES:

① EMERGENCY: Shared, clear goals & urgency make us feel energized, focused, & even productive.

② REGRESSION: We realize the future is uncertain, lose sense of purpose, get tired, irritable, withdrawn, and less productive.

MOST OF US
ARE HERE
RIGHT NOW

③ RECOVERY: We begin to reorient, revise our goals, expectations, & roles, and begin to focus on moving beyond vs. getting by.

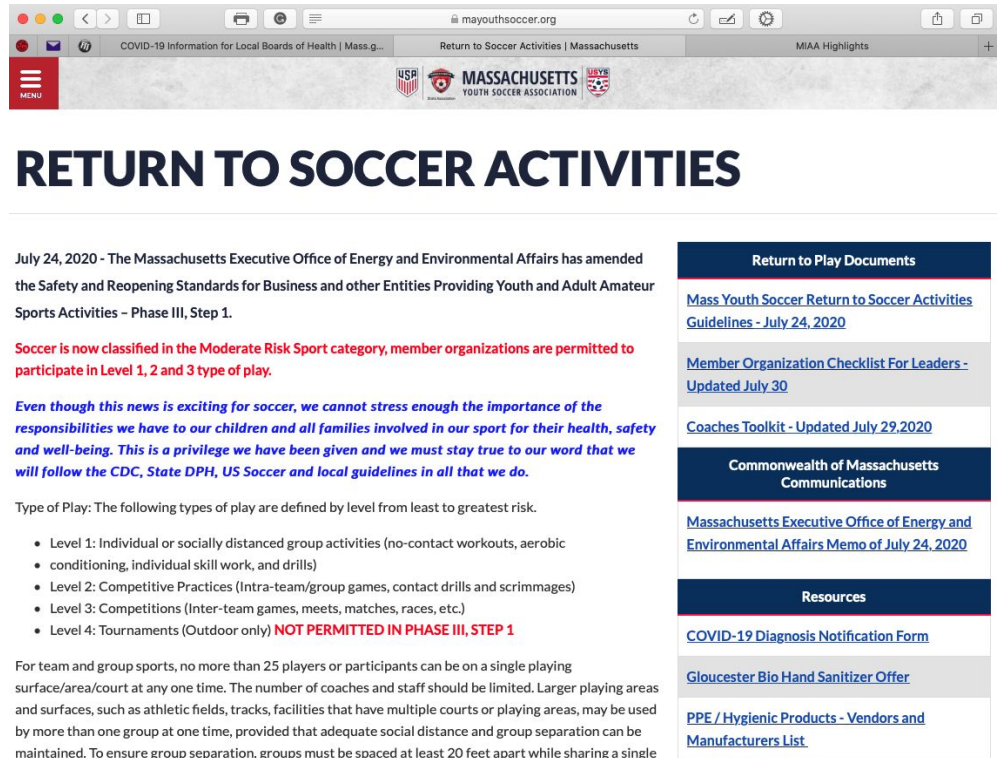
ALL OF THIS IS NORMAL REACTION
TO ABNORMAL SITUATION.



RETURN TO SOCCER GUIDELINES

Return to Soccer Guidelines

- BAYS will follow the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association's Guidelines
- Visit Mass Youth's resource page
- Review [webinar from July 29](#)



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association website. The page title is "RETURN TO SOCCER ACTIVITIES". The main content area includes a date stamp "July 24, 2020" and a statement from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs regarding amended safety and reopening standards. It specifies that soccer is now classified in the Moderate Risk Sport category, allowing participation in Level 1, 2, and 3 types of play. A list of play types is provided, ranging from individual activities to tournaments, with a note that tournaments are not permitted in Phase III, Step 1. A sidebar on the right contains links to "Return to Play Documents", "Resources", and "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Communications".

RETURN TO SOCCER ACTIVITIES

July 24, 2020 - The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has amended the Safety and Reopening Standards for Business and other Entities Providing Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Activities – Phase III, Step 1.

Soccer is now classified in the Moderate Risk Sport category, member organizations are permitted to participate in Level 1, 2 and 3 type of play.

Even though this news is exciting for soccer, we cannot stress enough the importance of the responsibilities we have to our children and all families involved in our sport for their health, safety and well-being. This is a privilege we have been given and we must stay true to our word that we will follow the CDC, State DPH, US Soccer and local guidelines in all that we do.

Type of Play: The following types of play are defined by level from least to greatest risk.

- Level 1: Individual or socially distanced group activities (no-contact workouts, aerobic conditioning, individual skill work, and drills)
- Level 2: Competitive Practices (Intra-team/group games, contact drills and scrimmages)
- Level 3: Competitions (Inter-team games, meets, matches, races, etc.)
- Level 4: Tournaments (Outdoor only) **NOT PERMITTED IN PHASE III, STEP 1**

For team and group sports, no more than 25 players or participants can be on a single playing surface/area/court at any one time. The number of coaches and staff should be limited. Larger playing areas and surfaces, such as athletic fields, tracks, facilities that have multiple courts or playing areas, may be used by more than one group at one time, provided that adequate social distance and group separation can be maintained. To ensure group separation, groups must be spaced at least 20 feet apart while sharing a single

Return to Play Documents

- [Mass Youth Soccer Return to Soccer Activities Guidelines - July 24, 2020](#)
- [Member Organization Checklist For Leaders - Updated July 30](#)
- [Coaches Toolkit - Updated July 29, 2020](#)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Communications

- [Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Memo of July 24, 2020](#)

Resources

- [COVID-19 Diagnosis Notification Form](#)
- [Gloucester Bio Hand Sanitizer Offer](#)
- [PPE / Hygienic Products - Vendors and Manufacturers List](#)

MYSA Guidelines for a Positive Test

What if a member of our organization contracts COVID-19?

- Affected individual or parent should contact the President and Covid-19 Safety Officer who then contacts local DPH.
- Department of Public Health will provide the individual with instructions on what to do.
- All Parties who have had close contact with the individual should be notified using the COVID diagnosis notification form, found in the resource section of the Return to soccer activities page of MA Youth Soccer website. **Be careful not to disclose the individuals name.**



A Positive Test in BAYS?

- When team is affected and its games are suspended, BAYS opponents must be notified.
- Should BAYS share this information with unaffected towns?
- What are the parameters when BAYS should consider suspending the rest of the schedule?
- This is independent of additional state or MA Youth Soccer guideline modifications



WHAT'S YOUR ROLE

Parent's Role

- Parents must keep their children home if the child or someone in their household is not feeling well



Coach's Role

- Coach must take and maintain attendance at all practices and games
- Each team's COVID Safety Coordinator and/or the coach is responsible for enforcing social distance and mask rules for their spectators

Attendance Record

[Name of Class, Club, Organization, Church, etc.]

NAME	1/1/2009	1/8/2009	1/15/2009	1/22/2009	1/29/2009	2/5/2009	2/12/2009	2/19/2009	2/26/2009	3/5/2009	3/12/2009	3/19/2009	#	%
1 Tom Delaney	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	10	83.3%
2 Jim Smart		x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	9	75.0%
3 Sue Tracey	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x		x	9	75.0%
4 Grace Koli	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	10	83.3%
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Club COVID Safety Officer Team COVID Safety Coordinator Roles

COVID-19 SAFETY OFFICER & Team Coordinator

- **Every town club needs one**
 - Credentialed Adult identified to MYSA
 - Coordinates with BOH in every town where club has home fields for additional guidance/restrictions
- **Every team needs a coordinator**
 - Communicates COVID-19 policies with team (masks, balls, hand sanitizer, social distancing)
 - Keeps accurate attendance records for practices and games. Necessary for contact tracing.
 - Monitors sidelines to ensure COVID-19 policies (physical distancing, masks) are being followed.
 - Can be the assistant coach or team parent - credentialed with MYSA



Each COVID-19 Safety Officer must sign an agreement and submit to Mass Youth Soccer.

[CLICK HERE for the Agreement Submission Form](#)



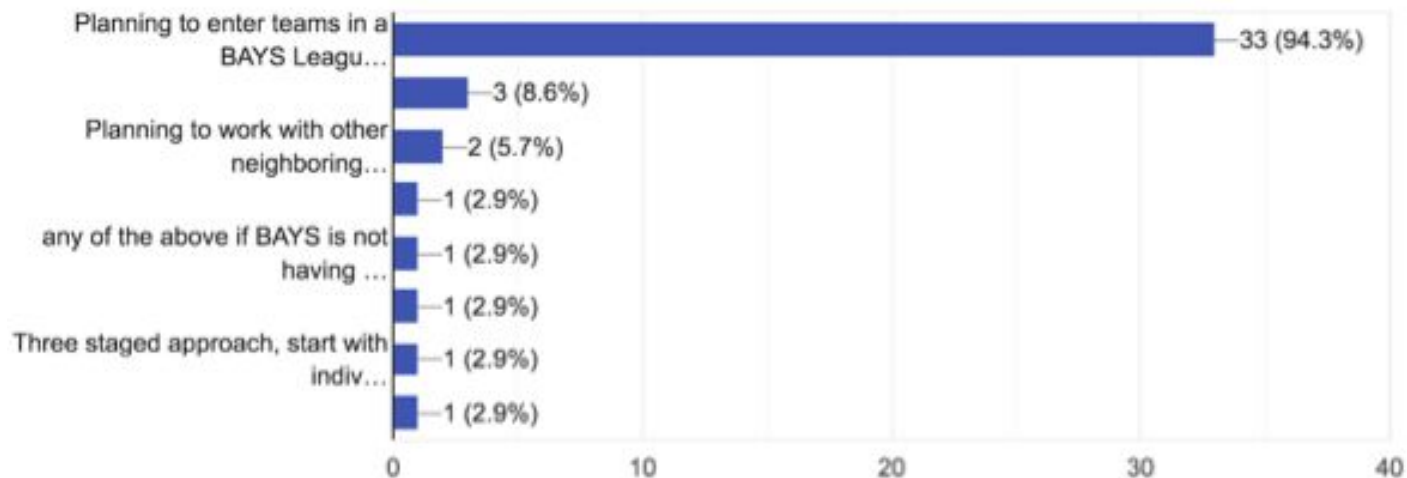
FALL PLANNING

Fall Planning Survey Results

- Majority of BAYS towns planning to enter teams

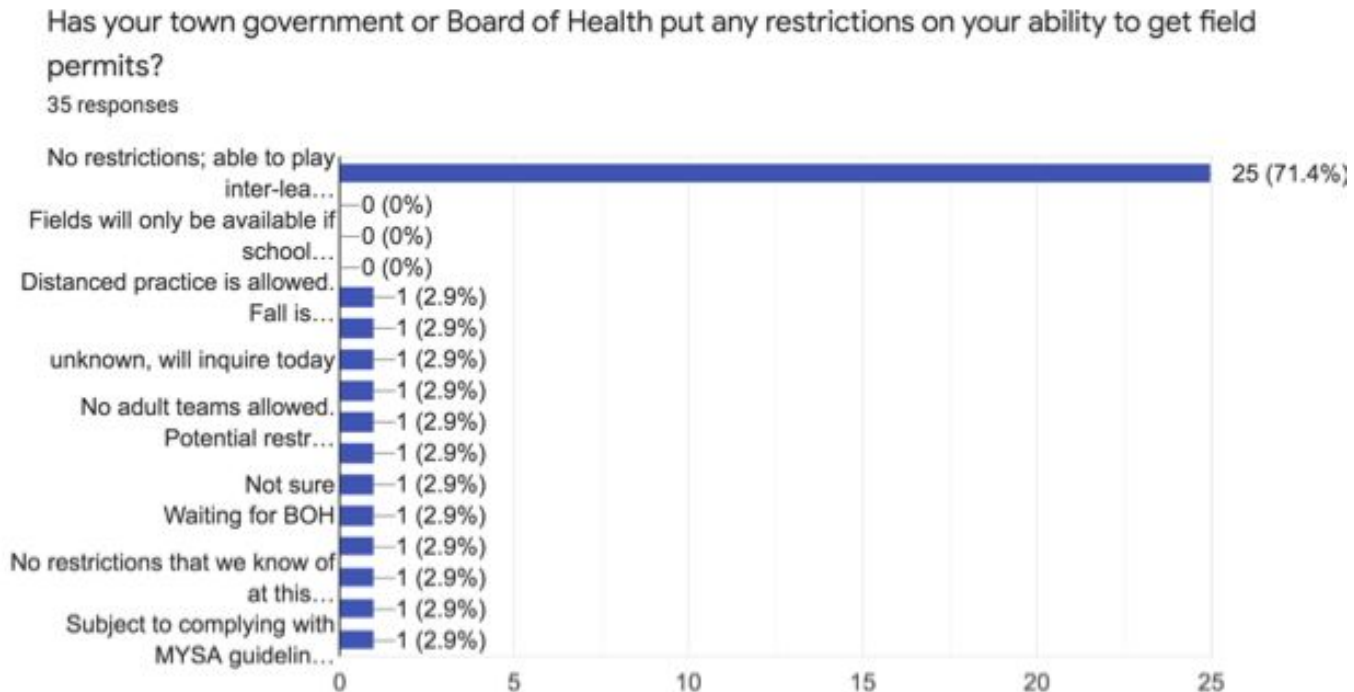
For your organization's fall soccer season, are you

35 responses



Fall Planning Survey Results

- Town BOH Key to Determining Ability to Play BAYS



Home Town Rules Apply

- Individuals towns may have more stringent guidelines
 - Put into Org Field description on BAYS site so all parents can see when getting directions
- Visiting team shall abide by home team's guidelines
- Coaches must also notify visiting team of home team's rules no later than Wednesday before the game

The screenshot shows the Mass.gov website. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu with links: LIVING, WORKING, LEARNING, VISITING & EXPLORING, YOUR GOVERNMENT, and a highlighted COVID-19 link. Below the navigation, it says 'PART OF Office of Local and Regional Health (OLRH) Resources' and 'OFFERED BY Office of Local and Regional Health' with a 'Show 1 more' link. The main heading is 'COVID-19 Information for Local Boards of Health', followed by the subtitle 'Guidance and recommendations for Massachusetts Local Boards of Health'. A green 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' bar is present, with a list of links: Reopening Massachusetts, Orders and Guidance, MAVEN, Resources to Prevent COVID-19 Spread, Coping with Stress During COVID-19 Pandemic, Frequently Asked Questions, Stay Informed, and Additional Information. A vertical 'Feedback' link is on the right side.

Fall Registration Timeline

Fall 2020 Registration YOUTH Grades 3-8 - ULTRA Compressed			
Team Registration Open 3-8	7/15 - 8/14		pushed back 35 days
Competition Committee 3-8	8/17		
Initial Placement Development 3-8	8/17-8/20	3 days	was 12 days
Initial Placements posted 3-8	8/20		
Town Placement Change Requests 3-8	8/20-8/24	4 days	was 14 days
Competition Committee - Revised Placements	8/24		
General Placement Meeting/FALL INVOICE PAYMENTS Postmarked	8/26		
Final Placements Posted	8/27	1 days	
Field Sharing - Grade 3-8	8/20-8/26	6 days	
Fall Schedule Posted Grade 3-8	8/31	5 days	was 12 days
Division Directors Assigned - Roster Dashboard Open	8/31		
Mass Youth Affiliation needed for new Insurance binders	8/31		
Start of Fall 2020 for Grades 3-8	9/12	12 days	was 16 days



MONEY

Registration payments and fines



- 100% refund for unscheduled games
- We will charge for late registration and team drop fees



REFEREES

Referees

- Referees are not COVID enforcers
- Must wear mask
- Electronic whistles
- Will you have enough referees?
- Assignors meeting August 20
- New Laws of the Game



Should BAYS Consider Modifications to Laws of the Game?

- Require players to wear masks on the field?
- Eliminate slide tackling?
- Eliminate headers?
- Reduce instances for touching the ball?
- No throw ins?



15 Jul 2020

Five-substitute option extended into 2021 in response to COVID-19 pandemic



HIGH SCHOOL?

Fall 2020 11 v 11 High School Program?



To: MIAA Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
From: Bill Gaine, MIAA Executive Director
Re: Athletic Participation and School Re-Opening Plans
Date: August 6, 2020

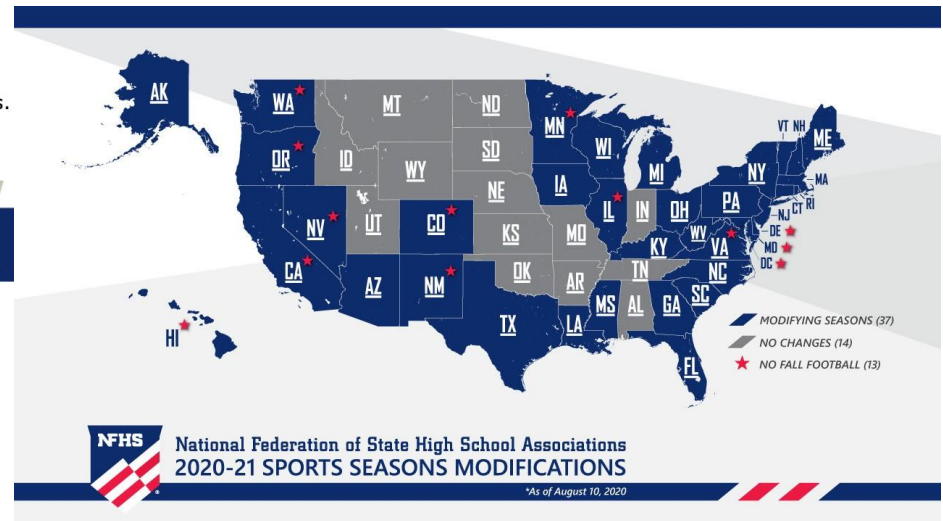
As school Districts decide the format of their school re-opening plans, the MIAA is fielding questions about the impact of those decisions on interscholastic athletics from school constituents, School Committees, Superintendents, school leaders and media outlets.

Please be advised the Association has no current policy which negates any athletic participation relative to a District's school re-opening plans. Members will be notified if there is any future modification to this guidance.



*Awaiting MIAA decisions after
return to school decisions made*

*Rapidly changing decisions
across the USA.....*





Fall 2020 High School Task Force:

- *Gesse Faber - BAYS BOD - Cambridge*
- *Melissa Maling - BAYS BOD - Foxboro*
- *Neritan Mustafa - BAYS BOD - Newton*
- *Rob Sprauge - Brookline HS Varsity Girls Coach*
- *Liv Zitoli - Millis HS Varsity Girls Coach*
- *Joe Seidel - BAYS BOD - Lexington*
- *Logan Thomison - BAYS BOD - Milton*
- *Reg Wilcox - BAYS BOD - Millis / Millis Asst. Varsity Boys Coach*
- *Melissa Hart - BAYS BOD - Belmont*
- *Steve Smoller - Director & Past President*

Task: Explore options to have a BAYS 2020 11 v 11 competitive high school season if:

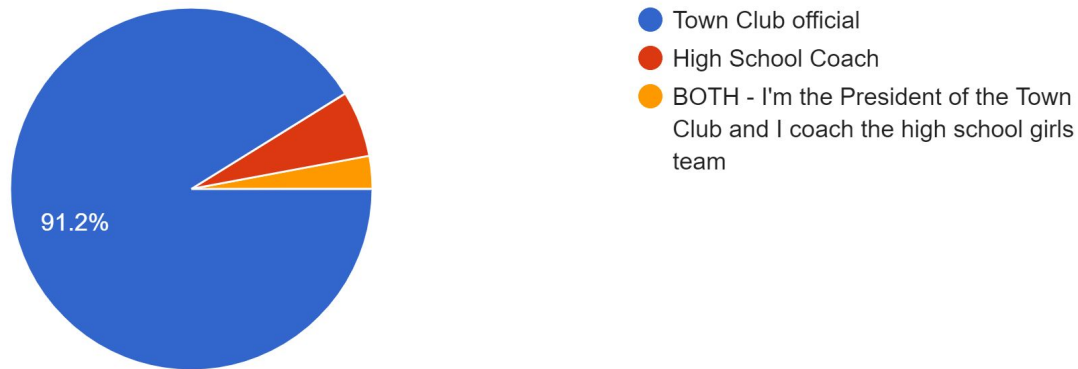
1. State allows for competitive soccer
2. MIAA chooses not to have a fall 2020 season

Steps:

1. Task force outlined pros, cons, barriers, etc.
2. Sent out a survey to all BAYS Presidents and Registrars on Saturday August 8th

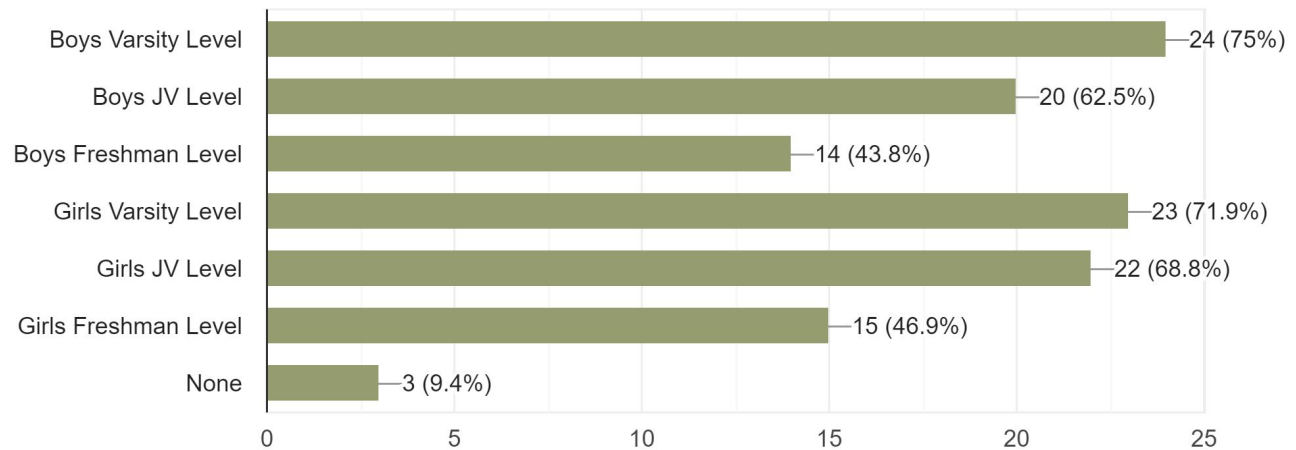
Who is completing this questionnaire for your town?

34 responses



I/we anticipate submitting teams of the following level (select all that apply, BAYS rosters are typically capped at 22 players)?

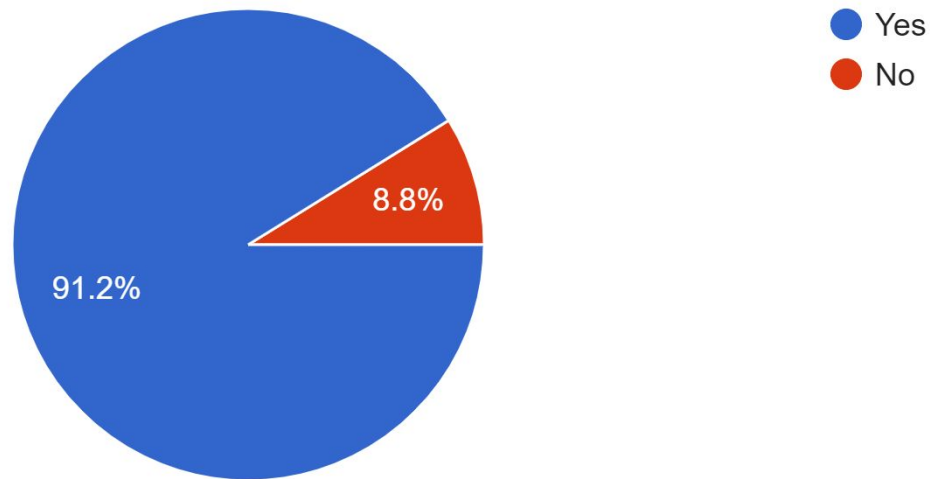
32 responses



* data (slides 28-30) @ of 12:30 pm on 8/11/2020

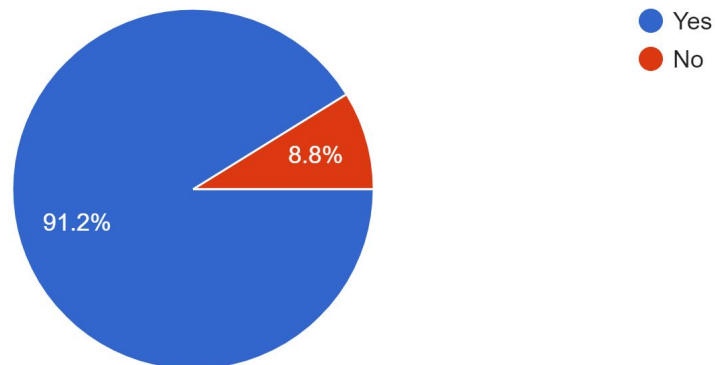
Do you anticipate having access to 11 v 11 fields to host home games on Sundays?

34 responses



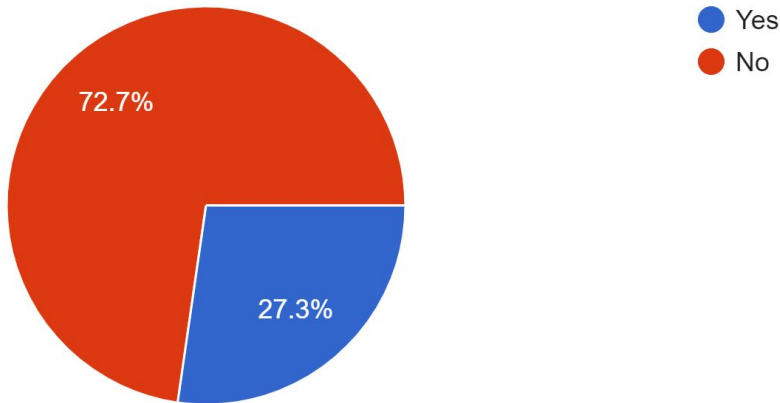
Knowing these players have not played competitive soccer for a while, BAYS would recommend some regular practice sessions to ensure some level...anticipate having access to fields for practices?

34 responses



Pre-pandemic, in the fall season, BAYS typically has a 7 v 7 recreational high school league. BAYS plans on doing this in 2020. If a competitive 11 v 1...submitting a 7 v 7 recreational high school team(s)?

33 responses



Would your town have an adequate number of MSRC qualified referees to field a 3 person referee crew for high school games?

33 responses



Positive Support:

- 31 of 34 towns would enter teams.
 - Many towns support this overall concept.
- Would provide a playing option for those that expensive club teams are not an option.



Questions Raised:

- 8.8 % of towns may not have access to fields
 - Could be higher once town clubs start to get permits.
- 24.2 % of towns may not have adequate MSRC qualified referees
 - May look to US Officials to staff games
- Player availability questions if some go to play on club teams or choose to not play at all.
 - Some or all games on ?? Saturdays ?? to assist with minimizing conflicts with club games.
- What would be the actual registration numbers / team levels once MIAA decision and club decisions are made?
- Other questions from this group on the line tonight?

Next Steps



- Await MIAA decision
 - If full MIAA cancel, then does BAYS say go?
 - If MIAA coordinates varsity only, then does BAYS say go for 'sub-varsity' league?
- Await additional towns to submit responses
 - Many have BOD meeting Wed / Thurs this week
- If go for BAYS HS 11 v 11 fall season:
 - Set registration deadline
 - Set game schedule (start 3-4 weeks after registration)
 - ?? 6-7 game schedule ??



WRAPPING UP

We Need to Stay Flexible

- Information changes daily
- We are not in control

Remember our Goal:

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Questions

