

Meeting:	<b>Lorain County Soccer League</b>
Date:	Wednesday August 12, 2020 - 7:00 PM
Location:	Oberlin Soccer Fields, 225 West Hamilton Rd. Oberlin, OH 44074
In Attendance:	<p>LCSL Board:</p> <p>Paul Grabo – President &amp; Scheduler  Brian Chambers – VP – Oberlin  Rachel Rush – LCSL Secretary &amp; Lorain Rep</p> <p>LCSL Registrar:  Heidi Chambers</p> <p>Community Representatives:  Sarah Herold – Amherst  Laura Johnson - Elyria  Jackie Brunner – Elyria  Chris Putzier – Lagrange  Rachel Lee – Firelands  Erica Crawford – Firelands  Rachel Keely – Sheffield Lake (via speaker phone)  Mike Henceroth – Vermillion  Bronwen Fox - Wellington</p>

Agenda items: Fall Season – COVID-19 safety measures, registration update  
Communities that have opted out of LCSL for fall 2020  
a. Columbia, Edison, Lorain, Vermilion

LCSL feels if we practice the below safety measures, that we can get as much of a season as possible. Please lead by example and encourage your volunteers and coaches to do so as well.

The following was presented by Paul and all in attendance agreed with the following. Votes were taken on certain items and are noted as such below.

1. Referees – Must comply with rules outlined below or they cannot ref a LCSL game. (The below 3 items, 1a-1c were voted on. Motion by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Brunner, all agreed)
  - a. Required to wear masks during games
  - b. Required to use an electronic whistle
  - c. Ref will not be paid for cancellations if we give an hour or more notice
  - d. LCSL recommends/will allow refs to break up a group of players that are battling for a ball if it goes on for a while. Ref would then break up the players battling for the ball and do a drop ball.
2. Spectators –
  - a. Self-exam and temp check before coming to a game. If you have any symptoms or a fever do not attend the game.
  - b. Required to wear a mask unless at least 6 feet distancing from other households is possible.
  - c. Spectators must be 10 feet from the sidelines of the field (some communities are painting an extra line parallel to the sideline)
  - d. Spectators may sit on the spectator side and around the corner of the field to the goal to allow additional room for spectators.

3. Players –
  - a. Self-exam and temp check before coming to a game. If you have any symptoms or a fever do not attend the game.
  - b. Advise your coach right away if you cannot make the game. Coaches will need to know attendance early enough to cancel a game timely if they won't have enough players for a game.
  - c. Players are required to wear a mask when they are not on the field.
  - d. Players must be distanced on the sideline or a mask must be worn
  - e. Player are discouraged from using permanent benches which are at some locations. LCSL encourages the players to space out along their side of the field. Individual chairs are allowed to keep distanced on the sidelines. This may aid in everyone having their own spot and not grouping up on the sidelines. Chairs cannot be shared with other players they will be for one player's use only.
  - f. Pre-game warmups must be done with players distanced.
  - g. Must have your own drink, no sharing. We encourage players to label their drinks clearly to avoid accidental sharing
  - h. We encourage players to distance your items on the sideline to avoid grouping up on the sideline
  - i. Masks are not required on the field; however, players can wear a mask on the field if they so chose to.
4. Coaches –
  - a. Self-exam and temp check before coming to a game. If you have any symptoms or a fever do not attend the game.
  - b. Know before arriving to a game who is not coming so that if there are not enough players, you can cancel the ref timely to avoid having to pay the ref.
    - i. Contact Paul or Bryan Chambers if you must cancel the game so they can contact Joe
  - c. Required to wear a mask on the sidelines
  - d. Will provide hand sanitizer or wipes upon request
  - e. No portable benches or chairs are allowed on the player sideline
  - f. Must have your own drink, no sharing. We encourage all players and coaches to label your drink to avoid accidental sharing. No sharing is allowed.
  - g. Take attendance at every practice and game to track contact in case contact tracing is ever needed.
5. Game – Items 5a and 5e were voted on. Motion by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachel, all agreed.
  - a. Eliminate coin toss. Home team will kick off. Away team coach will notify the ref which side they will defend.
  - b. NO hand shaking at the end of a game
  - c. Game balls – Should have 3 game balls wiped down and sanitized prior to the start of the game. Keep next to each goal and one in center of the field.
  - d. Shirts are not required to be tucked in anymore. This is a rule that we adopted based on HS rules
  - e. Half time must be socially distanced. Please move away form the bench and sideline to accommodate.
    - i. All teams including U7 will only have 2 halves to each game ( voted on: motioned by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris of Lagrange, all agreed)

- f. Spectators and players must leave as soon as the game is over and should wear masks when you are unable to keep 6 feet between yourself and anyone outside of your household.

Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test Results:

1. Guardian/Player is to notify the coach immediately
2. Coach is to notify the county Rep
3. The county Rep will report to Paul Grabo and Bryan Chambers via email.
4. If games have been played, Paul/Bryan will contact Joe Blackham if a ref was in contact

If a player or someone in their household tests positive they must quarantine for 2 weeks and can return once they can provide a negative COVID-19 lab result.

Keep in mind – If LCSL communities are playing games against other communities, it is possible that if someone tests positive that other players, coaches, and refs may have to quarantine. The health department would do contact tracing to determine that. Therefore, it is important to keep attendance to know who is at which practices or games.

SEASON INFO:

- Season will start Wednesday September 9, 2020. (motioned by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris of Lagrange, all agreed)
- 8 game season
- No classic
- Final Team commitments due to Paul no later than 8/22/2020
  - If LCSL only plays 1-3 games, communities will get a prorated team commitment fee refund
  - If LCSL plays 4 or more games, no refund will be issued

Updates:

President – Paul

- Paul will start schedule Sunday August 23
- If High School conference LCA cancels their season we will schedule a meeting to discuss how to proceed.
- All age groups will have 1 division except U8 will have an A and B division.  
Total Teams - U7=9, U8=12, U9=8, U10=10, U11=8, U12=8, U13/14/15=10

Vice President – Bryan

- Advises we need to communicate with our coaches to work hard to keep safe and lead by example so the season can continue. Our first defenses is our coaches and we will depend on them to clean equipment and enforce health and safety rules.

Registrar – Heidi

- Starting this season and moving forward birth certificates are now needed for all age groups, not just U9 and up.

- Ohio North will be verifying birth certificates, not Heidi. This will create delays and slowdowns in getting teams approved and activated in the system.
- System update done in July and it deleted any pictures that were 2 years old or older. Could have affected other uploads as well. Registrars need to upload new pictures if this update affected players.
- Coaches show approved in the system however on Heidi's end, shows all coaches need concussion cert which is not the case. She is working with Ohio North to get this resolved. Until this is resolved Heidi cannot activate any teams.
- Heidi is about halfway through all the teams that have been submitted so far.
- Coaches will get an email from Ohio North and need to do a safe sport refresher.
- If you cannot add a coach or do not have a coach yet submit teams with any coach and update coach later when possible

Secretary – Rachel

- No new news

Treasurer – Debbie

- No new news. Not in attendance

Next meeting Wednesday September 2, 2020. 7:00pm @ Oberlin Fields – Bring a mask or distance once there. Bring your own chair in case the pavilion is not available.  
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Motion to adjourn, Jackie Brunner. Second by Bryan Chambers.