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**From:** Hampshire United SC  
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**Subject:** All club activities are temporarily postponed

Good Afternoon HUSC/ASC Community,

With the increased concern around the COVID-19, we would like to reassure you that the health of our players, coaches, families, and communities is of the utmost importance to us as an organization.

Effective today Friday, March 13, 2020, we will be postponing all club-affiliated activities until April 1st or until further notice. This includes winter training, team practices, clinics, team meetings, and tournaments. Trusting that players, coaches, referees and spectators would never knowingly compromise themselves or others, the fact is that our sport and its related activities provide an opportunity for the virus to spread which we feel is our duty to help avoid (excerpt from the CDC below):

"...COVID-19 is mainly spread through respiratory droplets (sneeze, cough, or sweat) when in close contact (within 6 feet) OR by touching a surface with such droplets and then touching one's own mouth, nose or eyes..."

As a result of the virus, both US Soccer and US Youth Soccer have also suspended similar soccer activities. Our decision to promote social distancing was made with guidance we received from public health organizations at the federal, state and local levels. We don't take these types of decisions lightly. But, in the interest of making the health and safety of our community the number one concern, in addition to all others statewide, we know this is the right step to take.

We will evaluate conditions on a continuing basis to determine when it is appropriate to reinstate our programs.

The last winter training schedule for 3/17, spring team indoor trainings on 3/24 & 3/30, and team meetings on 3/30 are all cancelled. We will be looking to reschedule these as

soon as circumstances improve. The tournament scheduled for our tournament teams has been cancelled by the hosting club. We have also been receiving updates from the leagues that the season start dates may change.

We encourage players to continue to develop by working on individual skills and fitness at home, which might be a good outlet for the stress caused by the virus.

We very much appreciate your patience during this difficult time and will provide more information shortly.

Thank you!

Board of Directors

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