

Hillwood Soccer Club will open registration for fall 2020 play on June 15.

Clearly there are still many unknowns about the course the COVID-19 pandemic will take, and there are public health and safety concerns as well as open questions about whether fields will be available to us. But for families who would like to get their kids back out playing, we're planning to provide a program.

We are guided by the [return-to-play plan developed by Washington Youth Soccer](#), which in turn aligns with the governor's four-phase plan to reopen activity. The most optimistic scenarios have us able to begin practices and play per our usual fall season schedule. The other member clubs in the Seattle Youth Soccer Association have already opened their fall registration.

**Payment.** At this time, we're requesting payment in full on the assumption the season will go forward. As in the past, Hillwood will provide partial scholarships on request.

**Refunds.** The registration software gives us 90 days to reverse the charges on credit cards. For that reason, we're opening registration on June 15 so we'll be able to process refunds easily in September if circumstances force us to cancel the season. We'll also issue refunds if the evolving situation with the pandemic causes you to change your mind about participating; but we are asking for payment up front so we know how many players are committed, at this point, to participating so we can plan.

We're expecting some kind of "new normal". We're not expecting kids to wear masks to play, but there might be some social distancing and/or mask-wearing among coaches and spectators. The [WYS return to play plan](#) provides a sense of what those expectations might look like.

These are strange times for all of us, but for those of you who would like to see your players out on the pitch, we hope to see you on the sidelines next fall.