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To all Captains, Coaches and Players,

After the November 5<sup>th</sup> NTPSA board meeting with several teams in attendance for consultation, it is the decision of the NTPSA Board that the Fall 2018 Soccer Season will end on Sunday, 11/11/18 and the Post Season games will be cancelled. This decision was not made lightly and was debated for an extended period of time.

The lack of games played, unevenness of number of games played in the divisions, and the fact that some teams have played each other twice without seeing other opponents makes it very difficult to fairly determine which teams earn the spots in the post season.

Also, we do not have the fields to continue full league play after 11/11. The Colony, Plano, Carrollton and Dallas close their fields after 11/11 leaving only Richardson and Premier Park. Scheduling 86 games on 11 fields is not possible on a single day. We know people are asking, why did not we make up games during the week? For this season that has proven to be tough as it has not only rained on the weekend but the rain also came during the weekdays. This pattern does not seem to be diminishing and after Thanksgiving the only fields open will be Premier Park.

You may wonder if there will be refunds or credits given to the teams? That is a question that will be answered during our December 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting once the final billings for the season have been received and the Board has a better idea of the season's finances. You need to remember that the league still has bills to pay whether we play or not. Also remember since games were not played, the \$65 per game referee fee for those games is still in the team's pockets. Once the decision is made on the refunds or credits, that information shall be shared to all.

The games currently scheduled for midweek and Sunday 11/11 League play are still on as long as the weather holds. So here is the tough part for each team, end of season or "giving up" forfeits.

NTPSA Rule VIII, Letter E states:

*A team must notify the Association Commissioner, Division Commissioner or NTPSA League Office at least 48 hours prior to the regular Sunday scheduled game and as least 24 hours prior to a scheduled midweek game of any cancellation (forfeiture) or they will be forced to pay the entire referee fees plus assessment (\$30) as stated in Rule IV.*

Therefore, if a team “no shows” or forfeits after the time given in the rules, NTPSA will have to pay the referees from league funds. While we try to collect from the teams that does not always happen as teams quit. This will be an added expense that will directly affect the bottom line for the Fall 2018 soccer season. Every effort needs to be made to contact your team for the upcoming game(s) and avoid any forfeit where the league has to pay the referees. Also keep in mind your opponent, when not notified in a timely manner waste their time going to the field adding to the frustration of the season. Any forfeits not cancelled within the proper time frame and not repaid will be added to each of the team’s players so when they register for any future play they will be charged.

Again, please know that this decision was not made lightly but considering all the facts and circumstances, had to be made. In the history of the league, there have been only three times that this has occurred, Spring of 2005, Spring of 2015 and this season. Each of those times teams were only able to complete five of the scheduled games and the post season was cancelled. Since Spring of 2015 we have had a great run of luck in completing the full seasons and we look forward to doing so in the future.

Respectfully,

Larry Hall  
President