



FC Berna-Legacy

FC Berna Travel & Legacy Parents,

As you may know, the NJ Governor is permitting organized youth sports to resume activities starting June 22. We would like to give you an idea of what we will have in place as we make the transition from the “Zoom screen” to being back on the field.

The safety of our players, staff and families is of the utmost importance to us. We are planning for a controlled, careful and gradual approach to our training environment. We will be following both state and NJ Youth Soccer guidelines to bring a phased approach in our return to play protocol. We also have the advantage of being one of the later states to reopen, so our state leadership can observe any patterns/signs from other states that have resumed organized youth sports earlier than NJ.

Our phased return to play will begin with distanced, technical, non-contact training starting June 22. Although not yet confirmed since we are still awaiting guidelines, it is likely to begin with training in smaller groups, with teams splitting into two 60-minute sessions rather than one 90-minute practice.

The club activities will run for 4 weeks, ending on July 17. We hope to progress to limited contact, full team sessions by then, but will need to follow state guidelines for our phased return to play. **High School teams may also continue past this date, to prepare for the potential High School season, but we are still working on confirming these details.**

In the next 7-10 days, club leadership will finalize protocols for distancing, hygiene, pick up and drop off, practice structure and other training considerations that will all need to be modified in order to get our staff and players onto the field in a safe and controlled environment – please be patient while we finalize this, as well as the master practice schedule.

We know from feedback that many of you are eager to return to some form of social exercise, but there may also be players not yet ready. If you don't feel ready to come back to the field, that is absolutely no problem, you can choose not to return just yet. While we are making extensive efforts to create a safe training place, we understand that this is a complex and new environment that we are working in, and that some may not be quite ready yet. When you are ready, we will be waiting to welcome you back onto the field.

See you on the pitch,

FC Berna