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Dear River Park Soccer Club parents, coaches and volunteers :

As is stated in my email, this year for Recreational age groups U6-U14, River Park Soccer Club (RPSC) will be playing under US Club rather than CYSA. This letter provides further details on the reasons for this change.

By way of background, in previous years RPSC has been a member of the Sacramento Youth Soccer League (SYSL) which is a league that plays under CYSA. Last year, RPSC joined Land Park, Greenhaven, and East Sacramento (three other Clubs within SYSL) in playing our U8s amongst just these four clubs with a group that we collectively called Metro Kids Soccer (MKS). The arrangement worked out very well for the four MKS Clubs, and each club manager received inquiries as to why older age groups couldn't play within MKS. This year, the MKS Clubs sought to play our U10s and U12s in-house just amongst the four MKS Clubs. There were many reasons for this request. Aside from interest and desire from within our membership for the change, the MKS Clubs have had deep concerns about the operation of SYSL and of many of the Clubs within SYSL for a long time. Despite our consistent efforts, we have not been able to change the culture of SYSL from within. If you would like further details about our concerns please email us at metrokidsoccer@gmail.com and we will respond to your questions.

Though there was nothing in SYSL's constitution or bylaws preventing the type of intraleague play the MKS Clubs were requesting, SYSL reacted with hostility to the request. Eventually, SYSL passed a new provision -- over the objection of all four MKS Clubs -- banning all Clubs from arranging to play age groups among other Clubs in SYSL. From our understanding, the new provision not only applied to our U10s and U12s but also to our U8s who had a very positive experience playing only with the MKS Clubs. The MKS Clubs immediately attempted to enlist the help of Cal North District 6 (an entity within CYSA that oversees SYSL). A representative of the commissioner of District 6 had previously stated her support of the MKS Clubs' decision to play U10 and U12 in-house. However, in response to the change in SYSL rules, District 6 and Cal North said they could do nothing until October (at the earliest), when their Board convened. During the tense discussions between the MKS Clubs and the other Clubs within SYSL, the MKS Clubs learned of the potential for retaliation on the field if we played our U6-U14s within SYSL. The referee coordinator for SYSL and the referee coordinators for the MKS Clubs gave us their expert opinion that it would be unsafe for the MKS Clubs to play their teams in SYSL at this point. We would be remiss in our ethical responsibilities to our Clubs if we ignored their expert opinion.

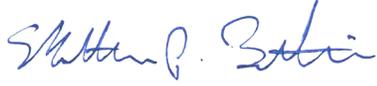
As a result of these developments, all of the MKS Clubs have elected to play their U6s-U14s under US Club rather than CYSA. This decision has been unanimously approved by the Boards of each of our Clubs. US Club Soccer is a national organization and member of the United States Soccer Federation.

We believe this move of our U6s-U14s to US Club for this season is in the best interests of the Club's players and families. Please feel free to email me with any questions you may have about this change.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Battin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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