



GAME DAY PROTOCOL

Procedures for YMS and Opposing Teams for
Game Play

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THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR PARENTS

- THERE WILL BE A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR PLAYERS/PARENTS NOT FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN THIS DOCUMENT.
- Prior to arriving at the facility parents from YMS and visiting teams should take players temperature at home.
 - The player should not play if they have a fever, which is a temperature >100.3 degrees F
- YMS PARENTS SHOULD COMPLETE THE TEAMSAP HEALTH CHECK PRIOR TO ATTENDING GAMES.
 - Players will not be allowed to take the field until health check is completed.
- Visiting Teams
 - Must follow all YMS protocols for play safety and temperature checks.
 - If you do not use Teamsnap Health checks, you manager will need to ask the Health check questions later in this document.
- Please make sure your child has gone to the bathroom prior coming to the facility. We will have facilities for them if needed.
- BRING EXTRA WATER. We want to ensure the players are hydrated. There will be no extra water available due to current EPYSA safety guidelines of no sharing of water, it is critical the kids bring enough.
- It is the parents' responsibility to review these guidelines with their player.



PURPOSE

This plan is designed to safely return players to game play while reducing infection risk in the setting of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This plan has been developed based on the guidelines set forth by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer, which was created in consultation with US Soccer, US Youth Soccer, the US Olympic Committee, the CDC, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Plans from other agencies were also reviewed.

This plan does not supercede township, county and state directives and will be evolving this plan as more information becomes available and are able to expand our programming.

As a community, we must be flexible and this plan will be updated as necessary.

PRIOR TO THE START OF GAMES

- Players who are not feeling well, should stay home.
 - Any player reporting of demonstrating symptoms of illness at any point should be removed from the game.
- YMS TEAM MANAGERS SHOULD REVIEW TEAMS NAP HEALTH CHECKS AND ENSURE ALL TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES HAVE COMPLETED THE HEALTH CHECK
 - No player or coach should enter the field without the health check complete.
- YMS Managers should communicate YMS Game Day Protocols to the opposing manager.
- Visiting Team Managers:
 - Visiting Team managers are required to screen their teams using one of the two following methods:
 - Use Teamsnap Health Checks as YMS Teams or
 - Prior to entering the warm up area area the player will be asked a health question by a coach/trainer:
 - Their answers will be recorded by the manager/trainer, who socially distant and outside of the training area.
 - The manager/trainer will verbally confirm with the player:
 - They have not contracted or been in exposed to covid-19 in the past 14 days.

PRIOR TO THE START OF GAMES

- Parents should remain in their cars until 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the game.
- Players must wear face coverings while arriving at their warm up area.
- Players should not be commingling with the opposing team or other teams at the facility.
- Parents should bring an extra mask and hand sanitizer
- Players should maintain social distancing guidelines during arrival.
- Coaches must have on face coverings during arrival and have their own hand sanitizer.
- All players, parents, and coaches should not enter their designated field until the previous group has exited.
- YMS will reviewing schedule to identify possibilities of creating a 15 minute window between games.
- PLAYERS SHOULD GO DIRECTLY TO THEIR SIDELINE:
 - Players will be given a designated gear area that is 6 feet from teammates on their sideline.
 - Players should immediately go to their assigned gear area and remain until their warm up begins.
- Benches are not allowed.
- Players should wear face coverings when not playing.

DURING GAME PLAY

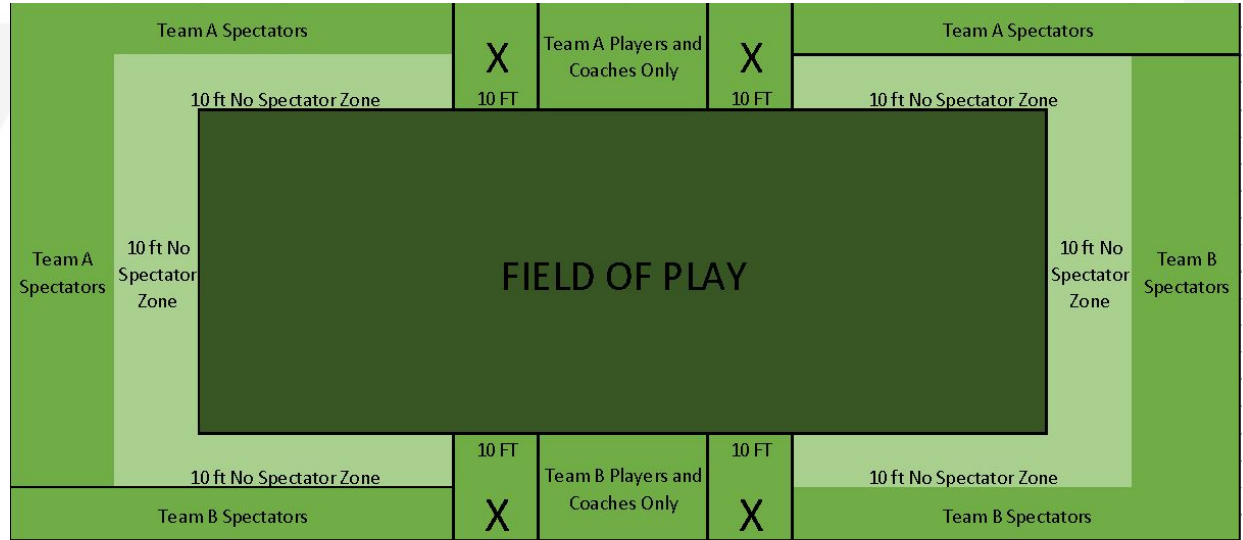
- Gear Areas will be set up so each player is 6 feet apart from other players.
- During half time or when players are not in the game, players will return to their own designated gear area.
 - Benches should not be used.
 - Players should bring their own water and they should not be shared with any other player.
 - During half time or pre-game, coaches should utilize the field of play to keep players socially distant.
 - Players must wear face coverings while not in the game.
- Any player reporting of demonstrating symptoms of illness at any point should be removed from gameplay.
- If players need to use the facilities. Players must use hand sanitizer prior to returning to the game.
- Coaches are required to wear face coverings while coaching since remaining socially distant will be difficult. Masks may be removed to communicate to players on the field and replaced once communication is complete.

DURING GAMEPLAY

- Players are not required to wear masks while playing. Parents/Guardians should make the decision prior to training if the player will wear a mask.
- Players should avoid all non soccer game related physical contact with each other, including celebration, handshakes, high fives, etc.
- All coaches and players must maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet to reduce the risk of disease transmission.
- In the event of injury, staff may assist in the management of proper first aid. Family members may participate in injury management if necessary. Players should maintain a social distance.
- Players and coaches may contact another individuals ball with their feet but should not contact their hands unless goaltending or heading.
- Equipment should only be handled by staff (cones, for example) and should not be handled by players and be disinfected after use.

FIELD OF PLAY/SPECTATOR GUIDANCE

- Families should arrive to the sidelines 5 minutes before the start of games.
- Teams shall be on opposite sides of the field of play
- Families should remain on the same side as teams to lessen interaction between teams
- Families should remain 6 ft socially distant around field.
- Spectators must remain 10ft back from the field of play and 10 ft from the player/coach area.
- Families should limit spectators to two family members when possible.
- Families must wear masks while entering and exiting the facility.
- Families must wear masks while viewing the game.



POST GAMEPLAY

- Players and families should exit as quickly as possible from the facility.
- Players and families should wear face coverings while exiting the facility.
- Players should go directly home and shower/bathe prior to other activities.
- Surfaces/gear that may be contacted by players, should be disinfected before and after use.

COVID-19 POSITIVE TEST ACTION PLAN

- Club Safety Officer (CSO) will be the point person for all communications in the event of a player exposure. The Club Vice President (VP) will take the lead if CSO is not available.
- If a player from either team has tested positive and potentially exposed their team within 14 days, the game should not be played.
- If a player from either team has a positive test within 14 days, the coach must notify the opposing team coach and any follow league specific protocols.
 - The YMS coach should notify the CSO and club VP immediately via phone call and email.
- The remaining members of the YMS Board will be notified immediately.
- Club Safety officer will also email all members of the exposed YMS team to notify there was a positive test.
- If a YMS team has a positive test within 14 days of playing an opposing team, the YMS coach should notify the other team and include the CSO and VP on the email to the opposing team.
- YMS teams will follow protocols as stated in the Project Green/Project Restart protocols.

INCLEMENT WEATHER ACTION PLAN

- In the event of inclement weather, YMS will cancel or suspend games.
- All players should bring gear in the event of rain and the game has to be suspended.
- Parents will be notified of cancellations or suspensions via teamsnap, and will need to pick up their child immediately.
- In the event of unexpected severe weather, players should return to their cars. If a player does not have a car, they may congregate at covered pavilions. Masks must be worn at pavilions.
- All precautions will be taken to adhere to personal protection and social distancing requirements, however those requirements will not supersede protection of the children from the immediate threat of severe weather.

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