TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Procedures for COVID-19 Management

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OVERVIEW

Yardley Makefield Soccer (YMS) understands that risk of exposure to communicable diseases can't be 100% eliminated and has compiled the following guidelines and protocols to maximize the safety of all participants, spectators, and volunteers.

These protocols are obtained from an extensive network of sources to represent what YMS believes are the necessary practices set forth by health and government agencies. YMS primarily used guidance from the CDC, the PA department of health as well as EPYSA, EDP, US Youth Soccer, and other tournaments.

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR TEAMS

- THERE WILL BE A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR PLAYERS/COACHES/SPECTATORS NOT FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN THIS DOCUMENT.
- Prior to arriving at the facility all players, coaches, spectators and referees should take players temperature at home.
 - The player should not play if they have a fever, which is a temperature >100.3 degrees F.
- If any player, coach, referee or spectator is not feeling well, they should stay home.
- We will have a communication plan in place in the event it is discovered there has been an infection at one of our tournament locations.
- Limited refreshments available (gatorade and bottled water). It is each attendee's responsibility to bring food and/or hydration.
- Awards will be sent to the coaches post tournament to reduce site traffic.
- It is each team's responsibility to ensure their team members and family members attending the event are aware of these regulations.

SCHEDULING

- Games will be scheduled closer in time (back to back in some cases) to one another to limit time at the tournament location
- Fields will be laid out to promote social distancing.
- Scheduling will be structured to reduce the population at tournament locations to meet state and township gathering guidelines.

DURING EVENT

- No Team Pictures should occur a tournament locations
- There will be no team benches provided, nor should teams bring benches to the event.
- If anyone become sick, they should leave the facility or seek medical attention.
- Only 1 family member per player is recommended.
- All Coaches are required to wear face covering at all times.
 - Coaches may remove their face covering to communicate to players on the field, that face covering should be replaced once communication is complete.
- Coaches must keep socially distant from players during game play and must remain socially distant from players during half time
 - Use additional area to keep players socially distant.
- Players do not have to wear face coverings while warming up or while playing in the game.
 - Player must have on face covering while not in the game or while walking around the tournament location.
 - Players must have on face coverings during half time.
 - Teams should designate someone to help ensure players are following protocols.

DURING EVENT

- Spectators must wear face coverings at all times.
 - Spectators will be located on the the same side as player to reduce interaction with other guests at the facilities
 - Spectators must remain 6 ft apart at all times
- No sharing of water bottles or food or personal items.
- Soccer Balls and Equipment will be disinfected by YMS officials between games.
- Tents may be used to protect player from sun or elements during games play.
 - Tents are not allowed to be set up at the facility as a place to gather.
- Player gear and kits should be laundered in between Day 1, Day 2, and Day 3
- Referees are not required to wear face coverings during game play.
 - Referees should wear face coverings while not working a game.
 - Referees may have a tent to shield them when not working a game.
- Referees are not required to exchange documents. Coaches should have them available if requested.

FACILITIES

- Porta pots will be available at all tournament locations.
- All porta pots will be cleared before, during, and after each day of the tournament.
- There will be hand sanitizer in each porta pot.
- Hand washing stations will be placed at all tournament locations.

PLAYER SAFETY-INJURY/WEATHER

- 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.
- 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 form the immediate threat of severe weather.

FIELD OF PLAY EXAMPLE

- Teams shall be on opposite sides of the field of play
 - Signs will be placed to designate
 Home Team and Away Team
- 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.
- One Family member is recommended
- Spectators must wear face coverings at all times.



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.
- Soccer balls will be disinfected by field marshals between games.

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