



Space Coast United Soccer Club

Return to Play Protocols

June 2, 2020

Purpose:

To establish protocols to help Coaching Directors with ideas and plans for operating practices, games and events post COVID-19. They do not replace or supersede any protocols or restrictions outlined by state or local authorities. All athletes, coaches, spectators, vendors, and officials must adhere to the guidelines from the CDC, federal, state and/or local authorities. Space Coast United Soccer Club approved volunteers, coaches and/or Directors will be responsible for the enforcement and inspections of these protocols.

General Statement

As the public moves through the COVID-19 era, and as information is rapidly changing, and as Space Coast United Soccer Club is utilizing the sports facilities, we will be encouraged to take personal responsibility for assuring they are protected as well as complying with regulations and practices that have been known to curtail the spread of COVID-19. We will closely follow local regulations as they are made and consideration will be given to local capacity and the local spread statistics.

Practice, Game and Event Procedures:

1. Follow all local and state guidelines for facilities and events.
2. A team e-mail will be sent out to all teams, team managers, coaches, players/parents, and officials/referees in the week leading up to the start of practices, games and/or events. The e-mail will include the following:
 - a. Encourage all attendees to practice social distancing;
 - b. Explain that any person who is experiencing symptoms of sickness will be prohibited from attending practice, games or an event;
 - c. Participants and parents of participants should continuously monitor their own health while participating and/or attending events;

- d. Any participant or household member of a participant, who is not feeling well, has been exposed to a person with COVID-19 within 14 days of practice/play, or has traveled to/from any foreign country/domestic area identified by the CDC or local health officials as a hot spot within the past 14 days, should not attend any sporting event;
 - e. Any participant who has symptoms of COVID-19, has been exposed to a person with COVID-19 within 14 days of practice/play should immediately inform their coach who will provide instruction for attendance at any event;
 - f. Parents/guardians will be required to take their child's temperature either before coming to the facility or upon arrival to the facility;
 - g. Parents/guardians will confirm that the child does not have a fever, shortness of breath or cough;
 - h. Players will be highly encouraged to use personal protective equipment to include but not limited to donning of facial masks when not on the field of play;
 - i. Parents/ spectators are required to wear masks/facial coverings when they are unable to maintain 6 feet physical distancing from members not from their own household. This will include seating areas as well as when using the restrooms;
 - j. Every participant (parent/player) will be required to sign a hold harmless statement the indemnifies Brevard County in the event of COVID-related illness as well as a Space Coast United Soccer Club hold harmless statement;
 - k. All posted and published local-and state-regulated guidelines shall be followed.
3. Proactive steps will be taken in creating social distancing environments, where possible
- a. Designated seating and viewing areas for parents and spectators will be inspected;
 - b. Signs will be posted around the fields (see exhibit "A")
 - c. Bleachers will be closed;

- d. Spectators will be required to bring their own seating for practices and games;
 - e. Spectators will be required to wear masks/facial coverings when they are unable to maintain 6 feet physical distancing from members not from their own household. This will include seating areas as well as when using the restrooms;
 - f. If tents are to be used they will be for family members only;
 - g. We will minimize the use of fields at facilities to remain within the current mass-gathering limitations of the local jurisdiction, if necessary;
 - h. One-way entry and exit gates will be established to direct foot traffic;
 - i. Player contact will be minimized by eliminating team/player handshakes and team/player high fives.
 - j. The concession stand will remained closed;
4. Water coolers will be discontinued during practices, games and events. Players will bring their own, personal cooler or water bottle.
 5. Opposing team benches will be on opposite sides of the field, where possible.
 6. When players are not on the field of play, six (6) feet markings will be on the sidelines for players to practice social distancing;
 7. Roster sizes and playing formats will be reviewed both to maintain a competitive structure and to allow for flexibility under the crowd restriction circumstances.
 8. Athletes/Officials/Coaches will be required to wear masks/facial coverings at all times when 6 feet social distancing cannot be maintained.
 9. Player and Coach Conversations will be kept to a minimum if the 6 feet social distancing cannot be meet.
 10. Spectator/parent-to-player ratio of 1:1 will be followed during times of restricted gatherings.
 11. No handshakes. No walk outs. No team huddles. A separate form of goal celebration and team sportsmanship with no contact will be created.
 12. No spitting. Spitting will result in the automatic removal from the field.

13. Players will always keep proper social distancing from referees. One player can approach the referee to ask questions and gain clarification.
14. Teams will leave the field immediately after their practice, game or event concludes. Teams will have 10 minutes to vacate the bench or sideline area.
15. Practice, game and event time slots will be lengthened so that the incoming teams have limited chance of personal contact with a team that has just played.
16. Equipment will be disinfected before and after every practice, game or event.
17. Players, parents and coaches will be required to bring hand sanitizer with them and will be required to utilize before, during and after a practice, game or event.
18. Players and coaches will be required to clean their area of all trash prior to the next team arriving.
19. During Space Coast United Soccer Club's practices, games and events; restrooms will be monitored, cleaned and sanitized on a schedule.

Protocol for Changes to This Document

Due to the uncertain aspects in return to play, this document is expected to change based on new guidance from the CDC, federal, state and/or local authorities. All changes will be submitted in writing to the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department for review and approval.

Exhibit "A"

STAY SAFE ON AND OFF THE FIELD



Stay home if you are sick.



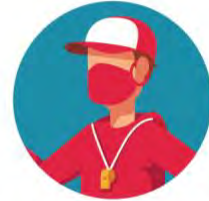
Bring your own equipment and gear (if possible)



Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow.



Wash your hands or use sanitizer before and after events and sharing equipment.



Tell a coach or staff member if you don't feel well.



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