

Mid New Jersey Youth Soccer Association

Basic Guidelines for Fall 2020

COVID-19 Symptoms

- No **Player, Coach, Referee** or **Spectator** should be present at any game if they exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19, or if they have a reasonable suspicion that they may have been exposed to someone who does.
- **Anyone** planning to attend a game as a Player, Coach, Referee or Spectator should take their temperature before leaving home and should stay home if their temperature is higher than 100.4°.

Clubs Responsibilities

- **Clubs** should schedule their home games to allow sufficient time for players, coaches, referees and spectators from previous game to exit the field well before the scheduled start of the next game.
- Home team should line their fields so the spectators are 10 feet away from playing field whenever possible.
- Game Balls should be sanitized before, at half time and at the end of the game.
- If your club has difficulty obtaining a home field it is recommended that you switch home games with your opponent. Please let your RVP and Referee Assignor know if you do so

Spectators

- **Clubs, Coaches** and **Referees** are reminded that the conduct of spectators is the responsibility of the **Clubs** and **Coaches**. The conduct of spectators is **NOT** the responsibility of the **Referees**.
- **Spectators** should have no contact with the team after check-in commences.

Masks, Social Distancing and Hygiene

- Anyone planning to attend a game as a **Player, Coach, Referee** or **Spectator** should wear a mask from the parking lot to the field, and from the field to the parking lot.
- **Spectators** should continue to wear their masks if social distancing cannot be maintained.
- **Coaches** should continue to wear their masks if social distancing cannot be maintained.
- **Players** are not required to wear masks on the field during the game, but may do so. When on the sidelines, players should wear masks and spread out their gear and themselves from center line to goal line. Only players waiting to substitute should approach the center line.
- **Referees** are not required to wear masks on the field during the game, but may do so. They must wear a mask at all times when not on the field (e.g. during halftime).
- **No handshaking or physical contact** between players, coaches and referees at the field.
- **No sharing of water bottles.**
- **No spitting on the field.**

Check-in / Pre-game

- **Coach** will certify all players and coaches have passes and appear on the roster and game card.
- **Coach** will provide game card and referee fees at time of certification.
- **Referee** will not examine player/coach passes individually, but will confirm they are present.
- **Referee** will perform a safety check of players' equipment while maintaining social distance.
- **No coin toss.** Away team will have possession first.

During the Game

- No physical contact (handshakes, high fives, hugs) between players celebrating a goal or a win.
- Deliberate physical contact of any kind is prohibited.
- In the event of misconduct, the referee should show the card while maintaining social distance.
- Use common sense when dealing with players and coaches to limit contact on and off the field.

After the Game

- **No post-game handshakes or physical contact** between players, coaches and referees.
- **Spectators** should remain on their side of the field and allow the players to go to them.
- **All** should vacate the field immediately after the game, wearing masks and avoiding physical contact.

State Referee Committee COVID-19 Guidelines

Referees should follow guidelines outlined in State Referee Administrator's 6/30/2020 letter:

<https://njrefs.demosphere-secure.com/files/COVID%20letter%20-%20NJ.pdf>