



TO: Member Leagues/Clubs
FROM: Jen Fickett, Executive Director
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RE: Infectious Disease Waiver Update

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The [Ohio North Infectious Disease Waiver](#) has been revised based on feedback and is now posted online.

This is an official approved Ohio North waiver for insurance coverage and is not to be modified. Any edits could nullify coverage for registered players. Leagues/clubs may add a separate waiver as deemed appropriate at their discretion and/or legal counsel.

This waiver **IS** required to return to activity.

With regards to insurance coverage, clubs/teams/leagues have full insurance coverage in place if:

- They can meet the State of Ohio mandates.
- All participants have a signed copy of the (revised) Ohio North Infectious Disease Waiver on file with their club/team.
- They can meet all [return to activity mandates by the State of Ohio](#) and accordingly, Ohio North.
- The 2019-2020 seasonal year insurance coverage is through August 31, 2020.
- Insurance only covers registered participants.

Registered Participants

- Players registered in the 2019 Fall season are covered with insurance through August 31, 2020.
- For "new" players during the 2020 Spring season, clubs/teams can register directly to Ohio North for insurance coverage if their playing leagues have cancelled. Contact DeAnna Leonard at dleonard@ohionorthsoccer.org for more information.

We will also be working with Sports Connect and Demosphere to include this waiver as an option in your registration platforms when reporting your data to Ohio North. Please reference the guidelines previously provided if you have questions about whether to include it.

Ohio North Return to Activity Updates

Visit our website for the latest [Ohio North Return to Activity updates, guidelines and resources](#)





INFECTIOUS DISEASE WAIVER

Ohio North Youth Soccer Association

INFECTIOUS DISEASE WAIVER

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any Ohio North Youth Soccer Association (Ohio North) event or activity or any Ohio North Member event or activity, including, but not limited to, practices, games, programs and related events and activities, the undersigned understands, acknowledges and agrees that:

1. Participation in such events or activities by my child and myself involves the possible exposure to and illness from infectious and/or communicable diseases including, but not limited to, COVID-19, MRSA, influenza, and other infectious or communicable diseases. While adherence to particular rules and requirements may reduce the risk of possible exposure, the risk of serious illness and death remains; and
2. On behalf of my child and myself, I knowingly and freely ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the Releasees or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and
3. On behalf of my child and myself, I agree to comply with all rules, regulations or conditions established by US Youth Soccer, Ohio North, the State of Ohio for participation in such events or activities. If, however, I observe any violation of the rules, regulation or conditions established by US Youth Soccer, Ohio North, or the State of Ohio during my presence or participation, I shall remove myself from participation and immediately bring such matter to the attention of Ohio North; and
4. On behalf of my child and myself, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Ohio North, its officers, officials, agents, employees, Members, Leagues and Associations, clubs, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event or activity in which I participate ("RELEASEES"), from and against any and all claims of whatever type or kind including any illness, disability, death, or other loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of Releasees or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law. Further, I expressly agree that this release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Ohio or any other state in which my/our child may participate in any event or activity described herein, and that if any portion of this release is determined to be invalid, it is agreed that the remaining provisions of this release shall continue in full force and effect. Finally, I further state that I have fully and carefully read the above release, understand the contents of the same and sign this release voluntarily and as my own free act and deed.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I, ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD AND MYSELF, HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

*Name _____ *Signature of Parent/Guardian X _____ *Date _____



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Skills Training for All Sports



Participants/ Spectators

Mandatory

- **Skills training may begin. Social distancing should be followed. Coaches should designate space for each player to maintain six foot spacing.**
- **Parents/guardians remaining at the training facility should maintain six-foot social distancing practices. No additional spectators are permitted.**
- No-touch rule is in effect. All individuals must avoid physical contact with others including high fives, huddles, or other close contact occurring before, during, and after skills sessions unless the contact is for the purpose of safety. Scrimmages and games are not permitted.
- No congregation should occur before or after the training or practice session.
- Coaches, players, parents/guardians must do a self-symptom check before going to the training session or practice. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.*

Recommended Best Practices

- Parents/guardians should wear face coverings inside the training facility.

Equipment

- Facilities/clubs/teams must ensure that practice facilities have adequate space for social distancing on and off the field of play.
- Time should be allotted between sessions to allow teams to exit fields/facilities prior to new teams arriving.
- Equipment and items related to the activity must be sanitized before, during and after every event. If equipment cannot be sanitized during the activity, only participants of a single team must use equipment and items related to the activity and opposing participants avoid touching that equipment.
- All protocol included in the Responsible RestartOhio Guidance for Gyms, Dance Instruction Studios, and Other Personal Fitness Venues must be followed.

Confirmed Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.

- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
- Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.

*Per the CDC, symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.