

RETURN TO PLAY REQUIREMENTS
VIRGINIA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
STATE CUP AND PRESIDENTS CUP
Fall 2021

Even after all these months we are still worried about everyone's good health. Please don't dismiss instructions and requests. It is very hard to keep this up, but all the work we do will keep us all well and on schedule for each week of Cup competition.

This letter will most likely duplicate some of what you have read as guidelines for your team, club and league. Your own club's guidelines and requirements are still in effect for your own team. This information is specific to the State Cup and Presidents Cup tournaments as sponsored by VYSA. Our expectations are that each player, parent, team official and any other spectators associated with your team will comply with these guidelines and requirements.

We are very happy to be back on the field and we also know that if we are to keep playing on a regular schedule as we work towards the Championship games in November we will all need to be very careful and follow all of the guidelines carefully. We depend on your good will as parents as you care for your son or daughter, and the coaching staff as you care for the players you train each season. With the serious cooperation of each person connected with State Cup or Presidents Cup we will have a good chance to play through these 3 months to the final games.

Health Check for all Players and Team Officials

The team officials on each team entered in State Cup and Presidents Cup have signed a health check form that guarantees us that they will perform a health check on your players prior to each game they play in State Cup or Presidents Cup. This is what they have agreed to do:

ACTION TO BE TAKEN PRIOR TO EVERY STATE CUP OR PRESIDENTS CUP MATCH

Within 24 hours of every Cup match the team participates in, every player's parent/guardian, coach(s) and team official(s) must complete a COVID Health Check and provide the Health Check information to the team representative prior to being allowed to participate in that week's Cup match. This information can be communicated in any way the team has set up to receive this information.

The team may use any COVID Health Check process their club is currently using but it must contain at minimum the following questions:

1. Have you had a fever with the last 10 days of 100.4 or greater?
2. Have you tested positive for COVID 19 in the last 14 days?
3. Have you come into contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid 19 in the last 14 days?
4. Have you had any of the following symptoms within the last 14 days? fever, headache, loss of smell and or taste, sore throat, chills, cough persistent and/or productive; joint aches and soreness; vomiting or diarrhea; and/or a rash

If the player answers yes to any of the questions above they are not allowed to play in that week's Cup match. The team representative signing below also agrees and understands that game day rosters will contain an area for a registered team representative to sign affirming that every player, coach and team official presenting at the field that week has taken and passed a Covid Health Check within the last 24 hours.

Team Officials --- Field and Game Time Information

The Home team must contact the Away team at least two days before the scheduled Saturday game. The contact list for all teams entered in State Cup and Presidents Cup is posted on vya.com. Hold your cursor over the correct tab, Presidents Cup or State Cup, and you will see a link to Game Day Information. Click here to find the Contact List.

In your weekly call with the opponent make sure to let them know if there are any specific rules to follow at your field. An entrance and exit plan, status of bathrooms if any, etc. Contact with your opponent will make everyone's experience less stressful and safer for players and parents.

The Game Field --- Parents and other Guests

1. Both team's spectators will be on the same side of the field so it is important that everyone who is not vaccinated for the COVID Virus wear a mask during the game. It is still a good idea to keep some distance from others not in your family group. .
2. You must stay back from the field at least 3 feet or more to give space to the assistant referee. At no time is any spectator to be inside that 3 foot limit even if there is no spectator line.
3. After the game is over pick up any trash that you have dropped or your group has dropped on the side lines. No one at the game complex wants to pick up anyone's trash.
4. For all parents, spectators and players it is still a good idea to leave the field right after your game. It does clear out the area for the next teams to come in and minimizes contact as much as possible

The Game Field --- Team officials and Players

1. Players and team officials who have not been vaccinated should be wearing a mask as much as possible before the warmup and game. All Team officials who have not been vaccinated must be careful and should choose to wear a mask.
2. Players need to find a space for their own equipment and keep it together along with your water and hand sanitizer, etc. Don't pile bags together. It is still important that all players bring their own water and hand sanitizer.
3. All equipment, shin pads, socks, extra jerseys, etc needs to be stored in your own bag at all times. Make sure you have your name on your water bottle (s) and hand sanitizer. Use this hand sanitizer before and after every game and at your half time break.

4. Players will be checked in by the referee crew and should stand back a safe distance from the referee while this is done. At substitution don't stand right by the assistant referee on the sidelines. They will see you and substitute you as required by the rules.

5. Players and team officials should sit back off of the sideline by at least 3 feet. This will give space for the assistant referee to run the sidelines without contact with the team.

6. At the end of the game, it is still best practice to avoid shaking hands or hugging. Let your opponent know you appreciate the good game by a wave or a thumbs up.

7. The winning team must designate one team official to go to the referee after the game to pick up both game cards. The referee will fill them both out and hand them back. Leave some social distancing space as you are doing this and wear a mask.

8. Each team must bring a trash bag and pick up all trash left by your team from the sidelines. This will be water bottles, athletic tape, any food leftovers, etc. The sidelines must be free of trash when you leave. No one wants to pick up trash left by another team.

Reporting any Positive Test or Exposure or Persistent Symptoms

Any player or team official who has tested positive or has been directly exposed to someone who has tested positive, or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is required to report this to VYSA at annetomsn@aol.com and cathymann@aol.com

Please read any new information from the Virginia Department of Health and your own County on reporting cases to them directly too.

Once notified, VYSA will contact the club and the team officials from both teams who may have had contact with that person. If the team is a winning team, VYSA will also contact the opponent of the next game. Due to HIPPA laws and to protect the privacy of all involved, the identity of that person will remain anonymous.