

Alliance Community Soccer Club

2020-21 Covid Requirements and General Rules & Recommendations

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REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Coaches:

- *Coaches do **NOT** need to wear face coverings during games or practices.*
- Limit day-of roster to the max dressed players stipulated by your league/division.
- Only players & Coaches that have been rostered and approved are permitted on the bench side of the field. No other persons are allowed on the bench side of the field before, during or after the game.
- In the event there is lightning and/or thunder, all participants, coaches, contest officials and game-day personnel must evacuate the field and remain in their respective cars until the field is determined to be safe by the officials. There will be no congregating under any structure or tent.
- Conduct symptom assessments of each player prior to each game and immediately remove any player exhibiting symptoms from the field of play and the facility.
- Read and understand the Responsible Restart Ohio Guidelines for Contact Sports
 - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Youth-Collegiate-Amateur-Club-Pro-Sports.pdf>
- Comply with the guidelines and any modifications thereof in the use of any City facility.

Requirements for Players:

- *Players are **NOT** required to wear face coverings for games or practices.*

Requirements for Spectators

- All spectators will be required to wear a face covering at all times:
 - Unless you are under 10 years of age
 - Unless you have medical documentation with you stating that you have health reasons to not wear one.
 - Unless you are sitting and actively eating or drinking.
- *You are permitted to sit in family groups. A family group are family members from the same household.*
- *All groups must attempt to maintain a social distance of 6 feet apart from non-family groups whenever possible.*
- Must perform a symptom check and have no fever prior to coming to the game.
- You will be required to leave immediately after the game and not congregate.
 - If waiting on your child, you must not congregate in groups outside your family.
- Comply with the guidelines and any modifications thereof in the use of any City facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Pregame Conference

- Limit attendees to head referee or center referee, the head coach from each team, and a single captain from each team.
- Move the location of the pregame conference to center of the field. All individuals maintain a social distance of 6 feet.
- ~~*Suspend handshakes prior to and following the Pregame Conference.*~~

Team Benches

- Encourage bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet.

- ~~Benches on opposite sides of the field to allow greater social distancing.~~
- ~~Players on the bench and coaches should be masked.~~

Substitution Procedures

- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet between the substitute, officials and/or teammate(s) by encouraging substitutions to occur at the center line.

General Recommendations

- Participants and coaches from visiting teams and officials should arrive at the contest facility dressed in partial or full uniforms or coaching/officiating gear and should plan to leave the contest facility in partial or full uniforms or coaching/officiating gear (e.g. not dress or change in visiting locker rooms).
- Coaches should not share clipboards, whiteboards, dry erase boards, or any other equipment used for coaching purposes.
- Contest officials should not share whistles, or any other equipment used for officiating purposes.

Additional Resources

Visit the COVID-19 General Guidance Document for further requirements and recommendations that apply to all sports, including Soccer. Please know that some of the requirements and recommendations in this sport-specific document duplicate state guidance.

- OHSAA Covid-19 Correspondence:
 - <https://www.ohsaa.org/Home/OHSAA-COVID-19-Correspondence>
- Ohio Gov. Sector Specific:
 - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restartohio/sector-specific-operating-requirements/sector-specific-operating-requirements>
- Ohio Department of Education guidance on reopening schools:
 - <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart>
- Ohio Department of Health:
 - <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/home>