

2021 Summer Adult Soccer Programming COVID-19 Mitigation Plans & Protocols

Please know that this summer's league will look different than they have in the past. There will be many new rules and procedures that we will be asking teams to follow. In order to make this successful, we will need everyone's help and cooperation. Also, please know that our ability to host leagues could change at any time, depending on future public health orders. Please read through this document thoroughly prior to your first match and reach out if you have any questions or need clarification on any of these new requirements.

General Public Health & Social Distancing Guidelines

- Vulnerable people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should follow Stay-at-Home recommendations, which means, only leaving home for medical care and essential activities.
- Maintain at least 6 feet of space between yourself, and others, at all times.
- Wash your hands/use hand sanitizer before and after you attend a league match.
- Cover coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue, then throw the tissue away. Use your sleeve or inner elbow if a tissue is not available.
- Do not shake hands, give high fives, congratulatory hugs, etc.
- Wear a mask or face covering (not required when playing).
- Stay at home if you are feeling sick or exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms.

Social Distancing Protocols

- Protocols will be put in place to accommodate physical distancing requirements (6 feet of space between all teams and league staff).
- Participants will be asked to remain spread out prior to the start, and at the conclusion, of each league match, and refrain from gathering in groups with other players outside of their team.
- All players and staff will adhere to current social distancing guidelines.

Player & Staff Health & Hygiene Protocols

- Players are encouraged to wear a mask or face covering in the playing area and when they are interacting with league Staff.
- Players will be allowed to remove the mask while playing but will be encouraged to wear a mask before and after their match while they are in the playing area.
- Players & teams will be encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and thoroughly wash their hands before and after attending a match.
- No sharing of food or drinks.
- Players will be encouraged to refrain from spitting, shaking hands, giving high fives, etc.
- Water/Hydration
 - Players will be required to supply their own water/hydration products.

Registration/Check-In Protocols

- Participation limits will be based on current state and local health orders regarding group gathering size.
- All players will be required to register in advance online and participation will be on a first come, first served basis, based on available spots.
- All players will be required to sign a COVID Assumption of Risk & Liability Waiver prior to the start of league play—will be provided the first night of league play.

League Format / Division Considerations

- Based on the number of participants allowed under current public orders, league divisions might be changed, combined or eliminated per the league director.
- Some divisions may require participant limits to ensure that players of all abilities have the opportunity to participate. If certain divisions do not fill by a pre-determined date, those spots may be shifted to other divisions with high demand/waitlists.
- Leagues may be cancelled or postponed and any time depending on future public health orders.

Soccer Playing Field Protocols

- All players will be asked to wear a face mask while in the playing area (not required during play).
- All players and staff must maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing where applicable.
- No high fives, fist bumps, hugs, or other intentional contact between players will be allowed.
- Teams that are not actively playing may not congregate in the playing area.

Additional Venue/Facility Protocols

- Portalet bathroom facilities will be stationed by the gazebo