



WYS REGIONAL CLUB LEAGUE PROTOCOLS -PHASE 3 RETURN TO PLAY

Coach Responsibilities:

- Always wear a face mask, maintain physical distance requirements from players (>6 feet) based on state and local health requirements.
- Use hand sanitizer before and after interacting with your team.
- Make sure that your team has left the field within 5 minutes of the game ending.
- Make sure the home team provides 3 balls per half that have been sanitized. Game balls from 1st half can be sanitized by the home team at half time.
- **No coach that is sick or has signs or symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 should attend.**
- **Clustering of players should be avoided. There should be no gathering and socializing before or after the game by players. Coaches should not assemble their teams closely together for instruction; players should be spaced at least 6 feet apart for team meetings or instruction.**
- **No handshakes or fist bumps during or after the game.**

Parent Responsibilities:

- Drop player off no earlier than 30 minutes prior to kickoff.
- Do not loiter around field. Avoid gathering of people
- **No parent or player that is sick or has signs or symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 should attend.**
- Spectators should not touch any game day equipment, including balls, cones, goals, etc.

Player Responsibilities:

- Cannot enter the field area until previous teams have left the field- Entry and Exit points will be marked.
- Masks should be worn by players to and from the field.
- **Wear mask, before and immediately after all games, while on the bench, and during halftime. Masks are optional during warm-ups and when playing in the game.**
- **No player that is sick or has signs or symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 should attend.**
- Soccer bags should be placed at least 6 feet apart from one another.
- Use hand sanitizer before and after the game.
- Clustering of players should be avoided. There should be no gathering and socializing before or after the game by players. Coaches should not assemble their teams closely together for instruction; players should be spaced at least 6 feet apart for team meetings or instruction.
- **No handshakes or fist bumps during or after the game.**

Club Responsibilities:

- By registering your team to the league, the club and their teams, coaches, players, and parents agree to follow all league protocols, policies, and responsibilities.
- Create and distribute field maps on their website that have entrance and exits clearly marked, and home and away sidelines. Send to opponents.
- Provide WYS/Opponents with any rules that are specific to your fields to be shared with visiting teams.
- Post signs at their field(s) that clearly mark the entrances and exits (if a multi-field complex)
- All clubs are responsible for providing their coaching staff/managers hand sanitizer.



- Home clubs are responsible for field set-up and sanitization of all equipment at the beginning of the day, and in between games.
- All clubs are responsible for keeping attendance for which players are at every game.
- Have an effective communication plan in place, identify strategies for working with public health to notify adult leaders, youth and their families if the organization learns a participant or adult leader has developed COVID-19 and may have been infectious to others while at a youth activity, while maintaining confidentiality as per law.
- Have an action plan in place, in case of a positive test.
- Train and educate all staff to protocols and requirements, including state and local regulations, CDC recommendations and other necessary information.
- Be prepared to shut down and stop operations. Develop plans for temporary closure of outdoor activities to allow for contact tracing procedures and quarantine as needed.
- Provide adequate field space for social distancing.
- Clubs will publish all relevant materials around RCL including this League Protocol on their website.
- Clubs will forward by email to coaches, players and parents all league protocols, policies, and expectations around game day.
- Clubs will email their referee group about all league protocols, policies, and expectations around game day.
- Clubs will communicate any cancellations or shutdowns as quickly as possible to all team administrators and club leadership.
- Clubs will designate a COVID-19 contact person for any positive case to communicate with opposing teams should a case arise around a game weekend.
- Clubs should communicate with coaches, players and parents that COVID-19 protocols will follow local public health and CDC guidelines.

Scheduling:

- Schedule games with time buffers in between to allow minimal contact between games.
 - 3 or more fields – Every 20 minutes stagger game times to ensure minimal contact is made for locations with multiple fields.
 - 2 fields – Every 30 minutes stagger game times.
- Schedule 1 game per weekend where possible. Double game weekend is allowed.
- If the scheduled home team does not have field availability, they should work with the away team to host the match on the scheduled day.
- Should both teams not be able to make the scheduled game day work, but there is an open date acceptable to both teams that can be scheduled, teams may do so.
- Reschedules to other weekends are allowed to get the league in.
- No forfeiture fees for last minute cancellations due to COVID-19.
- Clubs should work with their field providers to assess whether there will be charges imposed for last minute cancellations.

Club Player Pass:

- Player pass may be used in the event of injuries/ sickness to provide enough players to field a team.
- Teams may only use up to 3 player passes for any game.
- Any player that is used on a player pass may only play with that team on that weekend.
- All player passes must be monitored and recorded by the club for contact tracing purposes.



Player Injury Procedures:

- In case of an emergency, call 911
- A First Aid Kit / Medical Bag should be kept on the sideline at all times.
- Coaches must wear a mask if tending to an injured player.
- Other players should not approach the injured player to avoid a crowd and keep distance.
- For minor injuries, coach approaches player and asks from a distance if they are able to walk off the field unassisted.
- If a head injury has occurred and is emergent, call 911. If non-emergent head injury and player can walk off the field, allow them to do so. Follow all concussion protocols.
- If an injury takes place that prevents a player from walking off the field under their own power, coach should put gloves on from the medical bag, provide the player with a mask, and assist the player off the field. Parent should then be called and allowed to tend to the player.

Field Setup:

- Teams will take opposite sides of the field in order to prevent any additional contact. [Click here](#) for field map. Home team will dictate which side of the field teams take.
- No closed tents. If benches are used on the sideline, players should be separated by at least two empty seats. Alternatively, individual chairs can be used for substitutes, but each team is responsible for providing their own. Players should wear masks when not playing.
- **If spectators are allowed under WA Dept of Health guidelines, they must remain a minimum of 10 feet from the field and remain socially distanced to allow 6 feet between individuals. All spectators must wear a mask.**
- Clubs/teams must follow the rules of the field they are playing on.

Referee Responsibilities:

- Wear a mask up to stepping on the field to start the game, during halftime, and immediately following the game.
- Maintain physical distancing at all times, prior, during, and after all games.
- Use hand sanitizer before and after the game.
- Do not touch the ball with their hands.
- Referee will only take a roster from the coach, and have the coach read out the player names and then show the referee the card to compare the card to the player. Coach can also use Digital Player Passes instead of player cards.
- Enforce all game modifications made by the league to ensure the safety of the players.
- No handshakes, fist bumps, etc. after the game.

League Communication Plan:

- League will publish all relevant materials around RCL including this League Protocol on the WYS website.
- League will host virtual webinar with all club leadership to review league protocols, policies and expectations around game day.