



Alaska Youth Soccer Association

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Alaska Youth Soccer Association Indoor Mitigation & Safety Guidelines

Match Day Guidelines

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Alaska Youth Soccer's highest priority is to ensure we provide a safe environment within our soccer programs and leagues. We will remain vigilant regarding the promotion of safety of all those involved in the program.

As we continue the AFL League this weekend, please review the **League Format & Rules of Play** along with the current **AYSA Indoor Mitigation & Safety Guidelines**. During this transition to league play clubs, teams, and players will continue to follow COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Given the changing environment, the guidelines may change, and be adjusted to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19.

ON GAME DAY - PLAYERS AND COACHES WILL

- ➔ Use Designated Entrance and Exit Points; Follow Signage for Direction of Walking Traffic.
- ➔ All Players, Coaches, Managers, and Referees Will Always Wear A Mask...No Mask, No Play.
- ➔ No Spectators During Games; Only individuals Listed on Team Roster Will Be Allowed in Facility.
- ➔ No Communal Spaces- Teams to Not Arrive Until 15 Minutes Prior to Their Assigned Game Time.
- ➔ Engage in Social Distancing- Players/ Coaches Do Not Block Entryway, Step Aside to One End of Facility.
- ➔ Game Transition- Teams Waiting **Should Not** Enter Field of Play Until Previous Teams/Referee Leave Field.
- ➔ Designate Side-Line Space Between Staff and Athletes. No Team Benches, Players Set Bags Away from Sideline.
- ➔ Roster Limit to Only 4 Technical Staff. Only 2 are Allowed in Technical Area/ Sideline at Any Given Time.
- ➔ Teams May Bring One Additional Individual to Record/Stream the Game. The Individual Must Be on The Team Roster, Regardless of Where They are Positioned in The Facility.
- ➔ Teams Should Limit Congestion During Warm Up and Team Transitions Etc.
- ➔ Substitutes- If Substitute Wear A Pinnie, Player Coming Off Field Should Not Take Pinnie from The Substitute.
- ➔ Clubs and Teams Should Designate A COVID-19 Points of Contact for Games to Ensure All Information Is Available to Player and Parents.

FUTSAL COURT LAYOUT

Team Technical Areas will be situated on opposite halves/ sides of the pitch (diagonal from each other).

Teams **will not** switch during half-time; teams will maintain same goal/ technical area to minimize contact.

Team bags are to be set off the wall away from the pitch, and do not need to be moved at half-time. Goal is to keep the technical areas less crowded and minimize contact.

REFEREES

The Referee role is not to enforce the current protocols; their role is to note and report instances of non-compliance to the league assigner and Alaska Youth Soccer.

Teams failure to enforce current Phase requirements will result in forfeit for the team and a fine to the club.

Referee will have the discretion to suspend and, if necessary, terminate the game if club/ team cannot comply/

Should allow when possible to remain Ten (10) feet for social distancing prior, during and after the game

No pre-game coin toss: Home team chooses direction and No pre or post game handshakes.

Referees will not handle rosters or player passes for league play.

Referees will sanitize match balls between games

Deliberately coughing on or at an opponent or any other person should be treated as spitting on or at for the purpose of the laws of the game and is therefore a red card.

Alaska Youth Soccer ask the clubs, players, parents, and coaches to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by doing your part! AYSA is committed to providing a clear path moving forward so our affiliate clubs and teams can maintain sanctioned programs safely throughout the winter months.

Reminder please continue to self-screen and stay home if you are not feeling well. It is imperative that we not lose focus on doing everything in our power to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

To Read the full 2020 Indoor Mitigation & Safety Guidelines [click here](#)

AYSA remains committed to do everything possible to support our clubs, leagues, athletes, coaches, families, referees, and communities. During this process we will continue to partner with our affiliate clubs as we are deeply appreciative of the leadership demonstrated throughout the soccer community on and off the pitch during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Burke

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AYSA Executive Director