



Alaska Youth Soccer Association

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To: Alaska Youth Soccer Membership

CC: Board of Directors

Re: AYSA Updated COVID-19 Sanctioned Leagues Protocols

AYSA Affiliates Clubs and Leagues,

SOCIAL DISTANCE- Social distancing should continue to be maintained during all club and league activity, with limited exceptions for athletes as part of training activities and within the rules of soccer during time of active, and competitive play

1. All non-playing participants should wear “**Face Covering**” if they cannot socially distance **six feet apart** at trainings and games. If your local municipality has established local mandates regarding the wearing of face masks/ face coverings. The priority for adherence should follow as: 1) Municipality Mandate 2) Parks and Recreation/Field allocation authority 3) AYSA Return-to-Play Guidelines. It is imperative that we not lose focus on doing everything in our power to reduce and/or eliminate the spread of COVID-19.
2. Spectators “**Should Not Congregate**” together, they are encouraged to bring their own chair, blanket, or umbrella.
3. Spectators should create “**FamilyZones**” for same household members to watch trainings/ games. Leave at least six feet for the next family’s zone.
4. Teams should designate a “**Field Marshal**” for each game, to ensure that social distancing behaviors occur during games. The clubs should continue to communicate with their teams the importance of social distancing practices. Noncompliance should be reported to the league for follow up.

TEAMS- Clubs, teams, and players will continue to follow COVID-19 prevention protocols and health and safety guidelines while maintaining vigilant regarding the promotion of safety of all those involved in the program.

1. Ensure participants (adults, youth, and their families) are aware that they “**MAY NOT**” attend if either they or a household member has onset of illness with symptoms compatible with suspected or lab-confirmed COVID-19.
2. Teams “**Should Not Use Team Bench**” coaches will allow for appropriate designated side-line space with visual indicators between coaching staff and athletes.
3. Team and coaches should continue to “**Clear The Area**” as soon as reasonably possible after activity.
4. Tactical discussions to be provided in digital format, if possible. Team meetings in closed environments should be avoided. Follow the AYSA Code of Conduct - Social Media Guidelines (Section 111).

PLAYERS

1. Players should continue to wear mask before and immediately after all trainings and games.
2. Continue cleaning “**Personal Equipment**” and apparel before and after each training and games.
3. Players must bring their own water. No sharing. Communal water coolers should not be utilized.
4. Players continue practice of setting apart bag from others and only using their own equipment.
5. Players should “**Avoid Group Celebrations**” as part of games and consider socially distanced celebrations.
6. Keep “**Ground Transportation**” to household members only.

Be prepared to step back and revert to an earlier phase as a response to increased risk, cluster outbreaks, updates to public health guidelines, an inability to safely maintain COVID-19 prevention and response protocols or Alaska Youth Soccer places the affiliate as not a “Member in Good Standing”.

Sincerely,

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