

Western Branch Soccer Club “Return to Play” rules

Coaches

- Facility and equipment use
 - Coaches maintain their team equipment. They have disinfectant wipes and spray bottles with paper towels to sanitize balls and other loose equipment
 - Coaches will make sure there is no equipment sharing during practices
 - For the permanent equipment (i.e. soccer goals), they will be sanitized before and after every practice session. They also will be properly stored after every use to discourage unauthorized use.
- Physical distancing
 - The coaches are obligated by our insurance providers to conduct soccer activities in a matter that promotes proper social distancing practices.
 - Coaches will be required to wear masks within a 6 foot distance of the players during all soccer activities
 - Coaches will be required to temperature screen every player/participant at the start of all soccer activities.
 - Coaches will be required to maintain social distances among participants during all soccer activities that doesn't involve scrimmaging or active game play.
- Operation safety features
 - Coaches will maintain all PPE equipment provided by the club for their teams.
 - In addition to the materials mentioned above, we will provide thermometers, gloves, and hand sanitizer.
- COVID-19 reporting
 - Coaches are obligated to report positive COVID tests received from themselves and/or players/participants to the WBSC executive board as soon as possible
 - They will follow all SAY guidelines listed [here](#)
 - Coaches are obligated to report any contact tracing notifications from themselves and/or players/participants to the WBSC executive board as soon as possible
 - They will follow all SAY guidelines listed [here](#)

- COVID-19 Waiver

- Player registration account holders are required to accept a COVID-19 waiver in the form of a “Medical Release” in order for their player to be registered to participate in the Fall 2020 season with Western Branch SC
- Depending on the level of play being registered for, there are two waivers that had to be accepted:
 - Academy/Advance Recreation
 - SAY Hold Harmless COVID-19 waiver located [here](#)
 - Select Travel
 - VYSA Hold Harmless COVID-19 waiver located [here](#)
- Coaches are required to announce these waivers to team parents/guardians and players sometime before the season officially begins. They will be obligated to forward any questions and concerns our members may pose to WBSC’s executive board.

Players

- Facility and equipment use
 - Players will not be permitted to share their equipment with coaches and teammates.
 - Players will be required to maintain their own personal equipment
- Physical distancing
 - Players will be required to be distance of 10 feet apart during activities that don't involve scrimmaging and/or during game time
 - Players will not be permitted to congregate during breaks in between drills during practice
 - Players will be at least 6 feet apart while sitting on the sideline during scrimmages and games in play with masks on
- Operation safety features
 - Players will be issued face coverings when not in play (sitting on the bench or standing to the side as an observer on the field)
 - Players are required to self-check/monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms before participating in all WBSC activity
- COVID-19 reporting
 - Players are obligated to report positive COVID-19 tests received from themselves to their team coaches as soon as possible
 - Players are obligated to report any contact tracing notifications to their team coaches as soon as possible
 - COVID-19 positive/contact traced players will be not be permitted to participate in all WBSC activities until the following conditions have been met:
 - 14-day quarantine from the day the team coach has been notified
 - A doctors' note clearing the player to participate in all WBSC activity has been received by the team coach
 - The WBSC executive board has convened to clear the player for all WBSC activity
- COVID-19 Waiver
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 - Academy/Advance Recreation
 - SAY Hold Harmless COVID-19 waiver located [here](#)
 - Select Travel
 - VYSA Hold Harmless COVID-19 waiver located [here](#)
- It is the player responsibility to read and understand the contents of the play-level specific waiver in order to participate in the Fall 2020 season with Western Branch SC

Parents/Guardians/Spectators

- Facility and equipment use
 - Not permitted to have contact with and/or use any equipment deemed the property of Western Branch SC
- Physical distancing
 - Only coaches and players are permitted on the field during all WBSC activity without the strict permission of the coaches and staff using the space at that time.
 - If permitted to be on the field, a mask must be worn at all times
 - Any one not deemed a coach/player will have to observe all activities behind fencing placed on the outside of the WBSC fields.
 - Being that our insurance providers doesn't give guidance on how to enforce social distancing off the outside the field of play, we cannot enforce the social distance rule and can merely advise it.
- Operational safety features
 - Parents/Guardians are required to check/monitor their players for COVID-19 symptoms before participating in all WBSC activity.
 - Non-coaches/Non-players are required to self-check/monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms before being permitted on the field during all WBSC activity
- COVID-19 reporting
 - Parents/Guardians are obligated to report positive COVID-19 tests concerning themselves and/or their players to their team coaches as soon as possible
 - Parents/Guardians are obligated to report any contact tracing notifications concerning themselves and/or their players to their team coaches as soon as possible
 - Although WBSC guidelines cannot apply to non-coaches/non-players outside our fields, it is advised for any positive/contact traced COVID-19 notified persons to stay away from all WBSC activity and self-quarantine until a qualified medical doctor has cleared said person to attend those activities
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 - Academy/Advance Recreation
 - SAY Hold Harmless COVID-19 waiver located [here](#)
 - Select Travel
 - VYSA Hold Harmless COVID-19 waiver located [here](#)
- It is the player's parent/guardian responsibility to confirm that the correct waiver is read and understood by the player participating during the Fall 2020 season with Western Branch SC.

Miscellaneous

- The addition of signage, and what that signage would say
 - Signage has been posted in and around the fields we have applied for permitted usage
 - The signage used comes a few sources:
 - From the CDC, which can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
 - From the State, which can be found [here](#) (Please concentrate on pages 23 and 24 as it pertains specifically to recreational sports).
- How you are handling cleaning of concessions, restrooms, dugouts, bleachers, etc. to include all high touch areas
 - At WBSC fields, the only seating is the benches provided for the players during playtime. Those will be thoroughly disinfected and sanitized before and after usage
 - Spectators have to provide their own seating. Something WBSC can't control
 - No concessions, dugouts, bleachers, or restrooms at our fields
 - **Note:** There may be porta-potties on site for visitors. These will not be sanitized by WBSC and should be used at the visitors' own risk only
- How you plan to monitor crowd control
 - No gathering of greater than 50 persons on the field at one time. This includes Coaches, Players, Officials, and Spectators
 - No gathering in parking lot/leave when games/practice ends
 - Spectators will have to observe Advance/Select level activities behind fencing placed on the outside of the fields.
 - WBSC is sympathetic to the fact that we want to cheer on our players during games. This will be an ongoing discussion during the season. If and when a more realistic solution is realized, we will notify our visitors in a timely matter about it and its implementation.
 - For spectators permitted on the field are required to abide by the guidelines given by the State, which can be found [here](#) (Please concentrate on pages 23 and 24 as it pertains specifically to recreational sports).
 - Spectators on the field must wear masks at all times. No exceptions!
 - Spectators will be designated to sit at the pre-marked on field spots (10 feet apart)

- All permitted persons on the field participating in WBSC activities (i.e. coaches, players, referees, etc.) will be monitor according to these guidelines by our designated Field Marshalls
 - They act as the Club's point of contact (POC) for all WBSC activities. They will be designated by wearing bright orange work vests.
 - They have the authority to request anyone not abiding by our guidelines to leave the field as well as stop the activity completely if they deem the activity is not being conducted safely under said guidelines
- How your insurance is written to cover any potential exposures, etc.
 - Insurance is held by two entities:
 - Soccer Association for Youth (SAY)
 - Insurance is provided by K&K Insurance group and is described [here](#)
 - Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA)
 - Their provided insurance is described [here](#)
- Complying with all other additional city, state, and CDC guidelines
 - No pre or post game meetings or handshakes, high fives, huddles etc.
 - No team snacks or drinks/sharing food