



Novi Bobcats (SMYFA) • Game Day Operations

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A. ARRIVAL:

1. Players/Coaches/Officials
 - a. Arrival into the stadium 1 hour prior to game time
 - b. Report to health screening table for daily health screening
 - c. Hand sanitizer use
 - d. Team weigh-in and warm-ups (See B and C below)
2. Volunteers/Spectators
 - a. Arrival into the stadium 30 minutes prior to game time
 - b. Two spectators are allowed per one athlete (this does not include volunteers/coaching staff/working personnel) (See F below)
 - c. Comply with a self-certification health screening
3. Everyone must abide by social distancing and mask wearing upon entering the stadium
4. Use of hand sanitizer is encouraged

B. WEIGH IN:

1. Masks must be worn by all players, coaches and weigh-in personnel
2. Social distancing is expected
3. Teams are not to mingle or cross paths during the weigh process
4. Upon completion, players and team personnel will immediately head to their warm-up area
5. **Early Weigh-in** is at 9:30am at game location, regardless of first game start time

C. WARM UPS:

1. Home team will establish and provide area for warm-ups (site map of location will be sent to teams during week prior)
2. Ensure adequate spacing between teams
3. Ensure hand sanitizer is available and utilized during warm-ups
4. Spectators are asked to avoid the warm-up areas
6. Warm ups begin one hour prior to first game, immediately following team weigh-in

D. GAMES – PLAYERS & COACHES:

1. Coaches, directors, and officials should avoid hand shaking and personal contact
2. MHSAA has made provisions for officials not to wear face coverings
3. Coaches, players and all personnel on the field will be expected to wear a face covering at all times
4. Team captains will stand 6ft apart and not shake hands during the coin toss
5. Players will remain 6ft apart during the playing of the National Anthem (configuration should be predetermined by coaching staff)
6. Players will have an established spot on the sidelines for water bottles and where to stand when not in the game



7. Players will be spread out on the sidelines between the 10-yard lines
8. During timeouts, players will retrieve their water bottles as there will be no common source for water; (2 minutes per timeout)
9. Per SMYFA's Return to Play plan, game play may be stopped for personal use of hand sanitizer and to sanitize footballs. If players wear gloves, they will be required to be sprayed or wiped with sanitizer.

E. GAMES – VOLUNTEERS:

1. Press box personnel are encouraged to socially distance themselves. Face coverings are always required when in the press box.
2. If social distancing allows video personnel, etc – they may utilize the press box while wearing a face covering. Otherwise, press box personnel is limited to an announcer, game clock, and announcer spotter.
3. "Home" Volunteers include: Chains (2 people), Announcer, Announcer Spotter, Game Clock, Field Spotter, Health Screening Table, Team's Red/White/Blue Monitors
4. "Away" Volunteers include: Down Marker, Field Spotter, Team's Red/White/Blue Monitors
5. All on-field volunteers must check in at the health screening table
 - Answer health screening questions
 - If any screening questions are answered "yes" – volunteer will be asked to leave
 - Temperatures will be taken and logged – if over 100.3, volunteer will be asked to leave
6. All on-field volunteers will be expected to wear a face covering at all times
7. All on-field volunteers will adhere to the Red/White/Blue USA Football System
8. Red - Entrance Monitor
 - a. If conducive, determine one entrance and one exit (allowing for fire/emergency exit if needed)
 - b. Hand sanitizer available at entrance
 - c. Refer to state guidelines on access for spectators with COVID symptoms
 - d. Remind people to practice social distancing
9. White - Stands/Spectator Monitor
 - a. Based on state/local guidelines ensure bleachers are set up and marked for social distancing
 - b. Monitor individuals in stands for non-compliance of social distancing
 - c. With the assistance of the host team, ensure bathrooms are sanitized on an increased basis and are equipped with antibacterial soap and tissue
 - d. Ensure concession stands are not in operation
 - e. If spectators do not wear masks, arrange a PA announcement to be made. Spectators failure to comply will result in the game being stopped and cancelled.
10. Blue - Field Monitor
 - a. Assist with on-field volunteer health screening table
 - b. Ensure players keep 6ft apart while on sidelines
 - c. Ensure coaches, on-field/sideline personnel wear masks at all times
 - d. Ensure players, cheerleaders and coaches bring and use their own clearly labeled water bottle and use their own personal towels, equipment, etc.



- e. Sanitize footballs as needed or requested
- f. Monitor the water cooler and refill individual water bottles while wearing mask and clean gloves.
- g. Ensure EMT/athletic trainers can attend to injured players while other players and coaches are kept at a safe distance.

F. GAMES – SPECTATORS:

1. With SMYFA being an all-volunteer run organization, assuring compliance with these protocols will require full participation by all in attendance. The SMYFA Directors for each team will have the ultimate authority to assure compliance. If these protocols are not being followed in good faith, any SMYFA Director for a team in participation, may cancel the remainder of the game and require the field to be closed. In addition, if these protocols are not being followed and SMYFA is required to close an event location by a government agency no refunds will be given. The SMYFA Directors in attendance will be responsible to assure compliance with any and all requirements.
2. To comply with current restrictions on the number of spectators allowed at a sporting event, each athlete will be allowed 2 spectators (this number includes children). Each spectator must comply with a self-certification health screening upon entering the stadium.
3. Hand sanitizer will be made available and its use is encouraged for all spectators.
4. Spectators must sit 6ft apart in the stands or standing near the fence line from others and wear face coverings at all times. Anyone refusing to follow these guidelines will be asked to leave the venue by SMYFA Directors.
5. Keep the number of people in each restroom to a minimum. Line ques will be in place on the ground outside the restroom to identify overflow/waiting areas.
6. Concessions will not be run at SMYFA hosted games.

G. KNOWN EXPOSURE:

1. In the case of a COVID known exposure/illness/positive test:
 - a. Immediately notify everyone in SMYFA that an athlete, coach, official, or other individual has tested positive for COVID-19. Personal health information and the individual's name will not be publicized.
 - b. Immediately contact the local public health officials to allow them to begin the process of contact tracing and other needed actions/steps.
 - c. Individuals who have had close contact to someone who tests positive are required to self-isolate for 14 days. If after 14 days, an individual is symptom-free, they may resume activity. (CDC Guidelines)
 - d. Individuals who test positive for COVID will be required to self-quarantine for 10 days and be symptom free for 24 hours before resuming activity. (CDC Guidelines)
 - e. Students, coaches, officials and others at the event but NOT in close contact should be closely monitored for symptoms and may not need testing. (CDC Guidelines)