



PROGRAM SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR GVFL Flag Football

GVCO Guidelines for COVID-19 Safety

GVCO prioritizes the health and safety of our community. We are following guidance for recreational and youth sports from the CDC, state and local governments, as well as our school district, in modifying policies and protocols to facilitate a healthy and comfortable experience for participants and staff to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus. Individual programs have specific policies related to their programs posted on websites and included in program information. As always, we rely on everyone's cooperation in keeping the whole community safe and need your help in assessing your or your child's risks and staying home when appropriate.

GVCO believes in the value of recreation and exercise in promoting individual health and the benefits of our programs in strengthening our community.

GVFL Flag Football Guidelines for COVID-19

GVFL Program COVID Point Person: Keith Walsh (cell) 610-716-7332 or kewalsh33@aol.com.
If you have any questions or issues please reach out to the GVFL Program COVID point person.

SCREENING:

- In trying to create a safe and healthy environment for all those involved with our GVFL youth sports programming we will be asking everyone to be very conscientious and diligent at helping to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

To that end we will be asking the parents/guardians for GVFL K-1 Flag Football to provide a brief screening questionnaire to GVFL prior to each time their son/daughter participates in a scheduled game. The screening documentation will be available through our www.gvco.org website through a simple Google form, [GVCO Screening Questionnaire](#). You will be receiving a text message from a GVFL staff member prior to each game to help the organization in its efforts to provide the proper environment for all involved. GVFL will require that the form must be fully completed prior to each game in order for your child to participate. GVFL understands that this will create a slight inconvenience through the course of the season; however, a constant, conscientious effort by all involved will allow the program to effectively attain the safest, healthy environment possible.





GVFL FLAG PLAYERS:

- Please arrive only 10 minutes prior to your game time to allow ample time for any game prior to yours to have the proper amount of time to leave the field area.
- Players should allow for the proper social distancing prior to your game time. ONLY PLAYERS, COACHES, REFEREES and GVCO STAFF WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE FIELD.
- Avoid gathering in small or large groups prior to or after your game time.
- Please bring your own water bottle(s) clearly marked with your name on it. Please do not share your water bottle with anyone else.
- Players should wear a protective mask prior to and after the game. Players will not be required to wear a mask while on the field; however, players are asked to wear their mask when on the sidelines.
- While not on the field, please create social distancing when on sidelines, during timeouts or halftime.
- Please avoid chewing gum or spitting. Please avoid shaking hands and “high fives”.
- Please do NOT bring your own football. Only GVFL footballs will be allowed on the field.
- If you feel sick, please stay home. [GVCO Guidelines for What to Do When Someone Gets Sick.](#)

COACHES:

- Coaches must wear a mask while coaching and maintain social distancing when possible.
- Whenever addressing the players, please have your mask on. Please try to avoid creating a tight huddle of players prior to the game, during time outs, halftime and after the game.
- **THERE WILL BE NO POST GAME “HANDSHAKE LINES”**...however GVFL still encourages the players and coaches to acknowledge the usual postgame sportsmanship from the proper social distance.

REFEREES:

- Referees may enter the field area and should allow for the proper social distancing prior to and after your games.
- Referees should wear a protective mask prior to and after the games.
- Please avoid chewing gum, spitting, shaking hands and “high fives”.
- Referees will maintain control of GVFL game footballs and will take them to GVCO Staff to be disinfected frequently (i.e. between games, during timeouts and half time).





GVCO STAFF:

- GVCO Staff may enter the field area and should allow for the proper social distancing prior to, during and after the game times.
- GVCO Staff should wear a protective mask prior to and after the games, and when others are within social distancing range.
- GVCO Staff will maintain the list of completed screening questionnaires and eligible participants per game when applicable. GVCO Staff will send a text reminder to parent number listed on registration with a link to complete the questionnaire.
- GVCO Staff will have disinfectant supplies and hand sanitizer for use by players, coaches, referees and staff. Staff will be responsible for disinfecting game balls between games and at half time.
- Staff should avoid chewing gum, spitting, shaking hands and “high fives”.

PARENTS:

- Parents will need to complete the GVCO Screening Questionnaire prior to players being eligible to play Flag K-1 games.
- Parents/guardians should arrive with players 10 minutes prior to game time.
- Parents should wear a protective masks, maintain proper social distancing and avoid gathering in large or small groups before, during and after games.
- Parents are not permitted on the field. ONLY PLAYERS, COACHES, REFEREES and GVCO STAFF WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE FIELD.

More information regarding GVCO COVID Response is available on our [website](#) and in the [GVCO COVID-19 Program Packet](#)

*Thank you to everyone for helping us make the GVFL
Flag Football League healthy and fun!*

