



Guidelines for Return to Play for Bishop Leibold Athletics

The following guidelines are established in coordination with the Dayton CYO and the Responsible RestartOhio Requirements established by the Ohio Department of Health.

In addition to these guidelines defined below, Bishop Leibold Athletics also must follow any additional health guidance rules for the prevention of COVID-19 from their governing bodies that are more restrictive than this minimum health guidance. Independent youth sport organizations also must follow sport-specific guidance from the Ohio High School Athletic Association. The primary purpose of permitting spectators is to allow and encourage the family members and loved ones of players, coaches, team staff members, officials, and other event participants to observe and share in the experience.

1) Prior To Start of Any Activity

a. Coaches/Parents/Guardians are required to perform a daily health symptom assessment of their child/athlete and of themselves if they plan to attend a BLS sponsored event/game. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with any of those symptoms may have COVID-19 and must stay home and not attend a Bishop Leibold Athletic sponsored activity.

b. No congregating before or after practices or games by players, coaches, or officials is permitted. There will be no pregame prayer or post game handshake.

c. Coaches must wear face coverings at all times, and players must wear face coverings when not on the field or court of play, except for one of the reasons stated in the Director’s Order for Facial Coverings throughout the State of Ohio or as it may thereafter be amended. Coaches and officials are not required to wear facial coverings when on the field of play during games to allow the use of whistles.

d. Do not enter the facility before you scheduled time as this will allow us to limit unnecessary interaction. The appropriate start and arrival times will be communicated by the each coach when necessary. Coaches should wrap up practice at least 5 minutes before the next scheduled practice so that they can clear out before the next team arrives.

e. Coaches/Parents shall identify players at higher risk of developing serious complications from COVID-19, such as those with asthma, diabetes or other health problems, and take extra precautions to protect them. It is in everyone’s best interest that anyone with higher risk of developing complications from COVID-19 get clearance from a doctor to play.

2) Spectators:

a. Practice

- I. Virtus - As you are aware, there must be at least 2 Virtus trained adults in attendance (note same gender requirements) for BLS Athletic activities. Please work with your coaches to ensure adequate coverage in regards to the Virtus requirements.
- II. Based on this policy, the guideline will be that no more than 4 parent/guardians/coaches per team are allowed in the PAC. No siblings or students outside of the team are allowed to attend at this time.

b. Game/Matches - CYO is allowing no more one person per rostered player to attend the game. This will allow the spacing that is needed to practice social distancing and safely have a game/match for our youth. This policy will be reviewed once the season has started to determine what the best practice is.

c. All Spectators are to wear masks and follow the current guidelines from the Governor's executive order.

3) Game Time

a. Please do not enter the facility until the previous teams have exited. There will be an additional 15 minutes allowed between games for this exchange to occur.

b. It is recommended that each player bring their own individual items (no sharing). For example, no sharing of water bottles, drinks, or food. It is highly recommended to use hand sanitizer each time the player comes off the field of play.

c. Players who are not actively participating in the game must be 6 feet socially distanced and wearing their face masks while not actively participating.

d. Equipment sanitization: BLS has worked with the Church to establish a cleaning plan for the equipment that will be used. All coaches are responsible for sanitizing all equipment after use by any player. This includes balls, pinnies, etc.

e. Monitoring – There will be an individual responsible for monitoring the spectators in attendance in regards to the guidelines established in the policy. Remember the most important thing is the kids are getting play!!

f. If/when a game is canceled due to COVID, the CYO has committed to trying to reschedule based on gym availability.

The BLAA appreciates and respects everyone's rights and opinions in regards to the guidelines defined above. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact us via email at BLAA.AD@BishopLeibold.org or BLAA.Finance@BishopLeibold.org