



To all Coaches, Managers, Players & Families,

Thank you for choosing the NORCO Invitational Tournament. We are excited to begin getting back to play and we wish to provide the safest environment for all. To that end, below are the guidelines and recommendations we feel will provide a safe environment while still allowing our players to enjoy the game we all love.

We believe that sports are an invaluable asset to our children, but there is a price to pay that is different from this time last year. All of our conduct and behavior is crucial as we try to prove that safety and sports can coexist, and our goal is not just this weekend but for the rest of the season. With your help we can prove that events can be held in a safe, responsible manner.

We ask that you share this letter with your players and families, and ask that all follow the recommendations and guidelines for the tournament:

NORCO Invitational Recommendations:

- All spectators are asked to wear a mask when moving from their car to the field. Masks should be worn any time you cannot remain socially distant from others.
- Coaches and players should wear masks when moving to and from the field.
- Players do not need to wear masks while on the field.
- Coaches do not need to wear a mask while actively coaching but should wear one when not being able to social distance on the sideline.
- Teams should perform health screenings of each player prior to going to the benches.
- Parents should perform their own health screening of players or spectators before coming to the fields. If there is any potential issue, ***please stay at home***.
- Each player must have their own water bottles – no sharing of water.
- Teams should provide their own hand sanitizer as well as disinfecting wipes to sanitize the bench areas before and after each game.
- Referees will be wearing masks when not on the field or unable to socially distance themselves from others.
- No post game handshakes between teams.
- Spectators must stay a minimum of 10 feet from the field as well as maintain a minimum of 6 feet from other family groups.
- Teams should leave the bench area immediately after completion of the game.
- Spectators should leave the field as quickly as possible while wearing masks, to allow for safe transition from one game to another with minimal interaction.

Health Questions for “at-home” or “on-field” screening:

Within the past 24 hours have you experienced any of the following:

- Fever (temp greater than 100.4F)?
- Cough?
- shortness of breath or trouble breathing?
- sore throat, different than seasonal allergies?
- loss of smell and/or taste?
- diarrhea or vomiting?
- Have you had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past two weeks?

If the answer to any of the questions is "yes", the player should be sent home immediately or not leave for the game.

We are all grateful to be part of soccer’s return to St Louis and hope that everyone can help do their part to ensure that we can have a safe and successful return to play. Good luck to all the teams and thank you for your cooperation.

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Addendum:

- We will not be having formal trophy or medal presentations this year to keep groups at a minimum. We will try to make sure the championship and finalist teams have their medals at the end of the game. We will have some portable signage available if the team decides to take pictures at a distance from others.
- We are also told that the mosquitoes and bugs are bad this year so you may want to pass on the recommendation to bring bug spray. The complex has sprayed this week and will again prior to the tournament but all the rain this summer is making it difficult for bugs.