



AVON JUNIOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

AJAA Football COVID-19 Protocols

In preparation for the upcoming football season, as spectators, parents, coaches and players, we must be proactive in how we safely conduct our team activities. It will take everyone doing their part to ensure this happens and protects those at the highest risk of COVID-19 infections and complications. Listed below is the beginning of how we will approach our “new normal” regarding football events. These concepts are fluid and open to change at any time. “Football events” will include: practices, games or other events where our AJAA Football family will gather.

Governor’s Guidelines: We will do our best to comply with Indiana guidelines as set by the Governor for event participation. These guidelines are announced weekly on local news sources and may change with very short notice.

School’s Guidelines: We will also do our best to comply with school policies regarding facility usage set by the Avon School Corporation for the safety of all involved.

Player Admission/ Exit for Football Events:

- Players hands must be sanitized upon entry. Each player should sanitize their hands in between plays, after games, and after any contact with other players.
- Players should be dropped off to help with social distancing (if parents wish to watch they must comply with social distancing guidelines)
- After a football event, player pads, helmets, and cleats should be wiped and/or sprayed with disinfectant spray per the CDC guidelines.
- Parents should launder any and all sports attire (Practice jerseys, uniforms, socks, etc.)between football events.
- Players are advised to bring their own clearly marked water bottles and not share water bottles with any other participant.. No water stations shall be used throughout the season.
- Players are advised to not share any ancillary items such as towels, blankets, other clothing, and hand warmers
- Players and coaches on-field will be provided a “gaiter mask” to wear while on field. These are washable and re-usable, and are part of the uniform this summer. Wearing the gaiter mask is up to each family’s discretion.
- Players will need to stay 6 foot apart while on the sidelines
- No gum/no spitting
- Players will not do handshakes before or after a game, but advised to tip their helmets to their opposing team in a show of continued good sportsmanship.
- Meetings before the game at mid-field will be short and with few players as possible; with everyone complying with social distancing guidelines.
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Coaching Staff: Coaches shall be provided with disinfectant to spray any and all communal equipment used during football events, at the conclusion of the event, and prior to the next event. This includes but is not limited to: footballs, tackling pads or dummies, kicking tees, etc.

Spectators: For practices and games we ask that any and all spectators spread out and sit with a 6 foot or greater distance between your family and other spectators. Continue to stay loud and have fun.

PLEASE DO NOT attend or send your child to play in a AJAA Football event (practice, game or other) if...

- You now have, or had in the past 14 days a fever over 100.3 AND shortness of breath
- In the past 14 days, you have been within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more of a person who is COVID-19 positive AND/OR who has a fever and other COVID related symptoms.
- You have medical conditions that would classify you as high risk for COVID-19
- You don't feel well for any other reason with or without COVID-19 symptoms

*For programs participating on Avon Community School grounds, the following bullet points addendum must be followed for activity through July 19, 2020 (subject to change based on State guidelines):

- Only two days per calendar week per activity/sport and no more than 3 hours per day. (If kids are signing up for multiple sports they can only attend a total of 15 hours)
- Masks should be worn when kids are not engaged in vigorous activity. Coaches and support staff should wear masks.
- Staff and students should be trained and screened daily for signs/symptoms of COVID-19.
- Work in smaller groups
- For contact sports, no contact is allowed
- Keeping records of who attended and who was participating in smaller groups so contact tracing is possible.

By complying with these guidelines, we have an opportunity to create a safer environment for our players, coaches, referees, spectators and especially those who are considered to be high risk for the disease. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation and look forward to a great season!