



Return to Play 7-12-20 Update:

- We have completed our draft Action Plan. It will be posted on our website at [Return to Play](#)
- We are in the process of updating the webpage with all of the latest guidelines and info we have been receiving.
- A new addition this season is that each team will have a Safety Representative, who will maintain records on attendance, and ensure compliance with our other guidelines by parents, coaches, and players. These safety reps will report to the club health and safety officer, parallel to our coaching structure.
- One of the basic pieces of our return to play plan, is that it will be the responsibility of each parent to ensure that their child is healthy for play. Each player should be accompanied to every event by a parent, who will essentially “sign then in” to the event with the team safety representative, and verify that they are not showing any symptoms of COVID-19 .
- We have been getting a lot of questions about what we expect our programs to look like this Fall (including use of masks) - here is a brief summary, with general requirements and also specific differences broken out by division
 - General Guidelines for all age Groups
 - Parents, staff, and coaches will need to wear masks, players should wear them to and from the fields, but will not be required to wear them while actively playing or training
 - We need to minimize group sizes wherever possible, expect the smallest possible teams, with only one or two substitutes
 - Lots and lots of hand sanitizer! If your child has an allergy to hand sanitizer please let the staff know.
 - We will want to avoid carpooling, and will ask everyone to minimize extra attendance, hopefully one parent per child.
 - We will need to limit our total group size at any one time below 250 (which includes parents, players, siblings, and staff combined) - This basically rules out our traditional “Soccer Sundays” and means we will have to spread our intramurals and peewees over several days or at several facilities, or a combination of both.
 - We will reconfigure our fields for more space between fields, and will ask parents to spread out into family groups with 6 feet of separation.
 - We will need to stop use of any shared equipment, jerseys, snacks, etc.

- Each team will have to have a designated safety rep, and 2 coaches at a minimum. The safety rep will be one non-coaching parent, who will take attendance for each activity, and confirm with the parents that everyone in the family is healthy. There will be some minimal record keeping required.
 - To make this work, we will need more volunteers than ever!
 - We are going to make it a requirement that each family will monitor their own health, check temperatures of all players before each event, and will confirm with the safety rep before being allowed to play.
 - We want to form teams based on neighborhood or school peer groups- to minimize potential for community spread - The thought is if a group of kids already go to school or pre-school, play, and live near each other, lets try to keep them together as a soccer team.
- Pee-Wees- The peewees are difficult, because at that age, it will be hard to get them to social distance.
- Reduce team size from the traditional 10 or 12 to 6 or 8 players per team
- We will need parents to be involved, to help keep the kids spread out and safe- Our running joke between the coaches is that pee wee soccer is like trying to herd cats, now we need to try and herd them and keep them 6 feet apart.
- As discussed above, we want to try and create cohorts or groups of children based on school or neighborhood groups that stay together.
- Youth- If we can find enough coaches to facilitate smaller teams, the rest of this will fall into place easily
 - The key differences this year will be smaller teams, more spread between fields, and the possibility of weekday scrimmages
 - We will also be going to coaches refereeing for this younger groups. The referees moving from field to field could potentially increase spread.
- SCSL- These are older teams. In many ways, they are the easiest, as the kids are more independent and able to follow guidelines, also the larger fields and nature of the game lend easily to separation. Our plans will closely mimic those in place for travel soccer

We firmly believe that our plan will reduce the risks of disease transmission, but we cannot eliminate that risk. Each family should make a decision based on their situation, whether they wish to play this season.

First and foremost , Soccer is a game, being played by children. And a game should not place children or their families at risk.

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