



## *Community Soccer Club*

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### **Protocols and Requirements for Minimizing COVID-19 Risks Revised April 5, 2021**

The Community Soccer Club, like all youth sports organizations, is anxious to embark on our spring sports season. To do that safely, we must abide by state and local health department guidelines and requirements.

As of the date of this revision to the Protocol, the applicable State of Ohio guidance for contact sports is found in the Ohio Department of Health Director's Order dated April 5, 2021.

The complete order can be found at:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/do-social-distancing-facial-coverings-and-non-congregating.pdf>.

It is impossible to provide an exhaustive list of all requirements so common sense and erring on the side of caring for your health as well as the health of others should always be exercised.

Pertinent requirements for Community Soccer Club are as follows:

#### Games and Practice sessions:

- If you are sick, feel sick, or have been exposed to someone who is sick, STAY HOME. We cannot operate with people coughing and sneezing around the facility.
- Car-pooling among non-family members is to be avoided, if at all possible. If not, all occupants must wear masks.
- Face coverings are required for all players, coaches, and spectators when moving about the park (i.e., from and to the parking lot, when moving between fields or to/from the porta-potties). Children under 10 years old are not required to wear masks.
- Players may remove their face coverings when entering the field of play. It is recommended that players have a backpack, gym bag, or other personal container in which to place their masks to avoid accidental sharing. A baggie with a weight in it could be used in a pinch as long as it is labeled with the player's name.
- Subject to the exceptions described in Paragraph 2(b), coaches should always keep face coverings on, whether on or off the field.
- Spectators are to remain at least six feet behind the field side lines and at least six feet away from team "Bench" area. Coach should designate the "Bench" area with cones or boundary of gym bags.
- Family members may sit/stand together; groups are to maintain a six-foot social distance at all times.

- For spectators, face coverings may be temporarily removed while sitting, as long as the social distance protocol is being maintained between non-family members.
- There will be no inter-team practice scrimmages; intra-team scrimmages are permitted.
- Soccer balls will not be picked up with the hands, except for the goalie.
- Coach to ensure goalie gloves are not shared. Each player who is to play goalie must have their own gloves. If they do not have gloves, they may play goalie without gloves.
- There will be no throw-ins. Use kick-ins instead.
- It is recommended that each player and coach have access to hand sanitizer and use before and after practice and occasionally during practice.
- Do not arrive any earlier than necessary; depart the facility as quickly as possible after the final whistle.
- Teams and their families / spectators are to set up on opposite sides of the field
- Referees are to wear masks when arriving, departing, and conducting any pre-game conferences with players and coaches, but in order to use the whistle masks may be removed when actively officiating on the field of play.
- When entering the field of play, players should leave their masks and water bottles with a family member or place in a personal backpack or gym bag.
- No post-game greeting lines between teams. Just tell your opponent "Good game!" while maintaining proper distance.
- No post game snacks permitted. Leave promptly and have your snacks en-route or at home.

*This Revision Issued by the Community Soccer Club Board, April 5, 2021*