



WHYSL Inc.



COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY PROPOSAL

The West Haven Youth Soccer League (“WHYSL” or the “Club”) proposes the following guidelines for Return to Play in the Summer of 2020. WHYSL’s targeted date for Return to Play under these guidelines will be 7/1. The below is consistent with Connecticut’s Phase II Sports Re-opening and is designed to provide a fun, safe environment for West Haven’s youth soccer players to get back on the fields and back playing soccer.

WHYSL welcomes the opportunity to discuss this plan with Park Rec or others in order to share best practices, receive comments and move forward.

WHYSL proposes the following as part of Phase II

Gatherings will be limited to 100 people per Site, including players, parents, coaches, refs, etc...

WHYSL will schedule use of its Sites with at least 30 minutes between uses. All users will be instructed to wait in their vehicles for the prior users to depart before using a Site. Players will be instructed to change into their gear prior to arrival at the fields.

Players and game officials will not be required to wear masks or other face coverings while on the field. Players on the bench or otherwise not participating will wear appropriate face coverings and keep a distance of 6 feet apart. All coaches/adults interacting with players must wear a mask.

Players will be instructed to bring their own balls and water to each event and to clean/sanitize those items after each use. Players will be instructed not to share such items. Use of pinnies will not be allowed.

Coaches will be asked to track attendees for each event.

Huddles/team talks will not be permitted. Players will be instructed that sportsmanship will be in a touchless manner – no fist bumps/handshakes/hi-fives after games. Benches will not be used.

Each player will be permitted to have one parent/guardian at the field during matches. However, all such spectators will be instructed to wear masks, maintain acceptable social distancing and not congregate before/after events.

All participants including players, coaches, officials and spectators will be encouraged to bring hand sanitizer to the fields.

WHYSL will post and/or e-mail applicable CISA and Town/State guidelines to its members prior to implementation. WHYSL will also advise its members that before each event they should evaluate for known COVID symptoms and not participate and follow appropriate medical advice if they are experiencing known symptoms.

WHYSL believes the above is a conservative Return to Play approach that is mindful of applicable regulations and public health guidance while providing players the opportunity to take the field in a safe and responsible manner. WHYSL also hopes that these proposals will be temporary and that regulations will be relaxed as the Summer moves forward.