

Return to Play - Guidance for Referees/Assistant Referees Glenview AYSO - Region 362

At all times:

- Maintain social distancing by staying at least six (6) feet from anyone else as much as possible.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Spitting or rinsing the mouth with water is to be avoided. Blowing of the nose without the use of tissue is not allowed.
- Cough into elbow.
- Stay home if you are feeling ill, have symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., fever, cough, sore throat) or other illnesses, if you have tested positive for COVID-19, or if you have recently had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Contact the Referee Administrator (refadministrator@glenviewayso.org) as soon as possible if:
 - You are not able to officiate the game.
 - You are instructed by a contact tracer to inform people that you have been in proximity to about a COVID-19 infection.
- Stay positive and create a fun environment in this new normal.

Pre-game:

- Upon arrival at the field, wash hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer for at least 20 seconds.
- Arrival in full uniform is recommended.
- Wearing a mask that covers the nose and mouth is mandatory for pre-game duties.
- Set your bag down in an off-field spot that is socially distanced from spectators, players, and other referees.
- No handshakes with coaches, players, or spectators.
- Maintain six (6) foot distance from players, coaches, spectators, and referee team for all administrative procedures.
- Ensure that assistance referees (AR's) have sufficient space on the touch line and there is sufficient space to social distance from spectators.
- Do not handle the ball. Let the coach select the game ball(s), use feet to place the ball for kick-off.
- Ensure that players are social distanced during check-in. For Extra games, have coaches call out players from their roster.
- No coin toss. Home team selects their half of the field. Away team will take kick-off. At scrimmages the referee will assign a squad to a half of the field and the kickoff.

During play:

- Masks are required to be worn by referees during active play for 8U games and younger.
- Masks are recommended to be worn by referees during active play for 10U and up games.
- Remember, masks should be worn when engaging with assistant referees, coaches, players, or parents during a stop in play to address an issue (ex. player injury).
- Use an electronic whistle. Mouth whistles and blow horns are not allowed for safety
- Assistant referees are *recommended* to wear breathable face coverings unless wearing a mask causes breathing problems.
- Referees are recommended to always stay a minimum of six (6) feet away from players, coaches, spectators, and the referee team during dynamic play and stationary play.
- Let players set the set the ball before for kicks. Leave the ball on the ground for drop balls.
- Avoid spitting.
- Cough into your elbow.
- Do not share whistles or any other referee equipment, unless absolutely necessary.

- If do you need to handle the ball or other item(s) used by players or coaches, use hand sanitizer immediately afterwards.
- If not feeling well during the game at any time, go home immediately. Turn the match or scrimmage over to an AR if available. If none are present, turn the match or scrimmage over to a coach. Ask AR or coaches to notify the Referee Administrator (refadministrator@glenviewwayso.org).

Post-game:

- A face mask is mandatory for post-game duties.
- After the game, applaud the players and coaches, but handshakes, fist bumps/elbow bumps are not permitted. Players should be six feet apart during any post game sportsmanship event.
- If shared, wipe down the handles of flags with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or wash with soap and water.
- Upon completion of the match, wash hands with soap or alcohol-based solution for at least 20 seconds.
- If officiating another game wash hands with soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizer for at least 20 seconds when arriving at that field.

