



WAPPINGER UNITED SOCCER CLUB

RETURN TO PLAY POLICY – Revised 4/2021

The Wappinger Soccer Club in accordance with New York's Interim Guidance for Sports and Recreation and US Soccer's Play On Guidelines have established the following return to play plan. Implementing the protocols will require a collaborative relationship between Club, Coach, Parent and Player. While the Club and Coach must create a safe environment, the parents and players must be responsible to respect and adhere to the social distancing requirements and safety measures that have been established.

Roles and Responsibilities:

CLUB	COACH	PARENT	PLAYER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distribute and post Return to Play protocols• Train and educate all staff on Return to Play protocols• Provide adequate field space for social distancing• Provide signage on club facilities• Maintain a list of individuals present at each event in the event it must be made available for contact tracing• Have an effective communication plan in place in the event of a positive case• Clean equipment frequently. Limit use of shared objects.• Respect and accommodate parents, players and families that may be uncomfortable with returning to play	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow all Return to Play Protocols• Inquire how athletes are feeling – Send players home if they are not feeling well.• Ensure all athletes have their individual equipment (ball, water, shin guards, etc.)• Wear a face mask and maintain social distance in accordance with state & local health requirements• Coach is the only person to handle all practice and training equipment (cones, discs etc.)• Ensure that all equipment is cleaned after each use.• Limit use of shared objects. If pinnies are used, they must be worn by 1 player only and washed after each use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure child is healthy and check temperature daily• Limit carpooling• Wear a mask on the sidelines & maintain distance• Ensure all equipment and clothing is cleaned after each use• Notify the club if your child becomes ill• Be sure your child has hand sanitizer with them	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take temperature daily• Tell a parent or coach if you do not feel well• Wash hands thoroughly before and after training• Bring hand sanitizer to every practice session• Wear a mask before and immediately after practice session• Do not share water, food or equipment• Practice social distancing• Clean your equipment after each use• No group celebrations, high fives, hugs, etc.



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Check for Symptoms

- ✓ Participants should have no sign or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- ✓ Have not tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days
- ✓ Have not been in contact with someone who has tested positive or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 days
- ✓ Check players temperature before coming to any practice session. If the temperature is over 100.4 - Do Not Attend Practice.
- ✓ Any attendee that displays any symptoms will be politely asked to leave
- ✓ Any player who displays any symptoms will be safely isolated until a responsible adult can remove the minor.
- ✓ Any player awaiting COVID-19 test results should not attend any practice session.

Reporting and Communication for COVID-19 Exposure

- ❖ Staff members and coaches are required to report if they test positive for COVID-19
- ❖ Any player who has tested positive for COVID-19, is suspected of being positive or has been directly exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 is required to report to Wappinger United Soccer Club President Adam Kangas (kangas74@aol.com).
- ❖ If a case of COVID-19 is reported, all staff, coaches and players who were in contact with that person will be notified. The identity of that person will remain anonymous.
- ❖ The Club will notify the local health department in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- ❖ All practices associated with the team/coach of a reported COVID-19 exposure or positive COVID-19 test of will be paused consistent with public health guidance.

Player Drop-Off, Pick-Up

- Coaches/Players are asked to wear face coverings and practice social distancing to and from the field.
- Spectators are asked to wear face covering and practice social distancing if staying for the duration of practice.
- Be attentive to Entrance points and Exit points at sports facility to minimize crowding.
- At the end of practice, players are asked to promptly gather their personal belongings and walk exit the facility.

Hand Sanitizer, Equipment

- Coaches will be cleaning equipment after use.
- The handling of all equipment will be limited to coaches/staff only.
- Players should have hand sanitizer for personal use.
- Place all bags and equipment at least 6 feet apart. Do not share water, snacks or equipment.
- No group celebrations. No high 5's, hugs, handshakes etc.