



Safety Plan & Protocols

POLICY & PROCEDURES FOR GARDENS CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

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March 5 – 7, 2021

The Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association, and the Palm Beach Gardens Predators Soccer Club have worked to provide a safe and fun format to host the annual Palm Beach Gardens Classic Soccer Tournament, Friday, March 5 – Sunday, March 7, 2021. This event will include 150 teams, from the regional area.

The following information details the safety plan and protocols being followed in preparation, during and post tournament event organization. These will be implemented and instructed to all club members and staff, volunteers, and required mandatory implementation to all visiting teams and members. They do not replace or supersede any protocols or restrictions outlined by state or local authorities.

YOUR MUST STAY HOME IF... (for parents, players and coaches) Do not come to Gardens Classic Soccer Tournament 2021 if you or a member of your team may have COVID-19; you had exposure to someone with COVID-19; you or anyone in your household is caring for someone with COVID-19; or you are at high risk to catch COVID-19 based on the published Center for Disease Control list.

The Tournament will be held at various park facilities and all rules will be enforced at each location:

- Gardens District Park
- PGA National Sports Park

TEAM & PARENT PROTOCOLS

- All Parents/Guardians are required to sign on behalf of the participant the **Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WAIVER**
- **1 spectator per player will be allowed at the event.**
- **Team spectators will be allowed in a designated viewing space on the opposite side of the field that they players are on.**
- **No spectator interaction is allowed with Players, Coaches or Referees while on the playing field or in designated viewing areas.**
- **Spectators must wear Face Masks at all Tournament locations at all times**
- Social Distancing 6 feet apart with no gathering of parents.
- No team benches.
- All Players and Coaches must socially distance or be wearing masks during pre-game, half-time gatherings and post-game when leaving the field.
- No team pre-game and post-game handshakes should be avoided. Physical contact should be avoided during celebrations. Social distancing on sidelines between players and coaches.

COACHES AND PLAYERS

- All Coaches are required to sign the **Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WAIVER**
- **Coaches must wear Face Masks at all Tournament locations at all times**
- Respect and practice social distancing
- Place equipment, bags, etc. at least size feet apart
- No use of benches

- No high-fives, handshakes, knuckles, or group celebrations
- No grouping of players before or after warm-up or games.
- Leave the soccer complex immediately after game.

HEALTH CHECKS

Prior to participation, program technical staff, referee assignors, and coaches must obtain confirmation from each player, coach and official that:

- They are not experiencing any of the symptoms related to COVID-19
- They have not had contact with anyone who has had a confirmed case in the last 14 days
- They are not restricted from participation by a healthcare provider
- Each individual should check their own temperature and refrain from participation if they have a fever (>100.4°F).
- A representative from each team (i.e., head coach or team manager) must confirm with the opposing team that all participating players and staff have met the above requirements.
- All referees must confirm individually with both team representatives that all referees have met the above requirements.
- Any individual who is unable to confirm these criteria must be restricted from participation and contact their healthcare provider.

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT

- On-line check in for all teams will be mandatory
- Trophy presentations will be limited, and awards given to each team in the final. All player medals and trophy will be handed to the team coach only. No group presentation will be given.
- Tournament will provide Site Directors who will handle all paperwork only and all tournament staff will wear face masks.
- All teams will check-in electronically only and no in-person check-in.
- No Team meetings with Site Directors will be allowed - only communications through emails to limit any meetings on the fields
- Games times and crossover of traffic will be extended to allow more time between games and players & teams to leave the field and leave the complex. This will significantly reduce the number of people at a complex at the same time.

- All games will be staggered on field space and will allot 40 minutes between scheduled start times of games.
- All teams must sign the **Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WAIVER** before being allowed to participate.
- **Infection prevention supplies will be present & utilized at all field facilities. (hand sanitizer, facial tissues, facial coverings, etc.)**
- **Signage will be posted in both English and Spanish related to protocols and rule guidelines for the event at all the fields in use.**
- **Will supply at a minimum one (1) off duty police officers to be present at the Gardens District Park fields during all working tournament hours. This officer will be on site to support enforcement of the protocols and city requirements.**

REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES

- All Referees and officials are required to sign the **Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WAIVER**.
- Follow facility guidelines and requirements.
- No Referee should officiate a game if they are displaying symptoms of COVID- 19.
- Must be wearing a mask during check in and when leaving the field.
- Masks are optional when game is in progress.
- Confirm with coaches from each team that all participants have passed the health check prior to the game.
- Sanitize all equipment prior to the game.
- Use only your own equipment.
- Make sure to have at least 3 sanitized game balls available throughout the game.
- Your role is not to enforce the protocols. Your role is to note and report any non-compliance to the tournament staff and site directors.

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

- Trainers will be onsite to provide assistance for injuries.
- The trainer will have disposable masks at their area. If you are being treated and can wear a mask, you will be required to wear one.
- **All Athletic Trainers must wear Face Masks at all Tournament locations at all times**

PBGYAA Board Members, Staff, and Volunteers

- All PBGYAA Board Members, Staff, and volunteers are required to sign the **Palm Beach Gardens Youth Athletic Association COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WAIVER.**
- Follow facility guidelines and requirements.
- No person should be onsite during the tournament if they are displaying symptoms of COVID- 19.
- **Must be wearing a mask at all times while at the facility.**
- Your role is to enforce the protocols. Your role is to note and report any non-compliance to the tournament staff and site directors.

CONCESSIONS

- Concessions will be run at District Park (Main, West, and Russo), PGA National Park
- Vendors will be used at District Park (West and Russo), PGA National Park.
- Appropriate health and safety measures will be taken for all facilities, including installation of plexi-glass cashier shields, use of masks and gloves by everyone working in the concession area, and proper sanitization methods.
- All people working in concessions must abide by PBGYAA Board Members, Staff, and Volunteer guidelines listed above.
- **All Concession volunteers must wear Face Masks at all Tournament locations at all times.**