



BWSA SAFETY STANDARDS

RETURN TO PLAY

TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL MEMBERS

{Members include: Board Members, Coaches, Refs, Players, Parents, and Spectators}

1. When suffering from any illness or any known exposure to illness, you must stay at home
2. Wash hands with soap and water; when soap and water are not available use hand sanitizer
3. Avoid touching your face
4. Wear a mask in public areas, except for players and refs on the field during an event (an event is any practice, training, game, or other BWSA organized field gathering)
5. We will follow CDC, Commonwealth, County, and local guidelines (whichever is stricter) for social distancing and event gathering limits. BWSA will communicate spectator per player allowances based upon current limits. BWSA will communicate any change in restrictions upon any updated guidance.
6. NO GATHERINGS! Only players and coaches are permitted on the soccer fields and surrounding areas, which means no parents/siblings are allowed on the field at any time for practices or games
7. PA West and the BWSA waiver must be signed and submitted prior to any return to play
8. Games and practice times will be spaced out to allow teams to depart and enter without an overlap. Please remain in your vehicle until your designated field entry time slot.
9. Only board members and coaches can move equipment (cones, goals, etc); no players or parents.
10. No snacks/drinks are permitted to be provided to any teams. This includes but is not limited to practice, half-time, or end of game snacks.



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RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EACH GROUP:

BWSA

- Will communicate by email, text, or app if anyone at a BWSA event develops COVID-19. Communication will only be to those who were affected by the situation. BWSA will provide communication to the account contact of the registered player at the effected event. BWSA will always maintain privacy of health information.
- Will communicate any new protocols and requirements.
- Requires strict adherence to practice and field schedules.
- Will provide adequate outdoor space for practices, to adhere to social distancing.
- Will provide hand sanitizer to coaches to make available to players for application before, during, after games/practices, and in between drills/activities at practices.
- Will provide soccer balls for the games, which will be sanitized before, during, in between, and after each game.
- Will disinfect or wash equipment (balls, cones, pinnies) after every recreation game. Travel coaches will be responsible for disinfecting their team's equipment.
- Will check-in recreation players at the info tent before games.

COACHES

- Disinfect or wash equipment after every practice and game when BWSA is not present to sanitize (most commonly at travel games).
- Require use of hand sanitizer at every practice and game.
- Make the provided hand sanitizer available to players on the bench, and in between activities/drills.
- Conduct an attendance check in at the beginning of practices (and games for travel teams). Record must be kept for all events and submitted to BWSA upon request.
- Inquire the health of each player at the beginning of each practice/game and asking any ill feeling players to return home.
- Must wear a mask/face covers during practices and games.



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COACHES (cont.)

- Make sure that players observe social distancing, including but not limited to eliminating team benches, no handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, sharing of drinks, equipment, etc.
- Only coaches can move equipment (cones, goals, etc.); no players or parents.
- Strict adherence to practice/game field schedules.

REFEREES

- Wear a mask from the time of arriving to the field until the start of the game, at half time, and when exiting the field to leave the facility.
- Will social distance themselves and any equipment from teams and each other when possible before during and after the game.
- Call off if there is any possibility of an infection or if you have any symptoms.
- Limit physical interaction with the coaches and players.
- Follow any guidelines from the PA West State Referee Committee.
- Will not enforce any COVID-19 related requirements but can decline any game where they feel unsafe.

PLAYERS

- If you are not comfortable with returning to play, please continue to stay home until you are.
- Adhere to all Return to Play protocols.
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after an event.
- It's suggested to take a shower immediately after returning home from an event.
- Bring 2 water bottles to events, labeled with their name.
- Sanitize equipment before each practice/game.
- Should bring a ball labeled with their name.
- Do not share water, food, or equipment—this includes GK gloves.
- Goal Keepers should only use water on their gloves, never saliva.
- Respect and practice social distancing.
- Place equipment, bags, etc. at least 6 feet apart, in the location designated by your coach.
- No high fives, handshakes, fist-bumps, or group celebrations.
- No spitting.



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PLAYERS (cont.)

- BWSA will provide hand sanitizer to the extent possible. As a backup, bring a personal hand sanitizer.
- Only coaches can move equipment (cones, goals); no players or parents.
- Remain in vehicles until their designated field entry time.
- Must wear masks at all times, unless on the field during an event.

PARENTS

- If you are not comfortable with your family returning to play, please continue to stay home until you are.
- Keep players home if they are sick. Notify BWSA immediately if a player or member of your household becomes ill with COVID-19.
- Check child's temperature before coming to any practice session or game and stay home when a fever is present.
- Adhere to social distancing requirements; families are not to gather.
- Stay in your vehicle during practice/games to the extent possible. If you exit the vehicle to watch practice/games, a face mask must be worn and you must practice social distancing from anyone who is not a member of your family.
- Parents are not allowed within the playing portion of the facility during the current return to play phase, as required in Pennsylvania.
- Sanitize player's equipment before each practice/game.
- BWSA will provide hand sanitizer to the extent possible, as a backup, send your child to all events with hand sanitizer.
- Promptly leave the facility at the end of your event.
- **NO GATHERINGS!** Only players and coaches are permitted on the soccer fields and surrounding areas, which means no parents/siblings are allowed on the field at any time (practices or games).
- Strict adherence to practice and field schedules.
- Make sure players are equipped and ready to play to adhere to prompt start times, this includes but not limited to socks, shoes, shin guards, removal of jewelry, etc., prior to arriving to the field.
- Only coaches can move equipment (cones, goals; no players or parents).