

Fall 2020 Coaches Meeting

September 3, 2020



Agenda

- Review mandates from Ohio Department of Health
- Review additional requirements from OHTSL
- Rules changes
- Open discussion with Q&A



Ohio Department of Health Mandates

Players, Coaches, Athletic Trainers & Officials

- Must conduct daily symptom assessments before each practice or game.
- Coaches must (1) participate in COVID-19 education developed for them by the Ohio Department of Health and (2) educate their players on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
 - *Training material is located at [fairviewsoccer.com](https://www.fairviewsoccer.com) > [player safety](#) > [COVID-19 return to play](#)*
 - *Additional material for team education is in the same location*
- Must wear face coverings at all times, and players must wear face coverings when not of the field.



Ohio Department of Health Mandates

Players, Coaches, Athletic Trainers & Officials

- No congregating before or after practices or games is permitted.
- Coaches must have a parent/volunteer help monitor/ensure social distancing on teams of young children.

Spectators

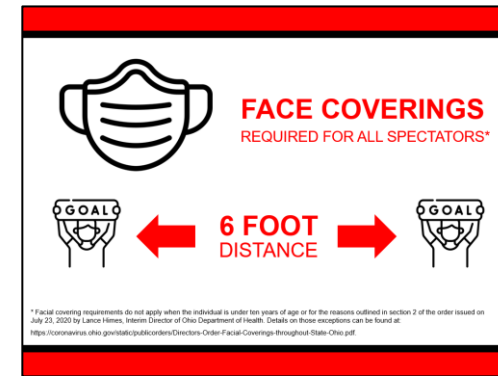
- Family members must sit together, socially distanced from other individuals/family groups.
- Six-feet social distancing must be maintained between individuals/family groups.
- No congregating before or after practices or games is permitted.



Ohio Department of Health Mandates

Spectators

- Must wear face coverings at all times except for any of the allowable exceptions.



Ohio Department of Health Mandates

Practices/Games/Tournaments

- Six-foot social distance must be maintained between individuals except when necessary on the field.
- Players, coaches and officials are not to physically contact each other before or after practice, pregame and competitive play.
- Limit time spent on activities where players are in close proximity for extended periods of time.
- Participants cannot compete in more than one contest or game per day, unless it is against the same team or player(s) as in the initial game or contest.



Ohio Department of Health Mandates

Equipment

- Equipment and personal items must have proper separation and must not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation must be performed between users.
- Do not share towels, facial coverings, water bottles, other drinks or food.

Facilities/Venues

- Designate six-foot distances with signage, tape or by other means for people in lines and elsewhere.
- Make hand sanitizer available at convenient locations.



Ohio Department of Health Mandates

Suspected and Confirmed Cases

- Coaches/administrators must work with the local health department to identify individuals who were potentially exposed to facilitate contact tracing. This includes but is not limited to, athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents and other support personnel.
- A team, school or club must notify all athletes and parents/guardians associated with the affected team regarding a positive test.
- If the affected individual participated in competitive play, the team is responsible for notifying any opponents played between the date of the positive test and 2 days prior to the onset of symptoms. If the teams, schools or clubs reside in different counties, the health department in each county should be notified to help facilitate effective contact tracing.



Ohio Department of Health Mandates

Suspected and Confirmed Cases

- An individual who tests positive for COVID-19, must not return to sport activities until a documented medical exam is performed clearing the individual to return to play.
- Players, coaches, officials or other individuals who had close contact (**within six-feet of an infected individual for at least 15 minutes**), or who had direct physical contact with the person, or who were coughed or sneezed on by the infected person, must self-quarantine for 14 days following exposure based on CDC guidance. Individuals may return to play afterward if they have not had any COVID-19 symptoms.

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OHTSL Additional Requirements

Face Coverings

- Coaches are required to enforce state mandates for their teams (players, coaches and spectators).
- **If anyone is not willing to follow mandates the coach must cancel the game, pull players off the field and send everyone home.** The game will NOT be rescheduled and will be entered as a (0-5) loss by the team not following mandates.
- Non-compliance must be addressed as soon as possible including pregame and during stoppages of play.
- If a spectator is not wearing a mask due to allowable exceptions (outlined in health order from July 23, 2020) must be at least 15 feet from the field.



OHTSL Additional Requirements

Face Coverings

- If communities are not following mandates, OHTSL will provide a one-time warning, **upon a second offence all future games for the entire community will be cancelled.**
- Coaches may remove face coverings for the purpose of instruction but must be at least 15 feet from players and spectators.

Game Play

- Spectators may space out behind goals in order to achieve six-foot distancing.
- Teams may have up to three coaches plus a Director of Coaching on the sidelines to assist with following mandates.



OHTSL Additional Requirements

Game Play

- FPSA must adhere to any additional community-specific requirements for away matches. Home communities need to reach out to the opposing team at least three days in advance to discuss any COVID-specific guidelines.
- There will be no pregame check-in by the referee. Player passes will not be handed back and forth between adults. If a player is questioned for age, the coach will produce a player pass from six-foot distance and show it to the opposing team's coach or the player will not be allowed to compete.
- If there is a game without a referee, all club coaches can referee games.



OHTSL Additional Requirements

Game Play

- There will be no pregame captains meeting. The away team will take the ball first and the home team will pick sides first.
- There will be no standings or scores reported – *new as of August 28, 2020.*



Rules Changes

Free Kick

- If the defending team has three or more players in a wall, the attacking team may not have a player within one yard of the wall.
- Players do not need to wait for the issuance of a yellow card to take their free kick, they can take their free kick immediately.

Referee Ball Strike

- A drop ball will now be awarded if a ball strikes a referee and falls in possession of the opposing team, or if the ball strikes the referee and ends up in the back of the net. Drop balls are uncontested and given to the team that last had possession.



Rules Changes

Goal Kicks

- Goal kicks are no longer required to leave the penalty area before a teammate touches the ball, meaning once the goalkeeper touches the ball for the kick, it is immediately considered in play.
- Opponents must remain outside the penalty area when a goal kick takes place.

Substitutes — *this might not make sense during COVID*

- Any substitute must leave the field of play at the nearest sideline point, unless the referee determines they can quickly make their way back to the team's designated touchline area.



Open Discussion

