



COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR SPRING 2022 LEAGUE

GENERAL Statement:

The purpose of these COVID-19 (also referred to as Coronavirus) guidelines is to give our players the best possible chance of being able to compete safely during the pandemic. These guidelines represent what we can do together to minimize the risk of exposure.

These guidelines are based on the NY State Department of Health guidelines for sports as of February 1, 2021, as listed in the link below.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/SportsAndRecreationSummaryGuidance.pdf>

According to the NY State Department of Health guidelines, all types of soccer play and travel for soccer activities may resume without restrictions.

If the area where the activity is being conducted has any restrictions that are more stringent than these guidelines, it is the home team's responsibility to ensure that all persons who may attend that activity are given sufficient notice to comply with those restrictions. These guidelines are subject to change based on updated State and Federal guidance.

REQUIREMENTS for Players, Parents, Coaches, Team Staff and Referees:

Each player on the team roster must complete a [COVID-19 Waiver form](#) and the team must keep all of the signed waiver forms on file and provide them to the League Administrator upon request. The team must sign a [Team Compliance form](#) and provide it to the League Administrator, stating that they have all of the COVID-19 Waiver forms on file for each player on the team roster.

Any player, parent, coach, team staff, or referee cannot participate in activities if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if they have been exposed to the coronavirus and have been directed by health officials to self-isolate or self-quarantine.

If any player, parent, coach, team staff or referee either tests positive for the coronavirus or has been exposed to the coronavirus, the following information must be reported to the League Administrator within 24 hours of being notified of the exposure or test result:

- What is the suspected date of exposure and the level of exposure (primary, secondary)?
- What league/team activities did this person, or a member of their household attend after that date?
- If they were tested for coronavirus was the result positive or negative?
- Do not delay the report to the league administrator while you are awaiting test results. Test results can be included in a separate report.
- Please do not disclose the name or role of the individual. That information is privileged and is not needed for the league to take the required actions. We do need to know which teams they are involved with.
- Please note that the league must be informed of this information even if the person or their household did not attend any matches but did have interaction with other players, coaches or team staff.

MATCH Schedules:

If a match must be cancelled due to COVID-19 exposure, the match may be rescheduled without incurring cancellation and rescheduling fees or fines.

If a team has players that must be excluded from a match because they have tested positive for COVID-19 or are forced to quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure, the team may request the game to be rescheduled if both of the following criteria are met:

- The number of excluded players is 4 or more, and
- The number of excluded players is such that the remaining roster has 14 or fewer players remaining. (For 11U and 12U matches, the roster criteria is 12 or fewer players.)

The League Administrator will ask a match to be rescheduled if a majority of players on one or both teams has been exposed to COVID-19 within the past 10 days, even if they do not test positive or show symptoms.

GUIDELINES for Players, Parents, Coaches, Team Staff and Referees:

To ensure a safe environment for all participants, we ask that team staff, parents, players, spectators and referees follow the CDC guidelines for outdoor activities, as listed in the link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/index.html>

CHAMPIONS CONFERENCE League Administrator:

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