



Chichester Soccer Club

CSC COVID-19 Guidelines

Chichester Soccer Club will be basing its return to play guidelines for the 2021 season on recommendations provided by the CDC, PA Department of Health, and EPYSA. Specifically, recommendations outlined by EPYSA's plan will be followed when otherwise not mentioned in the CSC policy. This policy will be amended as new guidance is put out.

<https://www.epysa.org/covid-19-resources/>

Face covering and social distancing guidelines

When referenced in other sections of these guidelines, the following exceptions are allowed with regards to the wearing of masks during CSC events.

- Section 3 exceptions due to an existing or potential future condition, or that a mask impeded breathing during exertion, the athlete could remove the mask. No proof or medical note is required.
- Any participant that is fully vaccinated is not required to wear a mask or require social distancing. This includes players, coaches, referees, and spectators. Fully vaccinated is defined as 2 weeks after the final vaccine shot has been administered.

Practice Participation Limits

Limitations imposed during the 2020 soccer season with regards to the number of players and coaches on the field at one time will be lifted. Additionally, there will be no limits on the number of spectators allowed at games and practices. Recent CDC guidance has stated that the risk of exposure in outdoor settings is low, hence the relaxing of this limitation. Players, coaches and spectators will be expected to wear masks and socially distance at all times.

General Safety and Sanitation Guidelines

Players feeling sick within 48 hours of practice should stay home and not attend. If a player, or coach, is being tested or tests positive for COVID-19, we ask that this be reported to the coach so precautions can be taken to mitigate exposure to others. Privacy of a player testing positive will be held in confidence by the coach and the CSC Board. The team's coach and the CSC board will determine a course of action on a case-by-case basis of a positive player test result. A player testing positive will be required to have a doctor's clearance provided to the coach before returning to practice.

Practice Guidelines for Players and Coaches

- Coaches will be required to wear masks at all times during practices.
- Players only required to wear masks when not engaged in soccer activities. During practices and games, players can remove their masks. It will be expected of all players to wear their masks when not actively engaged in soccer activities, including arriving and leaving the fields.
- Players shall not share water, snacks or equipment at any time during practice.
- Parents and spectators attending practices are expected to adhere to social distancing guidelines.
 - Anyone on the sideline that is not maintaining 6 feet of separation from non-household family members will be required to wear a mask. While maintaining proper social distancing, spectators may remove their mask on the sideline for outdoor events.
 - At no time shall a spectator, specifically anyone other than the players or coaches, touch the soccer equipment. This includes retrieving stray balls that goes out of bounds. Spectators should never enter the practice field and should take precautions to remain at least 6 feet apart from players coming off the field unless that player is part of their household.
 - Failure to adhere to these guidelines and not respecting player safety may result in all spectators being banned from the sidelines.