



COVID GUIDELINES – PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

August 26, 2020

ALSO will prioritize safety of its players and coaches during the COVID-19 global pandemic. Participation in ALSO will require adherence to the most recent COVID-19 requirements as published by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Ohio Department of Health, Lorain County Public Health, and the Ohio Travel Soccer League (OHTSL). This could result in changes to the ALSO start date, team rosters, practice and game structure, and practice and game dates and times. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this difficult situation.

On August 19, 2020, Ohio's Interim Director of the Department of Health ordered the following:

“All Sports are permitted to practice and engage in competition: Subject to their full compliance with all provisions of this Order, youth, collegiate, amateur, club, and profession sports (collectively “Sports”) are permitted to practice and engage in competition within the State. Sports athletes, coaches, volunteers, staff, employees, venues, affiliated teams and schools, and spectators (collectively, “Sports Participants”) shall comply with this Order, including compliance with the Social Distancing Requirements. For purposes of this Order only, “employees” shall also include volunteers and may also be referred to herein as “staff.” – Director’s Order (Ohio Department of Health)

Each set of parent’s and spectator’s requirements listed below are, at a minimum, in accordance with the governing bodies listed above. ALSO reserves the right to require more stringent guidelines for Return to Play for its travel coaches, teams, players, spectators, etc. ALSO further reserves the right to change these requirements at any time.

Further information can be found at the following websites:

Ohio Department of Health – <http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control – <http://www.cdc.gov/>

Ohio Travel Soccer League (OHTSL) – <http://www.ohtsl.com/>

Lorain County Public Health - <http://www.loraincountyhealth.com/coronavirus>

PARENT AND SPECTATOR REQUIREMENTS:

1. All spectators must adhere to CDC and Ohio State Department of Health assemblage and distance guidelines.
2. Anyone with symptoms (fever, cough, etc.) should not attend practices/games.
3. Anyone feeling sick must leave the facility immediately.
4. All spectators must wear a face covering at all times, including while traveling between the parking lots and fields and while on the sidelines.
5. All spectators must be separated to comply with all social distancing guidelines (6 feet apart).
6. Spectators must be located on the direct opposite side of the field as the team they support to reduce interaction between competing teams and their supporters.
7. Tents, tarps, or group structures are not permitted in the spectator area of the sidelines.
8. If the ball goes out of bounds, a player should retrieve the ball. Spectators, coaches and the referee are not to pick up the ball.
9. It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that people over 65 and/or with pre-existing conditions do not attend games.
10. It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that only one (1) parent/supporter attend each game.
11. It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that parents do not attend practices.
12. Parents must notify their child's coach if anyone in the player's household has a positive COVID diagnosis.
13. Follow general hygiene protocols.