

NSC Outdoor League/Tournament Preparedness Plan

Screening

- Must complete home screening for COVID-19 Symptoms or another assessment tool/attendance tracker such as GameDay Ready, SportsEngine, Team Snap and others.
 - • If a person has a temperature over 100.4 degrees, feels sick or has any COVID-19 symptoms they should not attend the event.
- If at all possible (not required), The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends getting a COVID-19 test within the 7 days prior to the tournament.
- The best way to reduce your risk of getting sick from or spreading COVID-19 is to:
 - wear a face covering.
 - keep at least 6 feet of physical distance from people not in the same household.
 - people who are sick or exposed to someone with COVID-19 must stay home, and
 - wash hands often.

Spectators During the Event

- Spectators are limited to the number of spectators to 2 per player and/or 80 per playing field.
- Spectator seating area will only be available on one side per field. The designated area will be painted onto the field (See Field Map for visual).
- Families' pods may occupy the same area but must stay 6 feet from other pods or spectators.
- All spectators must stay at least 12 feet from the game playing surface.
- Spectators will be asked to not enter spectator area until 10 minutes before game time and/or when spectators from prior game have cleared the designated area.
- Since spectators are limited, consider designating someone at the game to record the game and share it online (Facebook Live, etc.)
- Game scores will not be posted on-site but will be posted on the event website and updated regularly.
- Per MDH guidelines parents and spectators are strongly recommended to wear a face covering, especially when social distancing isn't possible.
- Masks are required if entering any indoor facility on the campus.
- Cover your mouth or nose with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing and sneezing and to avoid touching their face, in particular their mouth, nose, and eyes, with their hands.
- Signage will be in place at the facility reminding teams of these guidelines.

Participants

- Each team must electronically sign the waiver and submit prior to arrival.
- Participants will not be eligible to participate if the waiver is not completed.
- Teams should arrive to playing field no more than 15 minutes prior to game time.
- Prior to the tournament, participating teams are recommended set up a text string or some way to communicate or correspond to all members of the team and parents, while participating in a competition.
- All attendees must leave the field and campus as immediately as possible once their team completes their scheduled game(s) for the day. (Post game meetings on campus should be limited to 5 minutes)

- All participants (players, coaches, officials, staff, spectators (when allowed) and game personnel) will be required to wear face coverings in buildings and when social distancing is not possible. Disposable masks will be made available if needed.
- Players and officials are required to wear face coverings during game play per MDH Guidance.
- Coaches are required to wear face coverings during game play.
- When players arrive at the bench after being subbed out of the game, we recommend they catch their breath, while socially distanced from other teammates and coaches, and then they put a face covering on.
- Per state law individuals without a face covering will not be allowed to enter any indoor facility on NSC campus.
- Tarps and tents may not be used in spectator areas or in public spaces.

Match Procedure Referees

- All referees are required to wear face coverings in all areas of the facility unless during game play or properly social distancing as a standby official.
- Equipment will be disinfected by officials, tournament staff or volunteers prior to each game being played.
- Physical contact of any kind between and/or by referees will be prohibited. Referee will check-in with the team prior to the match, confirming the teams on the game card, confirming the team has a roster and player passes. These items will not be exchanged.
- Games cards will be returned to the field manager tent immediately following the game and headquarters will be notified immediately if there are any disciplinary actions that were taken.

General Tournament Facility Cleaning

- Regular housekeeping practices implemented.
- All restrooms indoors and outdoors will be cleaned before, during and after each event.
- All restrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer.
- All public areas will be cleaned hourly by tournament staff and volunteers.

NSC Soccer Tournament Staff

- Anyone with any COVID like symptoms will not come to the facility or attend the event.
- Tournament staff will be required to wear a face covering at all times.
- Staff will be responsible for sanitizing all shared public areas throughout the day.

Vendors

- Anyone with symptoms is required not come to the facility or attend the event.
- If a vendor becomes sick during an event, they will notify the event immediately and shut down operation.
- All food and beverage vendors will provide only pre-packaged items for sale at limited locations.
- Vendors will set up locations adhering to social distancing guidelines (6 ft of spacing between all patrons)
- Vendors will be required to wear a face covering at all times.

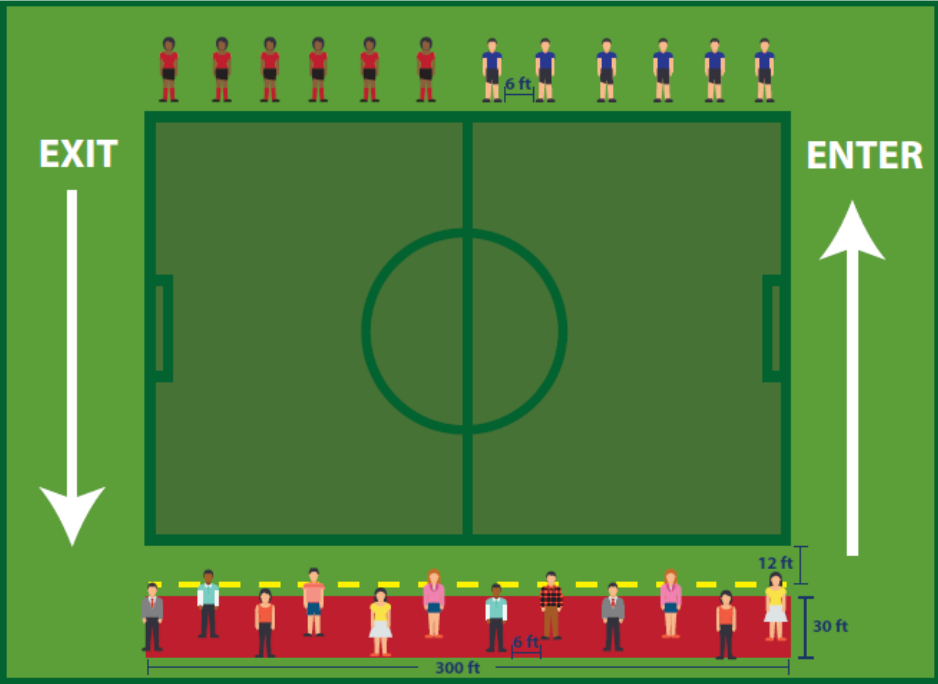
Reporting Confirmed COVID-19 Infections:


- If a player, coach, referee or spectator that has attended a NSC Tournament or program becomes infected, please inform the National Sports Center by emailing the tournament director.
- If a player participates in a game while infectious (up to 48 hours prior to symptom onset), all teams involved will be removed from the tournament and asked to quarantine
- Individuals or clubs should also report any cases of player, coach, referee or spectator, to the Minnesota Department of Health at health.sports.covid19@state.mn.us

While at the Facility:

- All attendees must maintain six feet distance, whenever possible from anyone outside their household.
- All Patrons must follow directions on all NSC signage.
- The USA Cup will follow COVID-19 Requirements for Outdoor Seated Venues & COVID-19 Sports Guidance
 - http://dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID_19_preparedness_plan_requirements_outdoor_venues.pdf
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sportsguide.pdf>

COVID FIELD GUIDELINES





Players should enter benches from the right side of the field and exit on the left side

Teams should respect social distancing when seated on the sidelines

Spectators should be seated behind dotted line and respect social distancing and should only sit with members of the same household

Spectator Area:
 300 ft. x 30 ft. = 9,000 sq.ft
 9,000 sq. ft./113 sq. ft. per person
 = 80 spectators allowed

For more information and COVID guidelines please see our website.

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