



FWASA Return to Play Guidelines for Spring 2021

NOTICE TO ALL - Any player, spectator, or referee who has experienced symptoms of fever, cough, or any other flu-like symptoms is highly encouraged to stay home and not attend or play in a FWASA match.

PLAYERS - All players, referees, and spectators are encouraged to wear masks inside the field complex, but masks are not required. Players are encouraged to wash hands frequently and avoid handshakes or other unnecessary close interactions between players on their own team or the other team. A small amount of hand sanitizer will be provided to the team manager prior to the season from FWASA.

SPECTATORS - Considering that the games are conducted on public property, FWASA will not limit the number of spectators present with each player. However, all visitors to the field complex are encouraged to maintain a minimum of 6 feet of distance between themselves and others not in their own household. All visitors to the field complexes will be subject to the city of Fort Worth and Tarrant county guidelines regarding outdoor sports.

ENFORCEMENT - The field complexes are city property. FWASA does not have the personnel or ability to police/enforce guidelines across the complex. FWASA Referees will enforce the rules and regulations on the field during the playing of the game and with the players along the sideline, but they cannot patrol the sidelines as well regarding spectators and their conduct, unless their conduct is interfering with the game. The best way to avoid transmission of any disease is to maintain distance between other people.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT - Wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE) during play, such as masks, goggles, gloves, etc is permissible, as long as the center referee does not determine that the equipment poses a safety hazard to other players. Face shields will not be allowed to be worn on the field during the game. Players are encouraged to refrain from touching their face as much as possible during the game. The center referee has discretion regarding whether anything worn is acceptable during the game.

SPECTATORS AND PLAYERS NOT ACTIVELY PLAYING - Players on the sidelines and spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs instead of sitting on the bleachers, to maintain at least 6 feet of distance between other players and spectators outside of their own household, and wear masks at all times on the complex.

REFEREE INTERACTION - Any player(s) entering the space within 6 feet of the center referee or linesman outside of the normal course of play (for example, to question a call, etc) will be immediately shown a yellow card and asked to maintain at least 6 feet of space between the referees and players.



INJURIES ON THE FIELD - Should an injury occur during play, players should refrain from crowding around the injured player. The center referee and one team representative should be the only ones within six feet of the injured player. If the player needs help from more than one other teammate to exit the field, then as many teammates may provide assistance as needed.

ID CARDS – Referees will not be handling/collecting ID cards from the managers prior to the start of the game. Referees will need to verify the player identity and check players in on the game report. Referees will be encouraged to wear gloves while handling the game reports and ID card (if handled). Referees could also collect the cards in a plastic bag without touching them, and return to the managers after the game.

RED CARDS – Should a player receive a red card, the player will need to leave the playing area (as per typical FWASA policy), and the manager shall provide the card for that player to the referee. The game will not be restarted until the referee has the card of the player receiving the red card and the carded player leaves the area of the field.

TEMPERATURE CHECK - Since some games are played outdoors in a likely hot environment, temperatures will not be taken by FWASA. Non-contact thermometers are not likely to be effective in a hot outdoor environment because skin temperatures will rise in the heat.

NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE COVID 19 TEST RESULT – Although FWASA cannot force anyone to report positive cases, we highly encourage anyone who does test positive to notify anyone and any organization which they came in contact with so that others can be notified of possible exposure and potentially decrease the spread of the virus. Please notify the FWASA office and league commissioner ASAP following a positive test for anyone that has attended or played in a FWASA game, providing the date of the onset of symptoms and the date the positive test was conducted. FWASA will be obligated to notify both teams and the referee crew playing at the complex during the time the infected person was present, but will not provide any personal data, contact information, or identifying information regarding the infected person.

FWASA NOTIFICATION OF EXPOSURE FROM PLAYER OR SPECTATOR WITH CLOSE TEAM CONTACT - If FWASA is notified of a player or spectator receiving a positive COVID-19 test, FWASA will notify the players and managers of that team, the most recent opposing team, and the referee crew of possible exposure to COVID-19.

If the most recent game in which the player played was within 3 days of the onset of symptoms or the date of the positive test, then both teams will then have any scheduled games within the 10 calendar days following the day the test was conducted rescheduled for a later date. Referees will also be notified and not assigned to FWASA games for the 10 calendar day period. FWASA will notify the managers via email and will use the SportsEngine system to email all potentially exposed players directly.



If the most recent game in which the player played was more than 3 days prior to the onset of symptoms and more than 3 days prior to the date of the positive test, then the player will be required to quarantine for 10 days, but the teams will be allowed to continue playing scheduled games and the referee crew will be allowed to continue to referee as well.

FWASA NOTIFICATION OF EXPOSURE FROM REFEREE - If FWASA is notified of a referee (center or linesman) receiving a positive COVID-19 test, FWASA will notify the players and managers of all teams playing in games the referee was present for within the week prior to the positive test, and the referee crew of possible exposure to COVID-19. The referee crew (center and linesmen) will then be required to quarantine for 10 calendar days following the date of the positive test.

PORT-A-POTTY AVAILABILITY AND CLEANLINESS – The city of Fort Worth is going to continue to allow use of the port-a-potties at Rolling Hills and other complexes. They are maintaining their previous cleaning schedule. FWASA highly encourages avoiding the port-a-potties if possible, although we understand there are no other facilities in the immediate proximity of the fields. FWASA would encourage any players/managers using the port-a-potties to wipe down any surfaces that needed to be touched with cleaning wipes and make sure to use hand sanitizer immediately after using the facilities.

BLEACHERS – The city of Fort Worth has instructed their field monitors to wipe down the bleachers with disinfectant cleaner every half hour while the park is open for play.

AVAILABILITY OF HAND SANITIZER AND MASKS – The city of Fort Worth will not be providing or distributing any hand sanitizer or masks at the field complexes. They encourage all visitors to the complex to follow all recommended CDC guidelines while visiting the sporting complexes/or on city property.

RESCHEDULING AND REFUNDS/CREDITS - FWASA will do our best to schedule 8 games per team for the Spring 2021 season. The FWASA board will discuss issuing refunds/credits if we are unsuccessful in scheduling 6 games per team.

IN THE EVENT OF THE ENTIRE SEASON BEING CANCELLED - Should the entire Spring 2021 season be cancelled, FWASA will refund/credit the entire cost of spring 2021 registration.

REFUND/CREDIT FOR GAMES CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19 QUARANTINE – Refunds and/or credits will only be issued, should the board decide to issue them, to account for games that could not be scheduled. FWASA will do our best to reschedule any games that could not be played at the originally scheduled day and time due to weather or postponement due to COVID-19 quarantine.