

# 2020 Tri-County Fall Soccer Return to Play Guidelines

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Effective August 14th the following protocols & recommendations will be in place for the Fall 2020 youth soccer season. The purpose of this information is to provide as best as possible, a safe environment at all our league Sports Complexes and to comply with local government recommendations. Every attempt was made to uphold the integrity of the game in its original form as much as possible.

**\*Disclaimer: These guidelines can change before or during the season and are contingent on the Kansas Recreation and Park Association's and KSHSAA Guidelines.**

## **SAFETY PROTOCOLS:**

- 1) Sidelines – Each team along with their spectators will utilize a separate sideline. Sideline areas should be socially distanced when players are not on the field and when players are not in the game.
- 2) Equipment - League towns will provide their teams with soccer equipment. On gamedays soccer balls will be sanitized before and after each game.
- 3) Mouth guards – **will not** be worn this season to protect from the transfer of saliva.
- 4) Huddles - Communication with the team needs to follow social distancing guidelines.
- 5) At the conclusion of the game, no handshakes. Instead, teams should line up on their respective sideline and use an appropriate sign of respect. This act of sportsmanship should be initiated by the coaches and officials.
- 6) No spitting will be allowed at the complex.
- 7) Bathrooms will be open and cleaned frequently. Water fountains will not be available.
- 8) Masks - Coaches are **required** to wear a mask when in contact with their team. Players are exempt from wearing a mask when they are actively participating in the activity. It is recommended that players on sidelines wear a mask when not actively participating.
- 9) Fans are strongly encouraged to wear masks where 6' of social distancing is not possible.
- 10) Water – The sharing of water bottles and team water coolers is not allowed.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1) The wearing of face covering is encouraged for spectators at the Sports Complex. Players, may wear face coverings if they choose. Face coverings may be homemade, or store bought.
- 2) Participants and coaches should wash/sanitize their hands and equipment after each game.
- 3) Teams are encouraged to provide hand sanitizer for use before, during and after the game.
- 4) Social distancing is recommended whenever possible. Teams are encouraged not to gather as a group within close proximity of one another for pre or post game meetings.
- 5) Once your games have concluded, please leave the Sports Complex. Do not remain to watch other games.
- 6) We strongly encourage those individuals who are at high risk (Senior Citizens and those with underlying medical requirements) to avoid the ballpark.
- 7) All participants, fans and staff are encouraged to look for any signs of illness and do not come to the Sports Complex if you are showing any symptoms of Covid-19.
- 8) Try to limit the number of spectators to two per player.
- 9) Spectators are expected to bring their own chairs – no seating will be provided.

## **RULE CHANGES:**

- 1) Pre-game meeting with officials should be held with 6 ft social distancing guidelines.
- 2) In the event of an injury only the coach or parent may attend to the player unless medical attention is required.
- 3) A minimum of 1 official will be provided per game.