

ERIE SOCCER LEAGUE PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS POLICY & PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION

This document details the expectation of conduct and policies for administration, coaches, and players in returning to play in response to COVID-19.

Spring & Summer 2021 pandemic (COVID-19) guidelines for PA West league play are based on the Fall 2020 Covid guidelines that with teams full co-operation and sensible adherence proved to be successful. It should be noted that Referees will not be asked to any enforce mandates as PA West Adult League do not it believe is part of their role.

OVERVIEW

No one should participate in training, matches, or any in-person activity if they are not feeling well. COVID-19 guidance that is mandatory in nature and provided by the CDC, US Adult Soccer (USASA), PAWest Soccer, the Pennsylvania Dept. of Health, and the Erie County Department of Health (as well as any other state/county Department of Health that has authority over the geographic area in which sanctioned activity is taking place) shall be followed at all times – even if not reflected in this document.

PLAYERS

Players must not attend any league activities if they are feeling unwell, *while awaiting testing results or currently under Covid quarantine protocols for infection or possible exposure.*

Players should wash their hands with soap/water frequently.

Coughs and sneezes should be covered.

There should be no sharing of food, water bottles and/or drinks.

Avoid group celebrations.

There is no approaching the referee or assistant referee for any reason. If the referee beckons you, you must maintain proper “social distance”.

Players are to certify to their team captain that they are not sick.

Players are to certify that they have not been in physical contact with someone who has COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

Participation in league activities is voluntary in nature. By participating, you have implied compliance with and agreement to this policy, as well as the electronic waiver.

TEAM CAPTAINS

Team captains are to ensure that all players participating in a game or session are registered to their team.

Team captains are to ensure that no participating player is sick.

Team captains are to ensure that no participating player has come into contact with someone who has COVID-19.

Team captains shall report any sick player or player who has had physical contact a COVID-19 positive person to the league's Pandemic Coordinator by email within 24 hours of knowledge.

REFEREES

Referees and assistant referees must not attend any league activities if they are feeling unwell.

Referees and assistant referees should wash their hands with soap/water frequently.

Coughs and sneezes should be covered.

There should be no sharing of food, water bottles and/or drinks.

Referees and assistant referees should maintain adequate distance from players during discussions.

Referees and assistant referees must certify to the center referee of the match that they are not sick and have not had physical contact with someone who has COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

LEAGUE ADMINISTRATOR

League administrator shall update all staff and players of any change in local or state health policy.

League administrator shall collect all attendance and wellness reports.

League administrator shall serve as the club's contact tracer.

League administrator shall serve as the point of contact for all concerns of health-related issues on behalf of the league.

COVID POSITIVE RESPONSE

In the event a player or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the league administrator must be notified immediately (within 24 hours, by email).

The league administrator shall work with the department of health to the extent required by law.

The league administrator shall notify all players of a COVID-19 positive player and will provide guidance.

The league administrator shall determine and communicate what actions the league must take.

LEAGUE PROCEDURES

Prior to kickoff, the team captain must submit a list of players in writing to the league admin. The list of players shall contain player's first and last legal name as well as a telephone number.

All players must be registered to the team they are playing. Registration is defined as paying the 2021 USASA player fee of \$25 to the league admin – who will ensure the registration fee is properly submitted to PAWest.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL STADIUM MEN'S LEAGUE PROCEDURES

Players may not enter Veteran's Stadium more than ten minutes before their scheduled match.

Players must leave the stadium within ten minutes of the completion of their match.

Team benches are to be staggered. One team on one side of the field. The other team on the other side of the field.

Players may only sit in their team's section when not in the game. All players not in the game must be masked.

Spectators are not permitted inside Veteran's Memorial Stadium.

Restrooms are closed.

Players will enter on the North Side of the Stadium.

Parking inside the stadium is not permitted.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL STADIUM COED LEAGUE PROCEDURES

Players must leave the stadium within ten minutes of the completion of their match.

The team benches must alternate on the small fields so that no two teams are back to back.

Players may only sit or stand in their team's section when not in the game. All players not in the game must be masked.

Spectators are not permitted inside Veteran's Memorial Stadium.

Restrooms are closed.

Players will enter on the North Side of the Stadium.

Parking inside the stadium is not permitted.

LEAGUE ADMIN / PANDEMIC COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

The League admin / pandemic coordinator shall be contacted by email. The email address is mike@eriesoccer.com