

GUIDELINES and REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAYERS, COACHES, VOLUNTEERS and SPECTATORS

As a youth organization we are following the Sports Order (as amended August 28) for both football and cheer, (link below) the OHSSA guidelines, and the guidelines from the Summit County Board of Health.

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Youth-Collegiate-Amateur-Club-Pro-Sports.pdf>

Players, coaches, athletic trainers, and officials must conduct daily symptom assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home (GBYF and Cheer will continue to conduct daily symptom assessments prior to each practice and game).

Coaches, athletic trainers and officials are required to wear face coverings at all times and players should wear face coverings when not on the field except for one of the following reasons:

- Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons (need written letter from physician on file with GBYF)
- Coaches are not required to wear a mask when using a whistle or when providing instruction.

Spectators:

- Spectators must conduct daily symptom assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Six-foot social distancing must be maintained between individuals or families.
- No congregating before or after practices or games is permitted.
- Under the Sports Order, spectators are to be limited. Therefore, GBYF recommends only immediate families and caregivers attend.
 - o Bleachers will be marked.
 - o Please note – no parents or spectators are permitted to stand behind the players on the sidelines. For tackle, this will be approximately 30 yards of sideline that is dedicated to the players only.
 - o Likewise, the cheerleaders will also need their own space.

- o In order to accommodate all of our fans at Ariss and Greensburg, spectators will need to sit along the end-zones as well.
- o ONLY GBYF personnel is permitted in or on top of the press box.
- Spectators must wear face coverings at all times except for one of the following reasons:
 - o Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons (need written letter from physician on file with GBYF) or a child is under ten years of age.

Practice, Games and Tournaments:

Six-foot social distance must be maintained between individuals except when on the field of play.

Physical contact is only permitted within the rules of the game during competitive practice.

Players, coaches, and officials are not to physically contact each other before or after competitive practice (i.e. greetings, team huddles, high-fives, congregating, etc.)

Limit time spent on activities where players are in close proximity for extended periods of time.

No congregating before or after practices or games is permitted .

Equipment:

Whenever possible, equipment and personal items (such as water bottles) should have proper separation and should not be shared. (GBYF is encouraging athletes to place water bottles and personal items on the sideline 6 feet of spacing from other athletes).

If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be performed between users. (GBYF and cheer has spray bottles at each station for proper sanitation of pads and other equipment).

Water bottles, food, and drinks should not be shared.

If possible, competing players/teams should not use the same equipment.

Confirmed Case of Covid-19:

Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.

Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.

Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective exposure notification

Following testing, contact the local health department to initiate appropriate care and exposure notification.

GBYF will follow the advice, recommendations, and instructions of the Summit County Health Department if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 as well as the policies and procedures of the Green Local School District.

Youth Sports: Tips to Protect Players from COVID-19

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMBzjaVRChY&feature=youtu.be>