

SPECTATOR SEATING AND ADMISSION

- Do not enter the event if you, or anyone you live with, are exhibiting any signs of illness including sneezing, coughing, sniffles, fever, or generally don't feel well
- Only ten (10) players, two (2) coaches per team and referees are able to view the game from the field.
- Depending on facility and location, the number of spectators per athlete may be limited
- Spectators may not congregate behind player benches, and must abide by social distancing guidelines, maintaining 6 feet of distance from other spectators
- Spectators must be 30 feet (10 yards) from the field of play.
- All spectators are required to wear face masks.
- If possible, spectators should bring their own seating to the event to better maintain proper distance from other spectators.
- When possible, we will limit bleacher seating. If bleacher seating must be used, spectators must maintain social distancing guidelines and remain 6 feet away from other attendees.
- Concession areas are required to have 6ft between people waiting in line and all tables must be 6ft apart
- Bathrooms also should abide by social distancing rules, require space between people waiting in lines

PLAYER BENCH AREA/SIDELINE

- Athletes and coaches from each team must be on opposite sides of the field.
- The sidelines of the fields must be clear of spectators so that athletes and coaches can maintain social distancing guidelines. When looking at the field bench area should be from goal line to 50YD on the left side.
- It is recommended that players/coaches bring their own chair to be spaced appropriately, or stand on the sidelines. Player benches may be removed, depending on location.

GAME PROTOCOL

- At check-in, the athlete's temperature should be taken before they are able to participate in any games that day. If the event is two days, every player must check in each day of the event and get their temperature taken.
- Every time a coach, player or referee gets to the field to start a game they must sanitize their hands at designated hand sanitizing stations at each field
- Teams will be escorted on/off the fields before and after games, by NFL FLAG staff. Teams should refrain from congregating around the field prior to their games.
- At the pregame meeting and throughout the game, coaches and referees will not be allowed to shake hands or have any physical contact with each other.
- Players and coaches are asked to refrain from high fives or any other physical gestures of celebration.
- Eliminate huddles when possible.
- We suggest each player should have QB wristbands containing plays/formations. Coaches should call the play number from the sideline.
- If the coach must meet with a player or the team, each member of the huddle must be 6 feet apart
- Players should refrain from picking up other players' flags off the ground.
- At the conclusion of the game, players will be asked to forego the sportsmanship line at the end of the game. Instead we are asking for each team to line up across from each other on their sideline and give a round of applause as a salute to the other team to promote sportsmanship.

- Teams are asked not to congregate around the fields or in public areas when not participating in tournament play

EQUIPMENT

- You are to use the provided hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes to be used before, during and after the games, and whenever appropriate, such as if/when coming into contact with the ball or any other players, coaches or shared equipment.
- Refrain from sharing equipment in general.
- Each team is responsible for disinfecting their flags with disinfectant wipes, before, at halftime, and after a game.
- Athletes are required to wear masks when on sideline
- Coaches must wear face masks at all times
- Players should be discouraged from removing and re-inserting mouthguards while on the field. If a mouthguard falls out, players should be instructed not to re-insert it until it can be sanitized with clean hands.
- All players should bring a personal water bottle with their name on it to use during the game. There will be no communal coolers with Gatorade or water at the fields
- Head Refs will be given antibacterial wipes, to wipe the football in play 3-5 times per game. (Pre game, then 12 mins later at halftime and then 12 mins later post game, with sporadic times in between when it works (Determined by official on field- Ex- team is in a huddle, after each score, etc.)

REFEREES

- Refs are required to wear facemasks
- Game cards will not be signed. The coaches should confirm the score verbally with the official at the end of the game.

FIELD LAYOUT

- On one full soccer/football field, there will be a maximum of three games at a time - from left to right (back of endzone - 15-yard line, 35-yard line - 40 yard line, 15 yard line to other back of endzone).
- When necessary, tournaments will be scheduled in two days to allow spacing on fields and minimize the number of spectators and teams at the location at one time.
- On turf fields, coaches and teams are not permitted to cross the 50-yard line to keep coaches and players sharing two fields from close interaction.
- Games will be scheduled with 20-minute breaks in between to allow those to leave and others to arrive with minimal interactions.
- Teams and spectators are asked to leave as soon as their game is ended.
- Schedules will be distributed in advance of all games with buffer times clearly marked.

