



Damascus Sports Association  
COVID-19 Return to Play – Coach/Volunteer  
Effective July 27, 2020 @ 5PM

The following are guidelines for returning to play in phases designed to help keep all participants and our community safe.

**COACH/VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Ensure the health and safety of the participants is the highest priority.
- Ensure each player/coach/volunteer goes through the COVID screening process prior to parental departure.
- Inquire how the athletes are feeling. Send home anyone you believe acts or looks ill.
- Follow all state and local health protocols and guidelines.
- Stagger pick-up and drop offs.
- Ensure all athletes have their own individual equipment.
- During Phases I-III, ensure coaches/volunteers are the only people to handle equipment; do not enlist parental or attendee assistance.
- All training should be conducted outdoors and compliant with social or physical distancing per state or local guidelines.
- DO NOT discourage the wear of masks by participants.
- Coaches/Volunteers should always maintain social distance requirements from players based on state and local health requirements, including team meetings/talks before, during, and after the activity.
- Coaches/Volunteers should wear face coverings or shields during all close proximity instruction..
- Have fun, stay positive – players and parents are looking to you for leadership.
- Respect players, parents, and families by accommodating those that may not yet be comfortable with returning.
- Assign a “station” for each player to place their equipment (i.e. socially distanced cones, spaced bat bags, etc.), and that they should return to during breaks. Assigned space on the sideline for all players during Phase I – IV should allow for adequate distance per these guidelines.