



Central Penn Youth Soccer League

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To all clubs, teams, coaches, referees, parents:

Regarding CPYSL Spring 2021 play

As we ready our League for the youth members to play this sport we enjoy, we must be mindful of several considerations to stay safe for ourselves and the other participants. With the COVID-19 virus still in our lives, we must continue to alter the way we participate and even spectate so that we keep all involved as safe as possible. With these concerns currently, we ask our participants to follow not only the CDC guidelines but to adhere to these CPYSL guidelines for the Spring 2021 season.

1. All participants, coaches, spectators, and referees shall wear facemasks.
 - a. At this time, CPYSL will require that players and referees must wear masks during play per PA Health guidelines.
2. Clubs shall have a designated safety person to monitor the health of each team's participants (See EPYSA guidelines on this policy), Said person shall keep the club updated on any concerns and start any mitigation procedures should any concern appear. Safety person does not have to notify league other than to assure games are canceled should occurrence be active; team shall be put in quarantine for two weeks. Safety person's duties may include the following:
 - a. Checking temperatures
 - b. Monitoring any contact with individuals who have been infected by the virus and determine risk factors.
3. To minimize contact, coaches are to have the game card, game fees, & EPYSA team roster (two copies, one for referee, one for opponent) immediately available for the head referee.
 - a. For Spring 2021, there will be no player passes issued by the league, referees will check players using EPYSA team roster with player images to assure participants are registered.
 - b. Club pass players shall be hand-written on game card & game roster prior to match.
4. Coaches are responsible for their home field; coaches should assure that corner flags and goals (safely anchored) are in place and ready at the allotted kick-off time.
 - a. Technical area, teams should maintain a six (6) foot distance between players while on sideline.
 - b. Technical area should keep all participants a minimum of six (6) feet from touchline, all spectators should also be six (6) feet from the touchline.

- c. No sharing of drinks, each player should have an individual drink container, snack, hand sanitizers.
5. Game balls (3 minimum) should be of proper size with correct pressure prior to the start of the match, referees shall check for compliance.
6. Spectators: The League is asking all to minimize attendance at matches for the Spring 2021 season. We request that there be only one (1) parent/guardian per player, keeping spectator count down will help curtail the risk of infections for all involved. For this season, it is about having our youth being able to play the game they enjoy and finish the season they enjoy with minimal risk of viral contact.
 - a. Social distancing should be adhered to by spectators as outlined by the CDC & PA State Health guidelines.
 - b. For spectators MUST wear masks. Anyone not in compliance shall be informed by their club representative they may not be allowed at the field.
 - c. Each club will monitor their own parents for compliance, referees will note in match report of any team not in compliance, league will monitor reports and relate to club of concerns.
 - d. CPYSL ask that home team players, coaches, and spectators are on opposing side of the field as the visiting team and spectators, it is mandatory to follow this rule.
7. Game considerations:
 - a. Throw-ins will be utilized to put ball into play when the ball has gone into touch. Players should be encouraged to retrieve the ball as best as possible without handling when practical, dribbling up to the line if possible.
 - b. Ball runners should also be encouraged to minimize contact with the ball when retrieving by dribbling back to field as possible & practical.
 - c. Goalkeepers should have their own jersey or pinnie, sharing of equipment shall be avoided.
 - d. Coaches should designate one person per team to assume linesman role (as needed) for the season, teams shall supply the individual with disposable gloves for each match.
8. Quarantine:
 - a. Teams discovering a participant has tested positive shall immediately put the entire team in quarantine with no soccer related activity during the quarantine period.
 - b. Team must postpone their next match through the CPYSL game portal and other games within the 14 -day quarantine period will be made TBA's.
 - c. Opposing teams and referees will also be notified of the game cancelation.
 - d. There are no fines or fees when canceling a match due to being COVID-19 related.
9. Risk Management:
 - a. The right to play sports always comes with risk. There are no assurances that a player will not roll an ankle, tear an ACL, break a bone, or contract the Covid-19 virus. These are the risks we understand as they become quite common.
 - b. COVID-19 is getting to be more understood with each passing day, with each new case, however, there still presents us with many unknown risks. Although there is a vaccine starting to become available, until the population nears 95%

vaccinated there will be inherent risks, each individual, parent, player, coach must make their own decision to assess and determine for themselves if they want to assume that risk and if they want to participate.

- c. We must all work together if we want our youth to enjoy this sport, education and safety should always be at the top of the list.

Let us stay as safe as possible for ourselves while making sure we keep the game safe for all others.

Respectfully,

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