

GETTING KIDS BACK ON THE FIELD

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Development League Operational Plan

OYSA Development League is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of all people who participate in the league. The purpose of this document is to provide athletes, parents, coaches, and soccer organizations with information they can use to assist them with league play protocols in the context of COVID-19. Our procedures and responsibilities rely upon rules and regulations set forth by public health authorities, which will be different across the state.

In addition to the information below, we ask that everyone also follow the Return to Play Guidelines listed on the OYSA website. These items are in addition to that information.

The information listed below is required by each of the stakeholders for participation in the Development League. Any clubs or teams that fail to comply with these responsibilities risk forfeiting their game and/or being removed from the league.

League Responsibilities

- Communication plan:
 - Publish all relevant materials around Development League and materials including this operational plan on the OYSA website.
 - Virtual webinar with all club leadership about all league protocols, policies and expectations around game day.
 - Direct emails to clubs and coaches about all league protocols, policies, and expectations around game day. 3 emails prior to league starting, bi-monthly during the league.
 - Direct emails to players and parents about all league protocols, policies, and expectations around game day. 3 emails prior to league starting, bi-monthly during the league.
 - Direct emails to referees about all league protocols, policies, and expectations around game day.
 - Any cancelations or shutdowns will be communicated as quickly as possible through Affinity direct to all team admins and club leadership.
 - Designate a point of contact at each club for any Covid-19 cases.
- If someone is found to have Covid-19, the league will:
 - These are assumptions but will follow OHA's guidance when a player tests positive. OYSA is working to gain more clarity around this issue.
 - Notify all teams that the team with the case has played in the last 2 weeks.
 - Notify all teams that the team with the case and opposing teams will play for the next 2 weeks.
 - Should a team discover that a player or coach has withdrawn themselves from team activities with Covid-19 type symptoms during the week, the club should notify OYSA immediately. The team should discontinue practices or gatherings until a test result comes back negative. If positive, the team should isolate players according to OHA guidelines and their upcoming game(s) will be cancelled. A club will not be fined for game cancelations due to reasons associated with Covid-19. A timely notice is appreciated so that referees and the opposing team can be notified as quickly as possible.
- League Set-Up:
 - Reduce the number of games to 6 and **start games on October 11th.**
 - U8 price will be \$250 and U9/10 price will be \$425.
 - Reduce the number of fields to comply with Portland Parks and Recreational Guidelines.
 - Create a field map and instructions that make a safe entrance and exit for all coaches and players. [Click here](#) to see map.
 - Due to reduced fields, we will have a reduced number of teams we can allow into the league. 32 4v4 teams and 112 7v7 teams. OYSA will do its best to accommodate as many teams as possible if the ability to do so presents itself.
- Registration:
 - Our refund policy for Fall 2020 is: 100% refund if league is cancelled before the season begins, \$25 per game not played after the season starts.
 - Extend the deadline to August 31st for teams to register.
 - Check due at the time of registration, will be cashed when the league moves ahead.
- Scheduling:



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- Schedule games in bigger blocks to minimize interactions between games.
- Stagger game times to maximize social distancing, games start at 8 and 8:30 am.
- At the Field:
 - PP&R regulations do not allow parents to attend games. Parents must remain in their car or off-site.
 - Bathrooms will not be provided at the fields. In emergencies, coaches will need to contact the parent.
- Game Modifications:
 - Kick-ins Instead of Throw-ins
 - (a) When the ball goes out of play across the touch line, play will be restarted with a kick-in from the touch line at the place the ball exited the field of play.
 - (i) The ball may not noticeably leave the ground from the kick-in; the pass must remain on the ground.
 - (ii) In the event the ball noticeably leaves the ground from the kick-in, the referee will indicate this, and the opposing team will restart play with a kick-in from the same location.
 - (iii) A goal may not be scored directly from a kick-in. (iv) All opponents must stand at least 2 m (2 yds) from the point on the touchline where the kick-in is to be taken.

Referee Responsibilities

- Wear a mask up to the field to start the game, during the game, during halftime, and immediately following the game.
- Maintain physical distancing at all times, prior, during, and after all games.
- Will not touch the ball with their hands.
- Referee will use a paper roster provided by the coach to check in coaches/players.
- Enforce all game adaptations made by the league to ensure the safety of the players.
- No handshakes, fist bumps, etc. after the game.

Club Responsibilities

- Educate coaches and families around protocols for Delta Park.
- Ensure that coaches have hand sanitizer.

Coach Responsibilities

- Have an emergency plan in place if someone to be injured or needs to leave the field immediately. Have access to parent cell phone numbers, and we recommend having 2 coaches/managers at all games so one coach can handle any emergencies, the other coach can manage the team.
- Use hand sanitizer before interacting with your team.
- Wear a mask at all times while at the field.
- Social distance at all times while at the field.
- Meet your team at your designated entrance for your field. Keep players socially distanced and move to your field when all players have arrived at your meeting spot.
- As soon as the game is over, move your team to your designated exit to be picked up by their parent/guardian. Coach may not leave before all of their kids have left with their parents.
- Make sure players space out their equipment, and that players do not share equipment with each other.
- Will make sure the home team provides 3 balls per half that have been sanitized. Game balls from 1st half can be sanitized by the home team at half time.
- There is limited warm-up time, so plan accordingly but all games must start on time.



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Player Responsibilities

- Wear a mask to and from the field, and during game play in line with OHA mask guidelines.
- Use hand sanitizer before and after the game.

Parent Responsibilities

- Know the drop-off and pick up points for your player's game.
- Only drop players off 5 minutes prior to drop off time.
- Be on time for pick-up so that we can get players/coaches off the field and the next group on the field safely.
- Drive slowly and responsibly since there will be increased numbers of players in parking lots.
- In emergency situations when asked by a coach, a parent may come to the field to pick-up their child.

