

# GETTING KIDS BACK ON THE FIELD



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## OYSA Developmental League 2021 Operational Plan

OYSA is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of all people. Some of our rules and protocols are beyond OHA guidelines but are there to provide the safest possible environment during league games.

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, policies, 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 may forfeit their game, may be removed from the league, and forfeit any remaining games (with corresponding fines from Development League Rules applying).

### Introduction of Principles and Responsibilities

#### League Responsibilities:

- Communication Plan:
  - Publish all relevant materials around Development League and materials including this operational plan on the OYSA website.
  - Direct emails to clubs and coaches about all league protocols, policies, and expectations around game day. 2 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. 2 emails prior to league starting, bi-monthly during the league.
  - Weekly emails to referees about all league protocols, policies, and expectations around game day.
  - Any cancelations or shutdowns will be communicated as quickly as possible direct to all team admins and club leadership.
- League Health and Exclusion Policy for Covid-19 cases and Covid-19 exposure.
- Create and distribute field maps on their website that have entrances, exits, and traffic flow clearly marked.
  - Post signs at the field that clearly mark the entrances and exits.
  - Post clear signs listing COVID-19 symptoms, asking individuals with symptoms to stay home, and listing who to contact if they need assistance.
  - Post clear signs about the mask or face covering requirements.
  - Use signs to encourage physical distancing throughout the facility near shared equipment areas.
  - Use signs to direct one-way flow of traffic.
  - Post field map on our website.
    - [Click here](#) to see the Delta Park field map.
    - [Click here](#) to see the Sherwood MS field map.
- Provide handwashing stations or hand sanitizer (60-95% alcohol content) throughout the facility for use by individuals.
- Provide a monitor, see responsibilities below.
- Close water fountains, except for those designed to refill water bottles in a contact-free manner.
- Home club responsible for field set-up and sanitization of all equipment at the beginning of the day, and in between games.
- League Set-Up
  - Spring League – February 21<sup>st</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - 8 games at \$475
  - Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> will be used as a potential make-up date for games
  - Games are located at Delta Park and Sherwood MS (formerly Sherwood HS)
    - Delta Park – 10737 N Union Court, Portland 97217
    - Sherwood MS – 16956 SW Meinecke Road, Sherwood, 97140



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- DOC placement for team division placement
- Scores/Standings will not be kept
- Registration:
  - Deadlines:
    - Spring League deadline is January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm
    - Check due at the time of registration
    - Teams will register for either the East (Delta Park) or West (Sherwood MS)
  - Refund Policy: 100% refund if league is cancelled before first game, \$25 per game not played after the start of the league.
- Half Length:
  - 25-minute halves
  - 2-minute halftime
- Scheduling:
  - Game Blocks:
    - Games will be done on 75-minute blocks
  - Game scheduling:
    - Schedules will be done in two chunks, first 4 weeks and second 4 weeks.
  - Stagger game times to ensure minimal contact is made for locations with multiple fields.
    - ½ of the fields will be scheduled to start at 8 am, the other half at 8:20 am
  - Schedule requests limited to coach requests, no days off.
- Reschedules:
  - Teams who must quarantine will not have their games rescheduled.
  - Teams effected by positive cases may have their games adjusted if possible. We will work to find you a game on the day you are scheduled.
- At the Field:
  - View Delta Park Field map [here](#).
  - View Sherwood MS map [here](#).
  - Home team will sit on the North or East side of the field, Away team will sit on the South or West side of the field.
  - Each team is limited to 12 total participants, that includes coaches, players, managers, and video person.
  - OHA Guidelines 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.

## Club Responsibilities:

- By registering your team to the league, the club and their teams, coaches, players, and parents agree to follow all league protocols, policies, and responsibilities.
- Designate a point of contact for your club to communicate Covid related issues to OYSA
- All clubs responsible for providing their coaching staff/managers hand sanitizer and face covering/mask.
- All clubs responsible for keeping attendance for which players are at every game.
- Have an effective communication plan in place, identify strategies for working with public health to notify adult leaders, youth and their families if the organization learns a participant or adult leader has developed COVID-19 and may have been infectious to others while at a youth activity, while maintaining confidentiality as per law.
- Have an action plan in place, in case of a positive test. All positive and exposure cases must be reported to OYSA.
- Train and educate all staff to protocols and requirements, including state and local regulations, CDC recommendations and other necessary information. (See resources document on OYSA Covid-19 webpage)
- Be prepared to shut down and stop operations. Develop plans for temporary closure of outdoor activities to properly disinfect and ensure other adult leaders or youth are not infected.
- Provide adequate field space for social distancing.



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- Develop a relationship and a dialog with local health officials.
- Each team may designate one person to video or Livestream games.
- Create club passing rules that limit the number of club passes used. Players that play in games with positive Covid-19 cases and exposure cases will also be required to follow the protocols of that team. This could also affect the team they are training with after the weekend's game(s).

## COVID-19 Monitor Responsibilities:

A club may decide to designate a monitor for the facility and/or each team. OYSA recommends that each team has a monitor to help manage Covid-19 guidance at the field.

Monitor's are responsible for understanding and knowing all aspects of the PTTL Operational Plan and responsible for reminding, recording, and reporting. We ask that monitors are non-confrontational, just educational and informative. OYSA will use the reports to deal with the situations presented at the field. Each team will be provided with a monitor vest.

All reporting will use [this form](#) and is distributed to our Disciplinary Committee.

- Ensure that maximum facility capacity, per OHA guidelines, is not exceeded.
  - Statewide:
    - Record number of participants per field, if above 50 report final number to OYSA immediately following the game.
    - Ensure that no spectators are present during games. Parents must remain in the parking area of the park or facility if they choose to stay on site.
    - Remind any spectators that are outside of the parking area to return to the parking area. Record any spectators that fail to comply with your request. Send report of spectators to OYSA immediately following the game.
- Remind, Record, Report
  - Remind any spectators that are not wearing a face covering or physical distancing to comply with OHA guidelines.
  - Record any spectators that fail to comply with your request. Send record of spectators to OYSA immediately following the game. Record can be picture, video, and/or written.
  - Report your information to OYSA.
- Team may be removed from the league; and may forfeit all games and no refunds will be given. Any club with persistent infractions risks the club being removed and inability to register for any further leagues or Cups.

## Referee Responsibilities:

- Wear a mask up to the field to start the game, during the game, during halftime, and immediately following the game. If you are found to have not complied with this requirement, you may be removed from any future PTTL assignments for the calendar year.
- If a player clearly refuses to wear a mask over their nose and mouth, after being reminded it is required, the referee verbally reminds the player's coach and instructs the coach to correct the equipment issue with the player. If the player continues to refuse to wear a mask over their nose and mouth, the referee can abandon the match., If the match is abandoned, the referee will call the Game Day Hotline to inform the league, and write detailed notes regarding the incident in the referee report. Team may be removed from the league; appropriate fines are applied.
  - NOTE: it is expected that properly worn masks may slip down, fall off, require adjustment, etc., during the course of a match. The above requirement is ONLY for the case of clear and deliberate refusal by a player to wear a mask over their nose and mouth.



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- If a coach clearly refuses to wear a mask over their nose and mouth, the referee warns the coach and instructs the coach to correct the equipment issue. If the coach continues to refuse to wear a mask over their nose and mouth, the referee can abandon the match. If the match is abandoned, the referee will call the GameDay hotline to inform the league and write detailed notes regarding the incident in the referee report. Team may be removed from the league; appropriate fines are applied.
- Referee can use an electronic whistle, whistle through their mask, or pull mask up to blow whistle, pull it down immediately afterwards.
- Maintain physical distancing at all times, prior, as much as possible during, and after all games.
- Will not touch the ball with their hands.
- Referee will only take a roster from the coach.
- No handshakes, fist bumps, etc. after the game.

## Coaching Staff Responsibilities:

- Check-in all players to ensure no players have Covid-19 like symptoms. Template provided on OYSA Covid-19 page.
- Ensure that players and team's spectators, if allowed, are following the guidelines and rules of the field you are playing on.
- Ensure that your team has no more than 12 total participants at your game, including coaches, players, managers, and video person.
- Always wear a face covering, maintain physical distance requirements from players based on state guidelines and local health requirements.
  - Have an extra face covering in case your face covering breaks
- Use hand sanitizer before interacting with your team.
- Make sure that your team has left the field within 5 minutes of the game ending.
  - Take team to the appropriate exit and wait until all players have been picked up by their parents.
- Will make sure the home team provides 3 balls per half that have been sanitized. Game balls from 1<sup>st</sup> half can be sanitized by the home team at half time.
- Have an emergency plan in place if someone were 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.
  - Coaches should check on an injured player but still maintain 6 feet of physical distancing when possible. In the case of an injury where a player needs more assistance, the coach may help the player.
  - The coach should be able to contact the parent and ask for support.
    - Parent may come onto the field or complex to help aid the injured child as needed.
- Recommend using cones to show where player bags should be for physical distancing.

## Parent Responsibilities:

- Keep child at home if they have any Covid-19 like symptoms.
- Check player's temperature prior to game, must be below 100.4 to participate. Report temperature to the coach upon arrival at the game.
- Parents or guardians are NOT allowed to be at the field unless it is to drop your player off.. This is in line with the Sector Risk Level Guidance Chart.
- Use the OYSA Development League Field Map to know and follow all rules for drop-off, entrances and exits for field your child is playing at.
  - As needed for emergencies, parents may be asked by the coaching staff to come to the field to assist with that emergency.
- Player drop off:
  - Drop off no earlier that 15 minutes prior to kick-off.



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- Parent may drop player off at the field using the designated entrance, then must leave immediately using the designated exit for your field.
- Player pick up:
  - Players will be picked up at the designated exit point for your field. Parents are not allowed to return to the field for pick-up.
  - All players must leave the facility within 5 minutes of the game ending.
  - No congregating.
- If the parent chooses to remain on-site, they must remain in the parking area of the park, preferably in your car.
  - Do not park in fire lanes or other spots not designated for parking.
- Do not use your hands to return to ball to the field when the ball goes out of bounds.

## Player Responsibilities:

- Stay home if you have any Covid-19 like symptoms
- Face coverings are required at all times, prior, during, and after the match, and must be worn over the nose and mouth.
  - [Click here](#) for the guidance on types of face coverings that are allowed per OHA guidelines.
  - We do not allow the face shield as a face covering for safety reasons.
  - If your face covering falls down during game play, pull it up immediately.
  - Have an extra face covering in case your face covering breaks or becomes too wet.
- Make sure to bring both sets of jerseys to every game.
- Cannot enter the field area until previous teams have left the field. Remain in your car until you see that the previous teams have left the field.
- Recommend using hand sanitizer prior to, during halftime, and after the match.
- Maintain 6 feet of physical distancing at all times when not participating in the match.
- Hand shakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, and group celebrations are prohibited.

