

## 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).

**Yellow highlights are updates from the previous version.**

### 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 cancellations 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.
    - [Click here](#) to see Salvation Army at Moore Street 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.
- 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> and Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> will be used as a potential make-up date for games



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- 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
  - Salvation Army at Moore Street – 5325 N Williams Avenue, Portland 97217
- 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:
  - U9/10 is 25-minute halves
  - U8 is 4 10-minute quarters
  - 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.
    - **Sherwood MS will not be staggered starting April 11<sup>th</sup>.**
  - 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](#).
  - View Salvation Army Moore Street Map [here](#).
  - Teams will sit on opposite sides of the field. **Spectators will sit on the same side as their team on the other half of the field. (Exception: Spectators at Delta Park must remain on the paved walking path.)**
  - **A portable toilet will be available at Delta Park and Sherwood MS.**
  - **No portable toilet will be available at Moore Street Field at Salvation Army.**

Field Capacity restrictions based on Facility Requirements

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## Facility Number of Individuals Allowed at Field

| Facility                      | Number of Individuals Allowed at Field                                   |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Delta Park                    | 1 spectator per player. Must remain on paved walking path around fields. |
| Salvation Army – Moore Street | 1 spectator per player.  |
| Sherwood MS                   | Immediate family of each player.   |

### 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-19-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.
- Each team may designate one person to video or Livestream games.

### COVID-19 Monitor Responsibilities:

OYSA requires that each team has a monitor to help manage COVID-19 guidance at the field.

- Coach may act as the COVID-19 Monitor.
- Parent may act as the COVID-19 Monitor, does not have to be background checked.
  - Parent cannot be in the technical area.

COVID-19 Monitors are responsible for ensuring that all participants physically distance while not playing. They will also ensure that spectators are physically distanced, wearing a face covering, and located in the right area. If your team plays at Delta Park or Salvation Army – Moore Street, you are also responsible to ensure that there is only 1 spectator per player present (and at Delta Park, that all spectators remain on the paved walking path).

COVID-19 Monitors are also responsible for reminding, recording, and reporting. We ask that monitors be non-confrontational, educational, and informative. OYSA will use the reports to deal with the situations presented at the field.

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

- Remind, Record, Report
  - At Delta Park, remind any individuals beyond your team's 1 spectator per player limit capacity that they must remain in the parking area. If compliance is not given, please walk away and call the Game Day Hotline.
  - Remind any individuals from your team that are not physically distanced, wearing a face covering, or not in the right area to comply with the league rules.
  - Report your information to OYSA using the reporting form linked above.



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- Team may be removed from the league; and may forfeit all games with no refunds being given. Any club with persistent infractions risks the club being removed and an 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.
- 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. **This includes physical distancing, wearing a face covering, and being located in the right area of the field.**
- 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.
- Ensure that your team's players have been picked up at the field by their parent(s) within 5 minutes of the game ending.
  - Parents may pick their player up directly from the field.
  - Remain with players until the last one has been picked up by a parent.
- 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.



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- 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; it must be below 100.4 to participate. Report temperature to the coach upon arrival at the game.
- See graph above to know the number of spectators allowed for the facility your child is playing at.
- Use the OYSA Development League Field Map to know and follow all rules for entrances and exits for field your child is playing at.
  - As needed for emergencies, any parents may be asked by the coaching staff to come to the field to assist with that emergency.
- Player arrival:
  - Arrive no more than 15 minutes early to the match.
  - Do not enter your field area until both teams from the previous match have exited.
  - Leave the field area and facility immediately after your game ends.
- Player departure:
  - Parent may pick player up directly from the field, and then must leave immediately using the designated exit for the field.
  - All players must leave the facility within 5 minutes of the game ending.
  - No congregating.
  - 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.
- Handshakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, and group celebrations are prohibited.

