



## Fall 2021 Operational Plan

OYSA is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of all participants. 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. [Click here](#) to see the information from OHA and Governor Brown's office that were used to create this policy.

The information listed below is required by each of the stakeholders for participation in OYSA sanctioned and operated leagues.

### Introduction of Principles and Responsibilities

#### OYSA Responsibilities:

- Monitor Oregon Health Authority and Governor Brown updates in guidance. Report updates to the clubs.
- Publish all relevant materials including this operational plan on the OYSA website.
- Send emails to clubs and coaches about all league protocols, policies, and expectations around game day. 2 emails prior to league starting, then as needed during the fall.
- Publish a Health and Exclusion Policy for Covid-19 cases and Covid-19 exposure.

#### Club Responsibilities:

- By participating in an OYSA sanctioned or operated 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.
- Post clear signs about the [statewide face covering requirements](#).
- For PTTL only: if your facility has specific restrictions beyond those in this document, email details to [eric@oregonyouthsoccer.org](mailto:eric@oregonyouthsoccer.org). Details will be listed in Affinity field maps for the public to see.
- 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 in an OYSA operated league 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)
- Each team may designate one person to video or Livestream games.

#### Referee Responsibilities:

- Wear a mask prior to kickoff, during halftime, and immediately following the game.
- Maintain physical distancing at all times, prior, as much as possible during, and after all games.
- No handshakes, fist bumps, etc. after the game.

#### Coaching Staff Responsibilities:

- Ensure that players and team's spectators are following the guidelines and rules of the field you are playing on. This will be communicated on the field page in Affinity.
- A properly worn mask must be worn at all times when you are with your team.
  - Have an extra face covering in case your face covering breaks.
- Maintain physical distance requirements from players based on state guidelines and local health requirements.
- Recommend using cones to show where player bags should be for physical distancing.
- Coaches and players must stay back from the sideline to allow 6 feet of physical distancing from Assistant Referee.

#### Parent Responsibilities:

- Keep child at home if they have any Covid-19 like symptoms.
- Use the field map in Affinity to know and follow all rules for spectators.
- A properly worn mask must be worn at all times when social distancing cannot be maintained from groups outside of your family.

#### Player Responsibilities:

- Stay home if you have any Covid-19 like symptoms
- A properly worn mask must be worn at all times when you are not actively participating in the game. (ie.- on the bench)
- [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.
- Have an extra face covering in case your face covering breaks or becomes too wet.
- 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.