



**West Virginia Soccer Association**

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**\*\*\*These are recommendations and NOT mandatory\*\*\***

## **2021 - Game Day Guidelines**

Each team coach and club are responsible to adhere to the guidelines listed in this document so we can try to limit the exposure to COVID-19 among our soccer communities and let our players enjoy a great game of soccer. Each team coach is responsible to follow Governor Justice's "Safer at Home Guidelines" and any additional local ordinances for their team during game day. Each club is expected to have their own COVID-19 Guidelines and Policies in place according to CDC, WVSA Return To Play, their club board, facility expectations, and local ordinances.

At least 48 hours prior the scheduled game time, the HOME team or club, will contact the VISITING team or club, to confirm game day and time plus any additional COVID entrance, facility, or field guidelines according to local ordinances. If local ordinances change, the HOME team will update the VISITING team immediately upon new information if under the 48 hours.

Please refer to the RECOMMENDED Game Day Field map for the following:

- HOME team will be assigned the sideline of Assistant Referee One (AR1) with the team sitting behind the path of AR1 and their spectators along the same sideline but 10 yards past the midfield line.
- VISITING team will be assigned the sideline of Assistant Referee Two (AR2) with the team behind the path of AR2 and their spectators along the same sideline but 10 yards past the midfield line.
- Substitutions will occur at their respected midfield line and in accordance to league rules for substitutions.
- This is a recommended guideline for all WVSA games, but each facility may be limited on available space for each sideline and can adjust so they can limit exposure between opposing teams and spectators.

### Game Time Check-in

- Each Team Coach will verify their players and bench staff are showing no signs or symptoms of COVID prior to the start of the game. Coaches, clubs, and facilities should use the WVSA Screening Tool prior to each match.
- Referees are REQUIRED to wear a mask during check-in and adhere to social distancing guidelines when possible.



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- Referee will take a picture of game day rosters from each team and use it to confirm players to their virtual cards or rosters with pictures. Referees will record any jersey number changes.
- ALL PLAYERS must be listed on an WVSA Approved Roster to Play for that club. NO WRITE-INS ALLOWED.
- Team Manager or coach will show the referee virtual player cards for verification if needed.

### Coin Toss

- Social distancing and a mask is required for referee and captains • Center Referee and a captain from each team will meet for coin toss • Referee will be the only person touching the coin and retrieving it after the toss referees
- Referees are allowed to wear face masks during games but not required • Referees shall adhere to social distancing as much as possible during the game
- Assistant Referees will use their own flags for the game-they do not need to match • Each AR will assist with notifying center referee for substitutions
- WVSA will allow for unlimited substitutions in all games due to the impact of COVID on game day rosters. No cards will be given to referees for substitutions.
- Players are allowed to wear masks during games

### Spectators

- Masks are RECOMENDED across West Virginia for everyone not directly involved in the game when they are within 6 feet of a person from another household
- Each team coach is responsible to adhere to Governor Justice's Safer at Home Guidelines and any additional local ordinances
- Upon arriving to the field, Social distancing guidelines between different households during the entire game day must be followed. After the game up to 14 days past the conclusion of the match, teams will notify WVSA, their opponent, and the referee crew if anyone has tested COVID positive following the match. No names will be given just a positive COVID test result has been given from a player, coach, spectator, or referee crew. The teams will then follow the current guidelines from the CDC and their clubs COVID -19 policy and procedures.