



2022 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 the CDC that was used to develop 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 Winter, and Spring seasons.
- 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.
- For P TTL only: if your facility has specific restrictions beyond those in this document, email details to 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)

Referee Responsibilities:

- Recommend physical distancing at all times, prior, as much as possible during, and after all games.
- No handshakes, fist bumps, etc. after the game.
- Follow the Health and Exclusion Policy regarding the use of face coverings in certain required circumstances.

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.
- Recommend 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.
- Follow the Health and Exclusion Policy regarding the use of face coverings in certain required circumstances.

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.
- Recommend a properly worn mask when social distancing cannot be maintained from groups outside of your family.

Player Responsibilities:

- Stay home if you have any Covid-19 like symptoms
- Follow the Health and Exclusion Policy regarding the use of face coverings in certain required circumstances.
- [Click here](#) for the guidance on types of face coverings that are recommended per OHA guidelines.
- We do not allow the face shield as a face covering for safety reasons.
- Recommended to 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.