

Greater Jacksonville Pop Warner COVID-19 Protocol

- It is REQUIRED OF EACH ASSOCIATION to maintain this protocol at THEIR practice and game locations.
- Each participant must have all completed Pop Warner paperwork in the book prior to beginning practices. (This is to include the 2020 COVID-19 Waiver, THE WAIVER WILL BE TURNED IN AT THE FIRST PRACTICE AND MUST BE KEPT IN THE BOOK AND EMAILED TO NATIONALS AND COPIED TO GJPW)
- Each association and the association families should follow proper direction of CDC, City of Jacksonville and State of Florida guidelines.
- Please disseminate this information to your parents and families so they understand what is expected of them as practice begins.

Facility Information:

- Disinfection of bathrooms, concession stand and all sports equipment should be done daily or multiple times a day depending on the need.
- Proper air ventilation in the restrooms is needed. Plan to prop open the doors when not in use and be sure exhaust fans are in working order.
- Place proper signage around your facility to remind everyone to wear their appropriate protection items like masks or gloves and remain a minimum of 6' apart as much as possible.
- Divide up your facility to offer ample room for each team to adhere to the protocol below regarding Practice and Games.
- Allow as many entry points to your facility as needed to maintain social distancing and we suggest a separate entrance for players and coaches so the proper screening can be done prior to entry to the playing fields.
- Spectators are discouraged until the fully open phase is launched so if they can remain in their cars that is preferred. If they wish to enter the facility they must be separate from the Coach/Player areas and must maintain social distancing and wear their protective items as required.

Practices:

For the **first week** of conditioning August 1st to August 7th (Or your first 10 hours if you start later than August 1st) Fields should be broken up into quadrants/sections large enough to maintain distance between your groups.

- 15 Player Max per Group during the first 10 hours. (Preferably smaller groups if possible and groups must stay together to prevent cross contamination)
- Players will not leave a quadrant until coaches issue a rotation
- Players will not contact each other in the quadrant and will be instructed to stay 6 feet apart in drills – drills will be skill-and/or conditioning based

- Spectators are not encouraged during this phase of practice
- Mixing of groups will be avoided
- Players should take a shower and wash all clothing after each practice
- Sanitize any surfaces – bleachers, benches, etc after each practice
- Bring water bottles clearly marked with the players name (This is the parent’s responsibility to be sure they participant has proper hydration) If they coach thinks a player is becoming dehydrated and water is not provided by the parent the parent should be contacted to remove the participant from practice)
- Bring towel, clearly marked with name
- Participant brings own snacks, if necessary
- Participants gear to be kept in separate areas from other participants
- Wash hands before attending; avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Prior to equipment being worn participants may wear mask if the parents supply them. After helmets are issued CLEAR face shields may be purchased and information on these shields will be available to associations and parents.
- Players will be asked to come dressed and spread out their water bottles and hand sanitizer 6 foot apart
- Coaches will follow social distancing guidelines and team meetings should be conducted via email or Zoom Meetings etc.
- No Huddles
- Clean balls, tackling dummies and all other equipment as needed and after each practice.

Beginning **week 2** (or the second 10 hours of conditioning) The above protocol should be followed. (This is assuming there have been not reported cases of COVID-19 within your groups)

Beginning **week 3** (or after all 20 hours of conditioning are completed) (This is assuming there have been not reported cases of COVID-19 within your groups)

- Groups are extended to 25 or more, but divided into smaller groups if possible
- Limit the number of teams at practice is necessary to maintain a safe spacing of players and coaches in the practice facility.
- Encourage “open space” between fields
- Spectators will not be encouraged – if spectators are present, they must maintain social distancing protocols which include wearing face masks, personal hand sanitizer, but are encouraged to stay in their personal vehicle
- Mixing or groups will be discouraged – Please refrain from gathering in the parking lot or open spaces near the field. Stay with assigned team or group.
- Athletes must bring their own, well-marked water bottles
- Huddles are discouraged

- Clean balls, tackling dummies and all other equipment as needed and after each practice

Game Days if Covid-19 restrictions have not been lifted:

- Proper social distancing guidelines must be followed.
- Parents are requested to maintain social distancing in the designated fan areas.
- Once participants arrive at the facility it is requested that parents DO NOT enter into designated team/coach areas
- Participants will be required to provide their own personal well-marked water bottles and will need ample water to stay hydrated. Most parks will have water for sale in the concession stand.
- Concession stands should follow all CDC guidelines for proper distribution of food and drinks. Individually wrapped items are best. Hot food should be served in a manner to reduce the spread of any germs and should only be prepared by individuals proper using PPE and proper food preparation best practices.
- Weigh-in stations: The weighmaster and team coaches should maintain social distancing and wear proper PPE to protect them and participants as needed. Please make sure teams arrive at check in with ample time to proceed with caution.

CDC Recommendations

- **Advise Sick Individuals of Home Isolation Criteria**
Sick coaches, staff members, officials or players should not return until all CDC criteria have been met to discontinue home isolation
- **Isolate Those Who Are Sick**
- **All Parties Should NOT attend sporting activities if they are sick, have been in contact with someone who is suspected or confirmed to be COVID-19 Positive.**
- **If a party becomes in contact or becomes ill / positive COVID-19 result they should notify the COVID-19 contact person with the association.**
- **Immediately separate coaches, staff, officials and players with symptoms and follow all CDC guidance for caring for those with COVID-19.**
- **Notify the proper health organization and require the sick individual be tested for COVID-19**
- **No individual should return to play until after they have followed all CDC guidelines for quarantine and have had 2 NEGITIVE COVID-19 test. Proper documentation will be required to return to the team**

- **If the participant had contact with other participants make contact with those in contact and request necessary testing of COVID-19 for the group. Only those with negative test may return.**

Those with HIGH RISK for severe illness should not attend functions until the fully open has been declared.

When the return to normal call is given you may return to normal activities and any precautions above you wish to continue following if they are applicable and prudent or the safety of your players, coaches and parents.