



RETURN TO PLAY CHECKLIST & REQUIREMENTS – SPRING 2021

To ensure that its affiliated clubs maintain safe playing environments while COVID is still present, WYSA requires that the below criteria be met. Club staff are expected to oversee these protocols, not referees. This guidance is specific to outdoor activities. Sanctioned indoor activities are subject to the WYSA Indoor Play Checklist.

1. **The club has acquired approval from or is compliant with requirements set forth by governmental organizations** (e.g., local health department). Local health orders supersede guidance from WYSA.
 - a. Clubs are required to comply with the local health order in the jurisdiction of their competition. (e.g., facility requirement, city, county, or state order where the match is being played)
 - b. It is the home club's responsibility to communicate local requirements.
2. **Create and adopt a hygiene policy** – must include at minimum:
 - a. Each player, coach and spectator should have their own supply of hand sanitizer.
 - b. Each team and/or facility has a supplemental supply of hand sanitizer available and easily accessible.
3. **Create and adopt a cleaning policy** – must include at minimum:
 - a. Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces regularly.
 - b. Protocols to clean and disinfect in the event of a positive COVID-19 case.
4. **Create and adopt a protective measure policy** – must include at minimum:
 - a. Anyone (player, coach, referee, or spectator) exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms of any kind must refrain from attending. [See Vaccinated Individuals Sports Guidelines](#)
 - b. Masks are encouraged, but not required. Players, not actively participating should be masked if social distance cannot be observed. Coaches and officials who are not vaccinated are especially encouraged to wear a mask, as are spectators who are unable to maintain social distance.
 - c. Measure ensuring spectators and players not actively participating in a match are at least 6 feet apart unless those spectators are within the same family unit.
 - d. Efforts to limit the number of spectators encouraged. Local health orders dictate field or facility limits and should be communicated by the home club to the visiting club.
 - e. Players must maintain a social distance whenever not in competition. This includes whenever being addressed by coach or match official (e.g., for equipment check).
 - f. Carpooling to a match or training outside of a family unit is not recommended.
 - g. Players should only consume drinks or snacks they have provided for themselves.
 - h. Prior to, during and following a training or match there will be no handshakes, high fives, or other unnecessary contact; even within the team. Continue with the post-game wave to demonstrate good sportsmanship with opponents.
 - i. Measures for taking player, coach and spectator attendance at each training and match, including contact information for each individual.
 - j. Schedule training and matches in a way that enables sufficient time for players, coaches, and spectators to leave an area, necessary sanitation to be performed, and the next group to enter the space.
 - k. Clearly define and communicate entrance and egress for arrival and departure of participants and spectators.
 - l. For larger, multi-field venues, signage is strongly recommended. On-site staff may also be necessary to coordinate compliance. Please be aware that at some venue's bathrooms will be unavailable/inaccessible/locked so all should plan accordingly.



- m. Spectators should be situated on the same sideline as their team bench with the opposing team and spectators on the opposite sideline to limit exposure (as pictured below). If this arrangement is impossible, players should be situated on one sideline, each on one half of the field, with spectators on the opposite sideline. Spectators should be seated on the same half as their team, and not intermix with opposing fans.



5. **Create and adopt a process for staff/club personnel receipt, acknowledgement, or training on these policies.**
- Staff/club personnel should include coaches, managers, board members and any individual(s) who are likely or anticipated to provide services with players in your club.
 - Contact information for staff/club personnel should be centrally maintained by the club.