



# **FALL GAME DAY RESPONSIBILITIES**



**The following are general rules and expectations that are in place for Aztec Soccer Club and its visitors (league competitions, trainings, scrimmages, friendlies, etc.) per the guidance of local health and public officials. We greatly appreciate your assistance in helping to keep us all safe and our players on the field.**



# Massachusetts Playing Status

- \* All participants and visitors should make themselves familiar with the current guidelines provided by the State of Massachusetts and set in place by Aztec Soccer Club.
  - \* Massachusetts' Youth Sports Guidelines (version updated 8/17/20)
  - \* Aztec Soccer Club Return to Play Guidelines
  - \* Center for Disease Control
  - \* State of Massachusetts COVID-19 Regulations & Guidance
- \* Game modifications have been recommended by the New England Premiership and will be in effect for all Aztec competitions. It is important to note that there will always remain an inherent risk participating in sports and any modifications are designed to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among participants.



# Five Key Responsibilities

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**DAILY HEALTH ATTESTATION:** Every player who takes part in an NEP event is responsible for conducting a personal health assessment. If a player is not able to attest to full health, they are not to report to any club or NEP event.

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**MASK & FACE COVERING:** Players and coaches are required to have a facial covering with them at all times and to follow the stated rules for when wearing a face covering is required. Parents/guardians must wear a mask to, from and at each venue and adhere to the mask wearing policies set forth herein and by all facilities & clubs.

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**HAND SANITIZER:** Every player should have personal hand sanitizer with them at all times and should apply hand sanitizer on a regular basis including but not limited to before and after every game session.

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**MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Players, coaches and parents should remain socially distanced (6 ft apart) as much as possible when attending NEP member club events.

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**STAY HOME IF UNWELL:** If a player, coach or spectator is not feeling well and is exhibiting signs of COVID-19, they are instructed to stay home and not attend any club or NEP events.



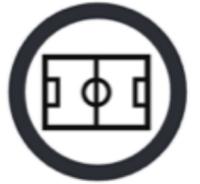
# Pre-Arrival Guidelines

- \* Parents must ensure their players' health. If the temperature is over 100.5 degrees, the player is not permitted to attend an Aztec or NEP event. The player must be 24 hours temperature free prior to competing. Players should also attest to not having any of the following symptoms (per the CDC "This list does not include all possible symptoms and symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.")
  - \* Fever or Chills, Cough, Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or Body Aches, Headache, New Loss of Taste or Smell, Sore Throat, Congestion or Runny Nose, Nausea or Vomiting, Diarrhea.
  - \* Players must also attest that they have not been in close contact with anyone confirmed to have Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the past 14 days.
- \* Before entering the game day fields, players are required to apply hand sanitizer. (personally supplied).
- \* Players will ONLY be allowed to enter the game day fields using the designated entrance.



# Game Day Protocols

- \* Teams are required to review and adhere to the game protocol modifications made for the Fall 2020 NEP season. A summary of the primary modifications are as follows:
  - \* A maximum of 25 participants per team may appear to each game. Participants include coaches and players.
  - \* Players, coaches and spectators should enter the field only through the clearly marked and designated entrance and exit points at each location.
  - \* Incoming teams may not enter a field until the previous teams have left the field. We ask that teams quickly leave the field of play at the conclusion of their game.
  - \* Aztec will provide all game balls which will be disinfected immediately prior to the first and second half of play by staff members.
  - \* On site benches are not to be used and players and coaches must wear masks and remain socially distanced at all times while on the sidelines.



# Game Day Protocols

- \* All players who are on the field of play must have a mask on their person.
- \* All players who are on the field must properly wear their face covering on every restart.
- \* All players on the bench / technical area need to be socially distanced and wearing a mask
- \* These Mask & Player Safety rules are subject to extreme weather conditions, such as torrential rain, in which the ability to wear a mask and breathe properly may be negatively impacted, and for players who have pre-existing conditions, such as asthma.
- \* Outside of gameplay modifications outlined above, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) also require that masks are used to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19. The exceptions are when distancing of six feet or more is possible, if an individual can't wear a mask due to a medical condition or disability, and during high intensity aerobic or anaerobic activities.
- \* Upon exiting the game field, players are recommended to apply hand sanitizer. Players proceed directly to their cars after games.
- \* Players should thoroughly clean and sanitize all clothing and equipment used during the game.



# Game Play Modifications

- \* Teams are required to review and adhere to the modifications made for the Fall 2020 NEP season and referees will be responsible for upholding all laws. A summary of the primary modifications are as follows:
  - \* No Slide Tackling
  - \* No Intentional Heading
  - \* No Throw Ins
  - \* No Drop Balls
  - \* No Spitting
  - \* No Intentional Body Contact
  - \* No Traditional Coin Toss
  - \* Social Distancing During All Restarts



# Spectator Guidelines

- \* The spectator to player ratio shall be a maximum of 1:1, a maximum of 50 spectators for all Aztec home games. Spectators not associated with a player are not permitted.
- \* All spectators must wear a face covering at all times.
- \* Spectators must remain in their designated team area without interaction with players, officials and coaches.
- \* The spectators of the Home team will be opposite the Home team bench area and the spectators of the Away team will be positioned on the opposite touchline of the Away team bench area.
- \* Spectators must follow all posted field / facility rules and guidelines as well as the guidelines set out by the host club. Spectators who do not follow these guidelines will not be permitted. It will be the responsibility of the club with whom the spectator is aligned to remove the spectator from the field or facility. The game will not be played or will stop until the spectator, who is not abiding by the facility rules, has left the facility.
- \* Facility protocols take precedence over any league and club guidelines.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

