



Bedford Eules Soccer Association

PROTOCOLS FOR GAME PLAY

Date: June 14, 2020

To: ALL TEAMS, COACHES, PLAYERS, PARENTS & FANS

We are pleased to announce that per the Texas Governor's new executive order, a Path Forward for a return to **YOUTH SOCCER** was recently authorized!

This is pursuant to Governor Abbott's New Executive Order and with support and approval from the City of Eules.

PROTOCOLS FOR GAME PLAY:

1. **COACHES/PLAYERS/PARENTS/FANS MUST READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO THE PROTOCOLS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN GAME PLAY. FURTHERMORE, WE RECOMMEND THOSE IN ATTENDANCE FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDED CDC GUIDELINES.**
2. **SPECTATORS** - Each field will have designated areas where Parents and Fans can watch the games. Spectators will be on the same side of the field as their players/coaches. Spectators are recommended to ensure social distancing is maintained. *(Family units may sit together.)*
 - a) **NO PARENTS OR FANS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD OF PLAY. Fields are restricted to Coaches and Players only.**
 - b) There will be NO grouping of the team outside of the field of play for typical "post-game" meetings, or shared snacks, etc.
 - c) Remember no postgame handshakes (or parent tunnels.) Teams and spectators are strongly encouraged to leave immediately after their game, to allow for the next teams to have ample warm-up time on the game field.
 - d) Signs will be posted reminding Parents and Fans of Social Distancing recommendations.
 - e) Face masks are not required but are recommended for spectators
 - f) Parents should supervise and facilitate the arrival and departure of their player. If the parent or parents remain to watch the game, they are asked to practice social distancing and remain 6 feet apart and spread out in the common area around the outside of the soccer field. Bleachers will not be in use and will be fenced off pursuant to suggested social distancing guidelines. *(A family unit may sit together.)*
 - g) Siblings must stay with the family unit and follow the social distancing recommendations at this time.

3. **GAME PLAY.**
 - a) **Pregame Coin Toss.** It shall consist of the referee(s) and one player (captain) from each team. **No handshakes.**
 - b) **Coaches/Team Managers.** Max of 2 coaches per team in 4U-8U; max of 3 coaches per team 9U-19U.
 - c) **No Post Game Handshake/High Fives between teams.** Instead players will extend their arms over their head and clap as they walk off the field to extend their good sportsmanship to each other and thank their fans for attending.
 - d) **Teams need to leave immediately after game play/sportsmanship greeting has been completed.** This requirement is made to ensure all teams have adequate warm-up time and to avoid potential clustering.
 - e) **Game Start Times.** Where permitted, games will be scheduled with a **30-minute** break to allow for teams/spectators to exit and enter the field without potential clustering, and to allow for adequate pre-game warm-ups.
 - f) **Teams Arriving for Games.** Teams arriving must wait in the designated areas, which will be marked appropriately
 - g) **Pre-Game Warm-Ups.** Zero pre-game warm-ups may take place in the designated common areas.
Warm-ups are RESTRICTED to: **On the Game Field**
 - h) **Player Benches** will be removed from the fields.
4. **WATER.** Coaches and Players are responsible for their own water/PowerAde, Gatorade, etc.
5. **BESA STAFF & REFEREE SCREENING.**
 - a) BESA will have a table setup with disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer.
 - b) BESA Staff will be monitored by BESA for temperature and symptoms, as per CDC guidelines. Each staff member will have his/her temperature checked upon arriving at the fields.
 - c) Referees will be monitored by BESA for temperature and symptoms, as per CDC guidelines. Each referee will have his/her temperature checked upon arriving at the fields.
6. **COACHES/PARENTS/FANS SCREENING.**
 - a) Coaches shall monitor their teams and request that ALL PARENTS/FANS self-monitor pursuant to CDC guidelines.
 - b) Parents/Fans shall self-monitor pursuant to CDC guidelines.
 - c) We encourage parents, players and coaches to practice good personal hygiene.
 - d) We also encourage you to bring and use your own hand-sanitizer, disinfectants, etc.
7. **BESA will have staff and field marshals on site to monitor game play protocol and appropriate social distancing is being followed.**
8. **THANK YOU!** We are doing all we can to SAFELY PROVIDE SOCCER this summer for our BESA teams (Players, Coaches and Parents/Fans) because we believe that these activities are important for the children we serve. **We also believe and trust that our coaches, players and parents/fans will not attend if sick and will abide by CDC Guidelines and will also abide by the additional safety protocol and social distancing recommendations as set forth in this document.**

BESA has been working diligently with the City of Euless Parks Department to do everything possible to provide a SAFE RETURN for Game Play and your cooperation is paramount to the success of this season.

Best Regards,

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