



## 1. General Health and Safety Operational Protocols:

### • Pre Event

- MSYSA will provide pre-event communications to clearly communicate expectations and protocols, increase health and safety, and reduce risk.
- All event staff will receive pre-event training on protocols and guidelines
- All players and coaches should do a temperature self-check prior to attending the festival- If a person has a temperature over 100 degrees, that person should not travel to the event
- Everyone who feels sick or has any symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend
- Anyone who has had close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 should not attend
- All people planning to be on site should bring their own face coverings, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, hydration and food

### • During the Event

- Signage will be used to encourage proper health and safety protocols are utilized and observed by all attendees (proper social distancing, use of face coverings and good hygiene practices)
- Field marshals will be located throughout the facility to assist guests and remind of safety protocols
- Game schedules have been created to reduce the number vehicles and people on site and to limit contact between spectator groups and/or teams
- Athletic Trainers (with proper PPE) will be on site
- There will not be an awards ceremony or tracking of scores.
- No team or group pictures allowed on site.
- There will be no team benches provided and teams should not bring their own bench (as players should remain 6 ft. apart while not playing).
- Anyone who becomes sick during the event should leave the facility immediately or seek medical attention at one of the medical tents.

## 2. Tournament Scheduling and Field Layout:

- Field layouts and game schedules have been modified to:
  - increase space between fields to provide better social distancing, reduced crowding and sufficient space between groups of people
  - Provide shorter, back-to-back games against different opponents to reduce 'down time' in between games

### 3. Tournament Participant Protocols:

#### Players and Coaches:

- Do not allow any team member(s) with symptoms to attend any event
- If you are sick, feeling sick or have a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, you must not attend the event
- Players and coaches should remain in their vehicles until the designated time to enter the facility (to allow teams and supporters at previous games to leave the facility and allow time for sanitation)
- Specific areas will be marked for players around their team sideline and bench/technical area to provide for adequate social distancing for those players who are not on the field during competition
- There will be no team benches provided to reduce the chances of spread and need to sanitize
- No early arrival and warm up in areas outside of the playing field prior to the game
- Players and coaches must wear face coverings between the parking lot and the team bench area
- Players in the “team bench” area may remove face coverings during active warm up and the during game
- Coaches must wear face coverings at all times.
- Coach(es) and players should maintain social distancing during half time, water breaks and at all times when off the field of play
- Coaches and players should maintain “social distancing” in the “bench area” and in between games (i.e. do not congregate in groups of 5+ on the sidelines and maintain a minimum of 6 ft. apart from other groups)
- Do not share water bottles, drinks or food or any personal items
- Hand contact of any kind will be prohibited (i.e. handshakes, ‘high fives,’ etc.)
- Soccer balls and equipment will be disinfected by referees before, during and after each game
- No spitting will be allowed on the field, sidelines, or anywhere on the event premise
- MSYSA will not be providing hydration stations or nutrition - players and coaches should bring their own hydration and not share food or beverages with others
- Coaches should possess player passes during the game - do not exchange documents with the referee(s)
- Tents or tarps may be used only in the technical areas to shield players from the sun and heat - It is recommended to bring enough tents so that all players may be in the shade while still maintaining proper social distancing
- Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing - recommended into the nape of the elbow
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with hands
- Players or coach should sanitize their hands each time they come off the field and in between each game

## **Parents and Spectators:**

- Anyone with symptoms (fever, cough, etc.) must not attend any event
- Spectators and guests should bring personal hand sanitizer and wipes to the event
- All spectators must wear a face covering traveling while between the parking lots and the fields
- Spectators and supporters will be located on the same side of field as the team they support to reduce interaction between competing teams and their supporters.
- MSYSA recommends that only one (1) parent/supporter per player attend each event
- All supporters should maintain “social distancing” (i.e. do not congregate in groups of 5+ (families only) on the sidelines and must maintain a minimum of 6 ft. apart from each other)
- Everyone is expected to cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing - recommended into the nape of the elbow
- Anyone feeling sick should leave the facility immediately and go home or seek a healthcare facility
- Avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with their hands whenever possible
- Tents, tarps or large group structures will not be permitted in the spectator areas of sidelines (Only within technical areas for players and coaches)
- It is strongly recommended that people over 65 and/or with pre-existing conditions do not attend

## **Referees:**

- Anyone with symptoms must not work any event
- All referees are required to wear face coverings while moving between the parking lot and the fields
- Referees in common areas should wear masks at all times unless properly social distancing as an alternate referee
- Referees must cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing - recommended into the nape of the elbow
- Physical contact of any kind will be prohibited (i.e. handshakes, “high fives”, etc.)
- Soccer balls and equipment will be disinfected by referees before, during and after each game

## **MSYSA Festival Staff:**

- Anyone with symptoms must not work any event
- All staff will complete a COVID-19 Self-Certification prior to working at the event.
- Anyone feeling sick during an event must leave immediately after informing their supervisor
- All staff will wear protective face coverings throughout the event, changing them as needed
- All staff must cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing - recommended into the nape of the elbow
- Assigned staff will be responsible for sanitizing balls before and after each match