

COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR REFEREES – SPRING 2021

Referee Responsibilities:

- Ensure the health and safety of the participants.
- **All participants** (Referees, Coaches, Players, Spectators & Field Administration) should wear a face covering that fully covers their nose and mouth and fits snugly against the sides of the face with no gaps at all times, whether indoors or outdoors. Players should have multiple masks with them to change masks throughout the game should they become sweat soaked.
- During player check-in 6 feet of distance should be kept at all time between players, coaches and referees
- The Pre-game meeting and coin toss must be limited to one (1) captain per team or one (1) coach per team. Each team representative shall stand on each side of the mid field line with a distance of 6 feet or greater maintained at all time.
- No Pre-Game handshakes
- Follow all state and local health protocols and guidelines. <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/restore>
- Referees should maintain at least 6 feet social distance requirements from players based on state and local health requirements.
- Have fun, stay positive – players and parents are looking to you for leadership.
- Referees should provide their own hand sanitizer

Game Play IYSA COVID-19 Guidelines

Pre-Game

- Teams should have 6 feet of space between players on the sidelines.
- When possible, players should bring their own chairs to sit in while not playing or sit on the grass instead of using benches. If benches are used, multiple benches should be placed to allow for 6-feet of space or greater between players.
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- Any ball to be used during gameplay should be sanitized prior to the match and not used for any warm-ups

During Game

- Players not playing should sit at least 6-feet apart from one another and must properly wear a mask
- Each player should have their own designated area for them to sit when they come off the field
- No sharing of water bottles, pinnies or other equipment.
- Group goal celebration including hugs, high fives, etc. should be suspended at this time

Post-Game

- Post-game handshakes are suspended. Teams can show good sportsmanship by sharing a round of applause at the conclusion of the match.
- Team should promptly leave the field following the conclusion of the match. NO post game team meetings