

COVID-19 Protocols & Procedures at 2021 Medina Invitational Soccer Tournament

Coaches & Team Officials: Please share this information with all parents and players on your team(s) webpage and/or distribute directly. For more information and event updates, please refer to our website. For additional information, please contact medinainvitational.org. Failure to adhere to the protocols and procedures may result in your team being disqualified from the event. Event committee and staff, coaches and referees can communicate with athletes and spectators before, during, and after games. There will be designated walkways to the fields and away from the fields. Areas will be marked with cones, paint or safety ribbon. Please make sure that spectators, players and coaches follow those specified pathways to and from fields. Spectator box's will also be painted on the opposite side of the team's benches at each field with safe distance marked between each box. There will be a 15 minute window between each match to allow teams the opportunity to clear the fields and field area safely. Each location will have a Site Director to ensure all procedures are being followed and will maintain contact with the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will be the main point of contact for all issues related to the tournament and covid-19/safety policies.

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

- No onsite team check-in; All check-in must be completed online-no exceptions.
- Contact Free Communication: Coach and Team Official will receive a dedicated tournament phone number to text or call any question or concern; Event staff will meet coach or team official at a specified location by field or area and adhere to social distancing.
- No tailgating in facility parking lots.
- All event staff will conduct a daily COVID-19 pre-check.
- All coaches, players, officials, spectators MUST conduct a COVID-19 pre-check prior to attending or arriving at any tournament facility being used.
- Awards: All awards will be given directly to coaches at the conclusion of each final
- All national, state, local (including facility), and state sanctioning organization (Ohio North Youth Soccer Association) social distancing and PPE mandates for COVID-19 will be enforced.
- Anyone who becomes ill during the MIST is asked to leave immediately and report all occurrences to the coach and team official who in turn will report it to event staff.
- Each team will designate a "Team Compliance Coordinator" to ensure all team participants and attendees are in compliance with COVID- 19 protocols and procedures.

TOURNAMENT PLAY

- Coaches, players, and referees are to wear masks while walking to and from the fields and at any time moving around the facilities.

- Players should remove their mask when warming up and during the game. Referees should remove their masks during the game.
- Coaches must wear a facial covering when coaching and players not actively involved on the field of play should wear a facial covering while on the sideline.
- Teams (coaches and players) shouldn't arrive at the fields until 25 minutes prior to the start of each game.
- No player or referee bench will be available or allowed to be brought by individual teams. No tents are allowed to be set up on either sideline, individual player umbrellas are allowed.
- Exiting Teams should clear the field promptly when the game ends. Do not congregate at the facility with your team.
- Entering Teams must wait for existing teams to COMPLETELY clear the team technical area before approaching.
- Hand contact between teams is prohibited (i.e. post-game handshakes, "high fives", etc.).
- Absolutely NO SPITTING on the field or sidelines.
- No coin toss or captain's meeting. Home team will decide which side to defend for all games. Away team will start with the ball.
- The event will not be providing hydration stations (players, coaches must bring their own hydration -no sharing).
- Players and coaches should bring their own sanitizer.

SPECTATORS

- All individuals who are 65 and above or who have underlying at-risk health conditions are strongly encouraged to stay home.
- Spectators are to wear masks and other PPE to the spectator area and should bring their own sanitizer.
- Spectators should not arrive at the fields until 5 minutes prior to the start of each game. Spectators are limited to the player's immediate family members (parents and siblings).
- Spectators must watch in the designated sideline area. No exceptions. Spectators must observe social distancing of 6ft in the spectator area.
- No tents are allowed to be set up on either sideline, individual spectator umbrellas are allowed.
- Spectators CANNOT enter the team technical area for any reason. the
- Anyone who is sick or experiencing symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19 is to STAY AT HOME.