

GRSL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PRECAUTIONS FALL 2021-22

We must all work together to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Following guidance from USSSA, the GRSL board, all team captains, and all players and affiliated league participants are asked to abide by the following return-to-play procedures. **READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY.**

- DO NOT PARTICIPATE in any GRSL league event, game, or gathering if you are sick or showing any signs of a COVID-19 infection. **IF YOU ARE SICK, STAY HOME.**
- DO NOT PARTICIPATE in any GRSL league event if you are exposed to COVID-19. Close contact with a roommate, friend, family member, etc. that has tested positive for COVID-19 constitutes an exposure. In the event of an exposure, a negative test result is required **PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN ANY GRSL LEAGUE EVENT.**
- **THE GRSL BOARD STRONGLY ENCOURAGES ALL PARTICIPANTS TO GET VACCINATED.**
- **FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR PLAYER CHECK-IN AND FOR THE COIN TOSS.**
- Teams must leave the field immediately after their game concludes; teams will have 10 minutes to vacate the bench area.
- Fields must be clear of prior teams before next game's teams are permitted on the field. If you arrive early, wait in your car until your field is clear.
- Home and away bench areas are marked on every field. Teams must remain in their respective bench areas. **PLAYERS MUST MAINTAIN A DISTANCE OF 3'-0" FROM THE SIDELINE AND 6'-0" FROM THE REFEREES.**
- When not playing in the game, stay 6'-0" away from others at all times; this includes pre-game, halftime, and post-game.
- **NO HANDSHAKES** with opposing team, staff, or referees.
- **NO SPITTING.** Goalkeepers should not spit into their gloves. **IF YOU ARE CAUGHT SPITTING TOWARD, ON, OR NEAR ANOTHER PLAYER, YOU WILL RECEIVE A STRAIGHT RED CARD.** Following league rules, players receiving a straight red card must promptly leave the respective field property, and may not be present on the premises during league play for the duration of their minimum one-game suspension.
- **ONLY THE TEAM CAPTAIN MAY APPROACH THE REFEREES;** always maintain a distance of 6'-0" from the referee. Any player who is not the captain and purposefully approaches a referee to dispute a decision will receive a yellow card for dissent.
- One player per team is allowed at the coin toss with the referee; always maintain a distance of 6'-0" from the referee. The referee shall always be in possession of the coin.
- Referee-only areas are the Forest Park Pavilion, and a clearly defined section of the bleachers at Fred Cone Park. **PLAYERS MAY NOT ENTER THE REFEREE-ONLY AREAS.**
- Failure to adhere to the GRSL COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS may result in a verbal warning to a team captain. If the offending team does not immediately remedy their behavior, and adhere to the GRSL COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS, a one-point deduction in league standings will be issued to the offending team. If infractions continue, the board will seek harsher penalties and/or a ban for the season.