



## **Outdoor Guidelines for a Safe and Successful Season during the COVID Era**

Thank you for your interest and desire to make an impact in the lives of children within our community by getting involved. The sustainability and success of youth sports here at the Y can only be accomplished with the continued support of leaders like you.

Our main priority has, and always will be, the safety and wellbeing of all of our participants. We take pride in designing our programs to ensure that no one is excluded from having a chance to participate in any of our Youth Programs. In order to maintain a safe environment for all the kids in our community, a series of guidelines has been outlined below:

- Coaches are highly encouraged have a face covering when speaking to kids at a distance closer than 6 feet.
- Y-Staff and referees are required to wear a face covering at all times.
- Coaches, Y-Sports Staff, and Sports Referees are all expected to work collectively to ensure that kids sanitize their hands before touching any Y Sports equipment. Hand Sanitizer and Surface Disinfectant will be provided by the YMCA for community use while participating in Y-Youth Sports.
- Spectators are not required to wear face covering, but it is recommended.
- Water fountains and water coolers are for filling personal water bottles only.
- Participants must check in at the Front Desk and be screened before making their way to the Soccer Fields.
- Please arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before games. Please wait in your car, until participants from the previous game have exited the facility.
- For all outdoor sports, spectators are asked to keep groups to a maximum of 4.
- All post game activities must be conducted in a timely and orderly fashion. Please be mindful and respectful of the fact that there may be other participants who are eagerly awaiting their chance to play.
- We ask that people encompass our core values such as caring and social responsibility, and understand that any lapse in judgment may result in exposing someone else to COVID-19.
- Any incident regarding COVID-19 must be brought to the attention of the Sports Director. If you have a participant that is absent due to COVID-19, you must notify the Sports Director as soon as possible. If a child or spectator is showing signs of COVID-19, or we suspect that the participant or spectator has COVID-19, they will be asked to leave, and quarantine for up to 10 days.

Understand that we do have some children, parents, volunteers, and staff that may be immune deficient, or may have a loved one at home that is immune compromised. These standards and policies have been set to ensure the safety of all participants.

With your help and leadership, we can ensure that the Y is able to establish and maintain a safe youth sports league for all the kids in our community to participate in. Now, more than ever, Y values such as respect, comradery, understanding, patience, and compassion are needed to be called upon to ensure that we are able to provide a safe program for the kids in our community as we do our best to navigate ourselves through this COVID-19 pandemic.

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