



As the ongoing pandemic continues to change the way of what was normal, the governing body of the SCYSA has agreed to play in-town soccer only. This means we will not have cross town games on Saturdays but instead we'll play within our HPUSC community teams.

All games will be played at Woodbourne Park and will be staggered between midweek and weekend games. In some cases, we'll be able to play multiple games in a given week. Games will be stopped for two mandatory breaks to clean balls and goal posts.

We will have our Thursday foot skills sessions this season – we will however practice social distancing for these sessions.

Our program is Only open to players from Wantage, Sussex Borough and Montague, at this time– we apologize for any inconvenience that this decision might have caused to our players in neighboring towns.

We will not be processing credits or refunds if club operations are shut down, for any reason, once the season commences

IMPORTANT NOTE: A positive COVID-19 test of one team's players would lead to that group's in person team sessions being suspended until further notice.

General hygiene practices to reduce the risk of spread of infection:

The following practices will be reinforced within our soccer organization and community to mitigate transmission of any communicable disease.

- ❖ **Stay home if you feel sick** and contact your health care provider
- ❖ Wear a face mask or covering when not actively playing.
- ❖ All spectators must be masked in accordance with the current DOH guidelines.
- ❖ Maintain 6 feet between you and others.
- ❖ Avoid contact with other individuals [shaking hands, high fives, for example].
- ❖ Avoid touching your face.
- ❖ Cover mouth and nose [with arm or elbow, not hands] when coughing or sneezing and wash hands afterward.
- ❖ Wear a face mask or covering when outside if you have any symptoms of upper respiratory infection.
- ❖ Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- ❖ Frequently clean commonly used surfaces [benches, goal posts, soccer balls for example] with an antiseptic cleanser.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

PRIOR TO THE EVENT

- Be sure all training gear and equipment has been properly cleaned and sanitized if it hasn't already since the last session.
- With your parents, complete the pre-play temperature check and verbal questionnaire, and follow the appropriate protocols as required based on the results [see Section IV regarding this procedure].
- With your parents, update your status in TeamSnap.
- Make sure all equipment is packed, including a ball, your own water bottle, and hand sanitizer, as equipment cannot be shared.
- Use the bathroom before departing.
- Wear a mask or face covering to the field.
- Carpooling with others outside of your household should be avoided.

*If you feel uncomfortable in returning to play, PLEASE DO NOT PARTICIPATE.

DURING THE EVENT

- If early, wait in your vehicle until 5 minutes before your practice start time to allow the previous group time to exit.
- Use hand sanitizer before entering the field.
- Keep your face covering on until arriving at your training area on the field.
- Practice physical distancing throughout – stay at least 6 feet away from others; no hugs, high fives, or fist bumps permitted.
- Enter the field through the designated area or gate and follow the directions of your coach to the appropriate section.
- Upon arrival to your training area, place your equipment in the designated area, remove your face covering if desired [they are not required for players during the session].
- Follow the coach's directions throughout the session .
- Spitting on the field is strictly prohibited.
- No equipment [water bottles, hair ties, gloves, etc.] may be shared during the session.

AFTER THE EVENT

- Following the directions of the coach, wear your face covering, leave the training area in an orderly fashion while physical distancing, and exit the designated gate or area of the field.
- Find your parent's vehicle and leave promptly – no congregating or socializing.
- Use hand sanitizer.
- Upon returning home, promptly wash your hands; clean your clothing; and disinfect your training gear prior to the next session.

COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

PRIOR TO THE EVENT

- If you feel uncomfortable returning, DO NOT participate. Notify your supervisor to determine alternative options.
- Plan training session in accordance with state, local and club social distancing guidelines.
- Be sure all training gear and equipment has been properly cleaned and sanitized if it hasn't already since the last session.
- Complete your own pre-play temperature check and verbal questionnaire, and follow the appropriate protocols as required based on the results.
- Remind your team's families of their responsibilities before, during, and after the event.
- Have a face mask on hand at all times, which will be worn before and after sessions, and at any point where physical distancing is unavoidable.
- Review any team correspondence alerting you to any COVID-19 related absences/issues, and follow up

DURING THE EVENT

- If early and the field is in use, wait in your vehicle until 10 minutes before your practice start time.
- Use hand sanitizer before entering the field.
- Have your face mask on hand during the session
- Practice physical distancing throughout – stay at least 6 feet away from others; no hugs, high fives, or fist bumps permitted.
- Enter the field through the designated area or gate.
- Using your own equipment, arrange training grids for your team, ensuring appropriate distance is maintained.
- Direct players as they arrive where to place their equipment, and remove their face covering if desired (they are not required for players during the session).
- Perform individual wellness checks with each player, and immediately contact their parent if any illness or suspicion of illness exists to quietly and safely remove the child from the field.
- Record attendance of all participants present.
- Provide clear direction and guidance to players, and monitor their behavior [e.g. remaining 6 feet apart, not sharing equipment, etc.].
- No equipment [water bottles, hair ties, gloves, etc.] may be shared during the session.
- Wear a face mask except during demonstrations or physical involvement.

AFTER THE EVENT

- Promptly clear your area of equipment, and exit through the appropriate gate or area.
- Lead and direct players to leave the training area in an orderly fashion,
- No congregating or socializing permitted.
- Use hand sanitizer.
- Upon returning home, promptly wash your hands; clean your clothing; and disinfect your training gear prior to the next session.

*Any player showing a temperature of 100.4 or above during the on field screening will be sent home.

Protocols for Participation and Reporting/Communication of COVID-19 Exposure:

- ❖ Any player, coach, or HPUSC staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19, or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or have been directly exposed to someone who has tested positive for or is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 are required to report this to the club President at president@hpusc.org
- ❖ All necessary procedures will be followed by club officials, as per NJDOH and CDC guidelines.
- ❖ Due to HIPAA laws and to protect the privacy of all involved, the identity of the affected person will remain anonymous. All details will be kept confidential and will only be shared with local health officials.
- ❖ Once notified that an individual that has tested positive for COVID-19 and/or has been in proximity with any player, coach, or staff member, such individuals must adhere to all guidelines as communicated.
- ❖ A positive COVID-19 test would lead to all in person team sessions to be suspended until further notice.
- ❖ We unfortunately will not be processing credits if we are shut down once the season commences.

REQUIRED PARTICIPATION WAIVERS AND PROTOCOLS

Prior to participation:

step one: Prior to participation in club activities, specific COVID-19 waivers outlining risks and expectations must be submitted by players, parents, and coaches

step two: All members, prior to attending any event, must complete a two-step at home wellness check:

1: Temperature Check – individuals [or any member of the household] with a temperature of 1004 or higher are prohibited from attending the session

2: Ensure each day prior to training, the following questions are answered with your household [same day as the event]

Is your participant's current temperature 1004 or higher?

Has the participant been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days?

Is the participant exhibiting any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Has the participant been exposed to anyone that has been diagnosed with or has symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Does anybody within the household have a temperature of 1004 or above?