



DIOCESAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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DRA GUIDANCE FOR CONTACT SPORTS--SOCCER

- **Soccer practices may begin on July 1**
- Please contact your pastor to verify that you have permission to use the facilities.
- State of Ohio mandatory and recommended restrictions are found at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Contact-Sport-Practices-Non-Contact-Sport.pdf>. Please read these carefully and be sure every coach and commissioner also reads them and has a copy.
- Prior to any child's participation, a paper copy of the Diocesan waiver must be signed and turned in. These are to be kept at each parish. One is attached.
- Parent consent forms should also be completed and on file with each parish. These can be done electronically by accessing the form at <https://www.dioceseregister.com/register/>

Highlights of requirements.

Please read the above document from the state carefully to ensure all mandatory requirements are met.

- Daily assessments of participant must be completed and kept on file. See attachment.
- Coaches should wear face coverings at all times. Players wear face coverings when not on the field of play. See exceptions in the Ohio recommendations.
- Players who are not actively playing should wear face coverings on the bench. Players should have them with them for the parking lots and in case they would need to take cover due to weather emergencies or other emergencies.
- Promote good hand hygiene and respiratory.
- Ask a parent/volunteer to help monitor social distancing.

- Identify players that are at a higher risk of developing serious complications from COVID 19 (asthma, diabetes or other health problems)
- Spectators (parents) are permitted but must follow restrictions that include social distancing.
- During practice consider putting players into small groups that will remain together through the practice stations.
- If athletes are not actively participating in practice they must remain socially distant.
- Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared.
- Pennies would need to be assigned to one person and cleaned after practice
- Goalie gloves cannot be shared
- Goalie shirts or pennies cannot be shared
- Balls will need to be sanitized periodically during practices and at the end of each practice.
- Time should be allowed to have one team exit a field prior to another team taking the field for practice. Time also needs to be allotted for proper sanitizing of shared spaces (benches and equipment)
- Make hand sanitizer available at convenient locations.
- If a player becomes symptomatic during practice, the child should be isolated and/or taken home.

Note: In the context of the Governor's orders, 'scrimmage' refers to games/competitions being played only with members attending your 'Open Gym' or 'workout.' Not a contest between two parishes or two different teams.

Competitions between different schools or communities is **NOT permitted at any time during Phase 2 for contact sports. We are still awaiting guidance from the state on games. Our start date for soccer games (July 25, 2020) may be delayed.**

***These guidelines may change as state guidelines continue to develop.**