



WAPPINGER UNITED SOCCER CLUB

RETURN TO PLAY POLICY

The Wappinger Soccer Club in accordance with New York's Interim Guidance for Sports and Recreation and US Soccer's Play On Guidelines have established the following return to play plan. Implementing the protocols will require a collaborative relationship between Club, Coach, Parent and Player. While the Club and Coach must create a safe environment, the parents and players must be responsible to respect and adhere to the social distancing requirements and safety measures that have been established.

Roles and Responsibilities:

CLUB

- Distribute and post Return to Play protocols
- Train and educate all staff on Return to Play protocols
- Provide adequate field space for social distancing
- Provide signage on Club Facilities
- Provide one club representative to check player's temperature on arrival and enforce safety protocols
- Minimize risk by establishing team-oriented training with the same players at each session
- COVID-19 reporting and communication
- Respect and accommodate parents, players and families that may be uncomfortable with returning to play

COACH

- Follow all Return to Play Protocols
- Inquire how athletes are feeling – Send players home if they are not feeling well.
- Ensure all athletes have their individual equipment (ball, water, shin guards, etc.)
- Coach is the only person to handle all practice and training equipment (cones, discs etc.)
- Ensure that all equipment is disinfected after each use.

PARENT

- Decide whether you are comfortable with your child returning to play
- Check child's temperature 2 hours prior to any practice session
- Anyone traveling from states with high COVID-19 infections rates must not attend practice until 14-day quarantine is complete or provide a negative test
- Ensure child's washed after every practice session
- Notify Club/Coach if your child becomes ill for any reason
- Adhere to social distancing requirements
- No car-pooling
- Wear a mask if within 6 feet of other spectators **(same-family unit is exempt)**

PLAYER

- Take temperature daily
- Tell a parent or coach if you do not feel well
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after training
- Bring hand sanitizer to every practice session
- Wear a mask before and immediately after practice session
- Do not share water, food or equipment
- Respect and practice social distancing
- No group celebrations, no high 5's, handshakes, hugs, etc.



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Check for Symptoms

- ✓ Participants should have no sign or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
 - Common Symptoms: Fever, Body Aches, Fatigue, Cough, Loss of Appetite, Shortness of Breath, Pain or Pressure in Chest, Nausea, Loss of Smell or Taste, Unusual Headache, Sore Throat
- ✓ Have not tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days
- ✓ Have not been in contact with someone who has tested positive or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 days
- ✓ Check players temperature before coming to any practice session. If the temperature is over 100.4 - Do Not Attend Practice.
- ✓ Any attendee that displays any symptoms will be politely asked to leave
- ✓ Any player who displays any symptoms will be safely isolated until a responsible adult can remove the minor.
- ✓ Any player awaiting COVID-19 test results should not attend any practice session.

Reporting and Communication for COVID-19 Exposure

- ❖ Staff members and coaches are required to report if they test positive for COVID-19
- ❖ Any player who has tested positive for COVID-19, is suspected of being positive or has been directly exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 is required to report to their Coach.
- ❖ If a case of COVID-19 is reported, all staff, coaches and players who were in contact with that person will be notified. The identity of that person will remain anonymous.
- ❖ The Club will notify the local health department in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- ❖ All practices associated with the team/coach of a reported COVID-19 Exposure or positive COVID-19 test of will be cancelled until further notice.

Player Drop-Off, Pick-Up and Temperature Check

- We recommend that players do not car-pool to and from practice.
- Coaches/Players are asked to wear face coverings and practice social distancing to and from the field.
- Spectators are asked to wear face covering if they cannot practice social distancing whenever they are outside their vehicle. (same family unit is exempt from social distance requirement)
- Be attentive to Entrance points and Exit points at sports facility to minimize crowding.
- Upon arrival, players will be temperature checked using a non-contact thermometer by a club representative.
- Any player that has a temperature over 100.4 will be asked privately to return home.
- At the end of practice, players are asked to promptly gather their personal belongings and walk exit the facility.

Hand Sanitizer, Equipment

- Coaches will be disinfecting all their equipment before and after use.
- The handling of all equipment will be limited to coaches/staff only.
- Players should have hand sanitizer for personal use.
- Place all bags and equipment at least 6 feet apart. Do not share water, snacks or equipment.
- No group celebrations. No high 5's, hugs, handshakes etc.