



GAME DAY PROTOCOLS

Effective March 1, 2021 in accordance with State of Virginia Phase III Guidelines

If a player thinks he or she is sick, please stay home.

If FSCI staff or officials have a concern about a player's health, he or she has the authority to send the player home.

Individuals considered to be at risk for infection should not attend.

ENFORCEMENT

FSCI asks all participants to help minimize risk by following these protocols. We reserve the right to enforce these measures in light of the global situation and for the sake of all participating players and families. **Enforcement includes reminders, warnings, and dismissal from the game site. Spectators, coaches, players and officials are expected to abide by all protocols.** When in doubt, please check with FSCI staff for additional guidance.

Referees and FSCI staff may delay the start of games, perform game stoppages, or end games early if spectators, coaches, and players do not abide by protocols and respond positively to reminders and warnings. Offending teams are subject to match forfeiture.

SYMPTOM CHECKS

1. Parents/guardians must check symptoms before attending game environment.

- a. If player has a temperature above 100°F, do not attend.
- b. If a spectator has a temperature above 100°F, do not attend.
- c. Look for these symptoms: fever, shortness of breath, cough, loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. If any, do not attend.
- d. If anyone in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 or exhibited any of the above symptoms, do not attend.

2. Temperature checks on site will be performed by FSCI staff.

- a. Temperature check locations will be provided at multi-game environments.
- b. Players cleared through symptom checks will be provided a wristband to be worn at all times. Players without a wristband will not be permitted to play.

SPECTATORS

1. Parents and spectators must follow government physical distancing guidelines. **10 feet away from spectators outside of household must be maintained.**
2. Only congregate in designated spectator areas.
3. **Spectators must remain at least 15 feet away from any designated playing or training area.** This includes marked fields and warm-up areas.

PATRIOT PARK – Spectators must stay behind signage indicating player/coach areas.

DIXON PARK – Spectators must stay behind signage indicating player/coach areas. Spectators should not enter the game-viewing area until 10 minutes prior to game time.

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FIELDS – Spectators must not enter the fenced field of play area for any reason.

FREDERICKSBURG FIELDHOUSE – Spectators must stay outside the fenced and gated areas. No spectators are allowed to enter the fenced-in areas through the indoor space at the Fieldhouse.

4. All spectators should wear masks.

COACHES

1. **Coaches must always wear a mask while on or within 10 feet of any designated playing or training area.** This includes marked fields and warm-up areas and includes space on sidelines during games.
2. Coaches must not allow players to share equipment, pennies, or water bottles.
3. Coaches must hold on to player passes throughout games. Do not exchange with referees.

PLAYERS

1. **Unless active in warm-up activities or game play, players must always wear a mask while on or within 10 feet of any designated playing or training area.** This includes marked fields and warm-up areas and includes space on sidelines during games.
2. **During the game players on the sideline must wear a mask and maintain physical spacing.**
3. In general, soccer balls must not be held in the hands by any player with the exception of goalkeepers with gloves. During games, players will use throw-ins and use sanitizer during breaks of play.

4. Players must not spit on the field or sidelines at any time. Goalkeepers must not spit on their gloves at any time. Any offense may result in dismissal from the game and the event site.

TEAMS

1. Teams entering fields for game play and warm-ups must wait until players from previous activity have left the designated area completely.

2. Hand contact between teams is prohibited.

3. Exiting teams must clear the field promptly when a match ends. Do not congregate onsite after games.

MULTI-GAME EVENTS

1. Teams may have designated warm-up areas set in place by FSCI organizers. Teams are expected to completely vacate any designated spaces when not actively using the space for pre-game warm-ups.

2. Congregations between games in groups beyond the household are discouraged. Masks are necessary.

WHAT TO DO WHEN SYMPTOMATIC ON SITE OR AFTER GAME DAY EVENTS

1. Notifications of COVID-19 symptoms on site are required. Please have a team representative contact FSCI at the site headquarters immediately and complete the COVID-19 Contact Report.

2. Notifications of COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test after departure and up to 14 days following are required. Please have a team representative contact FSCI at tournaments@fredericksburgsoccer.org. Please download and complete the COVID-19 Contact Report when emailing.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Spectators are encouraged to wear PPE at all times and to bring sanitizer.

2. Spectators from one team should not comingle with spectators from any other team.

3. Shouting is discouraged. Applauding is preferred.

4. Coaches should use hand sanitizer before games, during breaks, and after games or any time after handling team or game-related equipment.

5. Coaches should limit equipment brought to games and disinfect all equipment before and after games.

6. Coaches should monitor players for symptoms and physical distancing.

7. Coaches should be the sole communicators with referees and opponent coaches.

8. Players should wash hands thoroughly before and after games and use sanitizer during breaks in play.

9. Players should have their own water supply and not share with others.

10. Player equipment should be disinfected before and after each game.

11. Uniforms should be washed or disinfected after games.

12. Water and personal equipment should be placed with physical distancing in mind.

These guidelines are in place to minimize risk to your players and your families. We thank you for following them.