

Brookfield Soccer Club Fall 2020 COVID-19 Return to Play



Per the State of Connecticut, soccer is considered a Moderate Risk Sport and may resume activities, including group training, practices, scrimmages, and matches.

In order to reduce risk of transmission of Covid-19, guidelines have been established for parents, players, and coaches. *Below is adopted for BSC from US Youth Soccer Return to Activity Notice, Version 1.0, 5/13/20.* Please note that even if all recommendations are met, risk of transmission still exists with any public interaction, sport or otherwise.

Returning to soccer activities will require a cooperative relationship between BSC, BSC coaches (both volunteer and paid trainers), parents, and players. While BSC and the BSC team representatives and vendors will endeavor to create a safe environment, parents, guardians and players also have designated responsibilities and will play a very active role this season as outlined below.

We are all key to the health and success of soccer in Brookfield this fall, and we look forward to seeing everyone on the pitch. If for any reason you or your child cannot follow the recommendations, we ask that your child does not participate in the sessions for the health and safety of Brookfield Soccer Club members.

Introduction of Principles and Responsibilities

Player Responsibilities

- Wash hands thoroughly before and after training.
- Bring, and use, hand sanitizer with you at every training.
- Wear mask before and immediately after all training, including walking to and from the field.
- Do not touch or share anyone else's equipment, water, food or bags.
- Practice social distancing, place bags and equipment at least 6 feet apart.
- No group huddles, celebrations, high-5s, hugs, handshakes, fist-bumps, etc.
- Follow all CDC guidelines as well those of your local health authorities, as well as directives from your coaches or Brookfield Soccer Club representatives.

PLAYERS TO BRING TO EACH PRACTICE IN BACKPACK, DUFFLE, SLING BAG: *Own soccer ball clearly marked with their name. Shin guards. Water bottle. Hand sanitizer. Any other personal items they may require (ie: towels, tissues, snacks, etc.). Rec players should also have two tshirts – one white and one dark colored – as pinnies will not be used this fall.*

Parent Responsibilities

- Be sure your child has necessary equipment and sanitizing products with them at every training.
- Ensure your child is healthy, and check your child's temperature before soccer activities.
- Consider not carpooling or very limited carpooling.
- Wear a mask if outside your car.
- Stay in car or adhere to social distance requirements, based on state and local health requirements.
- Be prepared to return to car if group size exceeds maximum allowable.
- Bring own chair to sit in grassy area around field. Chairs are not permitted on the turf and bleacher seating will not be open.
- Wash player clothing after every training session and game.
- Ensure all equipment (cleats, ball, shin guards etc.) are washed and sanitized before and after every training.
- Follow all CDC guidelines as well those of your local health authorities, and any BSC representative.
- Notify your club immediately if your child becomes ill for any reason.
- Do not assist your coach with equipment before or after training

Coach Responsibilities

- Endeavor to ensure the health and safety of the participants
- Inquire how the athletes are feeling; send home anyone you believe acts or looks ill.
- Follow all state and local health protocols and guidelines.
- Ensure all athletes have their own individual equipment (ball, water, bag, sanitizer etc.)
- Ensure coach is the only person to handle equipment (e.g. cones, disk etc.); do not enlist parental or spectator assistance.
- Always wear a face mask, even when not actively coaching.
- Coaches should maintain and require social distance requirements from players based on state and local health department guidelines.
- Have fun, stay positive – players and parents are looking to you for leadership.

Club Responsibilities

- Have an effective communication plan in place.
- Identify strategies for working with public health officials to notify adult leaders, youth and their families if the organization becomes aware of a participant or adult leader has developed COVID-19 and may have been infectious to others while at a youth activity.
- Maintain participant confidentiality regarding health status.
- Be sensitive and accommodating to parents who may be uncomfortable with returning to play at this time.
- Have an action plan in place, in case of notification of a positive test result.
- Train and educate all staff on protocols and requirements, including state and local regulations, CDC recommendations and other necessary safety information.
- Be prepared to shut down and stop operations.