



Cobras FC 2021 Summer Classic Covid-19 Protocol

Cobras FC Summer Classic Social Distancing and Masking Protocol

In order to ensure a safe and consistent environment for the Cobras FC Summer Classic & College Showcase tournament, the following measures will be in effect. These policies are based on NYS DOH published guidelines updated on May 19, 2021 and guidance from NYSWYA.

For participants - "Responsible Parties must ensure a distance of at least six feet is maintained among individuals at all times, whether indoor or outdoor, unless safety or the core activity (e.g. practicing, playing) requires a shorter distance. If a shorter distance is required, individuals must wear acceptable face coverings, unless players are unable to tolerate a face covering for the physical activity (e.g. practicing, playing); provided, however, that coaches, trainers, and other individuals who are not directly engaged in physical activity are required to wear a face covering. Acceptable face coverings for COVID-19 include but are not limited to cloth-based face coverings and disposable masks that cover both the mouth and nose." [emphasis supplied]

"For spectators, the following additional safety measures apply: Responsible Parties must ensure spectators maintain six feet of physical distance between individuals and/or family/household units at all times and all unvaccinated spectators must wear face coverings at all times, so long as they are over the age of two and medically able to tolerate such covering. As of May 19, 2021, vaccinated spectators are not required to wear a mask. Responsible Parties may allow spectators to temporarily remove their face covering to consume food or beverages so long as they are seated and socially distanced. Responsible Parties may facilitate appropriate distancing through the use of markings on the ground or seating areas, and other signage." [emphasis supplied]

Based on a fair reading of the above language we interpret 'tolerate' as applied to participants, as contrasted with spectators, not in the medical sense, but rather in the personal feeling sense. The acceptable face covering while playing is a personal choice of toleration by the player. If they can tolerate the mask while playing it is recommended that they should wear one. If they cannot tolerate a mask while playing they should not be compelled to do so.

What to do if a Player or Coach has a positive Covid-19 test

The Cobras FC policy will rely heavily on previously established New York State Department of Health and CDC protocol and guidelines. All players, coaches and spectators participating in the Cobras FC Summer Classic tournament who have a confirmed positive case of Covid-19 should immediately contact their own health care professionals and the Department of Health for further assistance.

In the event that a coach or manager of a team participating in the Cobras FC Summer Classic notified that a player has tested positive for Covid-19, the coach/manager should notify the following:

- The Cobras FC Tournament Director of the confirmed case;
- The impacted player or coach that he/she is to refrain from participating in the remainder of the Cobras FC Summer Classic tournament;
- The team, for awareness purpose, that a player/coach from the team was confirmed as testing positive for Covid-19, and advise that the team should follow guidance provided by the Department of Health, IF THERE WAS A TEAM EVENT WITHIN 48 OF THE ONSET OF SYMPTOMS OR TAKING THE COVID-19 TEST.

Following these notifications, if a team event had occurred within 48 hours of symptoms or the Covid-19 test, the coach or manager should stay in contact with the impacted player/coach for guidance and official contact tracing notification from the Department of Health.

If the Department of Health determines there was no concerning exposure to the team, team events may continue to participate in the Cobras FC Summer Classic tournament as scheduled.