

Columbia Windham Soccer Alliance (CWSA)

Covid-19 Mitigation Plan

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OVERVIEW

This document is intended to serve as guidance for the Columbia Windham Soccer Alliance (CWSA) to proactively protect public health and hold related soccer events. The club will strictly follow this and any other guidelines.

CWSA will be following all guidance set forth by the Connecticut Junior Soccer Associations Regulations from “CJSA Return to Play Guidelines” and their adoption and interpretation of any State of Connecticut, Local Town and Federal Regulations as the minimum required by the CWSA.

While these rules provide a way for CWSA to reopen in as safe a manner as possible, risks to athletes, coaches, parents, and volunteers cannot be fully mitigated. Athletes, coaches, parents, and volunteers who choose to visit/partake in these activities during this time should be fully aware of potential risks. Individuals over the age of 65 or with other health conditions should not partake in organized sports, but instead, continue to stay home and stay safe.

CWSA takes these rules as the minimum baseline of precautions needed to protect public health in Connecticut. CWSA will take additional measures as recommended by industry guidelines or by common sense applied to their situation.

We urge athletes, coaches, volunteers, and parents to stay vigilant and pay attention as to whether the events they frequent are faithfully implementing these rules.

PLAN FOR REOPENING

This document will be shared with all members (parents and volunteers) as a method of informing them of any specific measures being taken. It will be stored on our website and a link will be shared via email to the membership.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

The club has appointed a Covid 19 administrator. This person will serve as the point person to adhere to this document and serves as a person that questions or concerns related to Covid 19 should be directed to. At the end of this document is a list of contacts for reference.

PERSONAL PROTECTION

Masks are to be worn in accordance with CJSA requirements and State of CT guidance for Amateur Sport Activities. Masks to be worn by coaches and players when on the bench or when social distancing cannot be reliably and consistently maintained. CWSA continues to recommend masks for participants that are not yet vaccinated.

Violators will be asked to wear a mask or to leave the facility. The club reserves the right to refuse access to any individuals in violation of the rules. It is expected that all participants provide their own face coverings. Exceptions to face-covering will only be allowed with formal documentation from the participant's physician and approval of the club executive board. Coaches may require their own team to wear a mask at all times and all situations. This will be fully supported by CWSA.

CHECK-IN

ATTENDANCE / SELF CERTIFICATION LOG

The club will take attendance of all CWSA players and coaches through the implemented Health Screening Form and related tracking software. Referee's will be tracked utilizing the payment of games. All visiting teams that fall under CJSA will be responsible for tracking their own coaches and players at an event. This attendance will be in coordination with the health screening that is noted in this document. This information will be kept at a minimum for 1 month. This information will only be shared if requested by the local health district.

HEALTH SCREENING

Each player and coaches admitted into the facility will be required to complete a self-certification health screening. This form will be a digital form. This data will be recorded and stored with the Attendance Log. If any symptoms are noted the person will be turned away and requested to see their physician.

CERTIFICATION

The club will self-certify they are complying with the CJSA regulations.

CLEANING PLAN

The Club will follow all CJSA minimum cleaning. Participants will be expected to provide their own hand sanitizer as well as their own cleaning products.

TRAINING

The club will make this document and links to CJSA available on their website. The club will also send links out to all participants.

SITE LAYOUT

The proposed sites will be laid out in such a way to address the following items. Since many of the locations that are utilized by CWSA are open to the public for a variety of uses the club "event area" is

limited to 20' beyond the limits of any field or area being used. The club will monitor the surrounding areas for club members congregating and ask that they follow state guidelines for use of the space.

SIGNAGE

Signage will be increased to the greatest extent possible where CWSA has jurisdiction to add signage.

CAPACITY

The capacity of the game and areas in CWSA's control will be limited by current local restrictions

BENCHES AND BLEACHERS

None will be provided.

PARENT SEATING AREA

None will be provided, if parents provide their own seating and abide by state and local regulations.

WATER

No communal water will be available. All participants are asked to bring an adequate water supply for the event. Sharing of water bottles will warrant immediate removal from the event.

COHORTS/TEAMS

Each participant will be assigned to a team/cohort and cannot move between. Intermixing of teams will not be permitted with the exception of situations specifically specified by CJSA.

EQUIPMENT

Each participant shall bring their own equipment (soccer ball, shin guards, cleats, face covering, water, etc.) No sharing of equipment will be permitted except as noted by CJSA (practice/game ball) It is required that each participant sanitize their equipment after each event.

GAMES

Games will be limited to two teams and officials when the current regulations allow for this. Spectators are always required to socially distance themselves and wear face coverings if applicable.

HUDDLES

No huddles of any kind will be permitted at any time: this includes handshakes or high fives at any point during the event or game.

POSITIVE CASE

If a positive case is identified the club will work with local health authorities and turn over all requested information. The club will follow all requirements put forth at that time. It is anticipated that the cohort/team and any associated coach's would-be put-on hold for 14 days. Upon returning to play it is

recommended that a positive case child is evaluated by a physician and cleared to play. If the players guardians choose to not follow this recommendation CWSA asks that they acknowledge the receipt of this recommendation. Return to play must follow all state and CJSA requirements

VIOLATIONS

Child violators of these regulations will be reminded to correct behavior or leave the facility. If a second reminder is needed, the participant will be asked to leave for the day. If reminders are required over multiple days, the child will be asked to not come to any further sessions. Parent and Volunteer violators will be reminded one time and then asked to leave the facility. Two offenses that end in leaving the facility will result in immediate removal from the program.

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