



## EO-14 V3 OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

# ORGANIZED SPORTS

**Businesses:** Organized Sports, Group Physical Activities

**Description:** Sports leagues, associations, and other organized groups engaged in hosting, facilitating, organizing, or promoting organized sporting events and activities.

## MANDATORY SAFETY MEASURES

### GENERAL

- All aspects of the existing Emergency Orders currently in effect, including masks, physical distancing, and gathering sizes, must be adhered to except as noted below to allow for specific games or sports activities.

### MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS

- Masks or face coverings are required at all times for all athletes, players, coaches, officials, and volunteers involved in organized sports.
  - All athletes shall wear a mask or face covering continuously during indoor sports.
  - All individuals shall wear a mask or face covering continuously when arriving to or departing from an athletic facility, court, rink, or field.
  - Masks and face coverings should not be worn in water activities (e.g. swimming, diving).
  - Athletes do not have to wear a mask or face covering while exercising vigorously outdoors.
  - The mask or face covering requirement should be applied in a manner consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and other applicable laws, which may require making an accommodation to the mask requirement for individuals with physical or mental disabilities that impair their ability to wear a mask while participating in sports.

### PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Players, coaches, officials, trainers, medical professionals, and any other attendees must adhere to six (6) foot physical distancing protocols, except:
  - During activities, competitions, games, or practices, players may be closer than six (6) feet if physical distancing is not achievable while engaged in the sport or activity when all players are wearing masks or face coverings.

### ACTIVITIES, COMPETITIONS, GAMES, OR PRACTICES

- Sporting event attendees will be limited to team members, coaches, officials, and trainers, or other required medical personnel. Spectators are not permitted. The only

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exception for spectators is when the total number of individuals in attendance, including athletes and staff, falls under the gathering limitations of 15 people indoors or 30 people outdoors; in those small sport situations spectators are allowed up to the above gathering cap. People with high-risk health conditions should not attend indoor events or events held outdoors where appropriate social distancing cannot be maintained.

- Live streaming or recording of athletic events, when available, may allow individuals who are unable to attend to participate in viewing events.
- Tournaments and other events that include participants from outside the Municipality should be postponed.
- Sporting events (including games, practices, and competitions) shall be limited to existing teams. Pick-up games are not allowed unless participants are able to maintain 6-foot distancing during play.
- Sporting events (including games, practices, and competitions) shall be staggered to allow all participants from one event to leave before participants for the next event arrive.
- Practices involving drills with close contact should be structured such that small groups within the teams work together for the duration of the practice with minimal mixing between groups. If possible, the same small groups should remain together throughout the season to minimize potential spread if a player were to become infected. Maintaining practice groups in consistent pods of small sizes that do not mix athletes may help limit team-wide outbreaks of SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- Sporting events (including games, practices, and competitions) in shared spaces (for example at the Dome or Fox Hollow) shall maintain 20-foot physical separation between groups/events with no mixing of participants.
  - Each event must be assigned sufficient space to allow for physical distancing at all times while not engaged in active competition, scrimmages, or drills.
  - Spaces should be visibly marked with cones or tape or similar markings.

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- Facilities and/or event organizers must maintain a log of everyone who is present.
  - This information may be maintained electronically.
  - Organizers are required to maintain these records for 30 days.
  - Log must contain first and last name, phone number, and email at a minimum.
  - The information in the log will not be shared unless needed for contact tracing.
- [Clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces including shared equipment, locker rooms, and restrooms.
  - Use products that meet [EPA disinfection criteria](#) and are appropriate for the surface.
  - When possible, athletic areas with poor ventilation or small spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained should be avoided.
- Encourage athletes and players to change clothes prior to arrival and show up dressed to play.
- Facilities may allow access to indoor bathroom and locker facilities for the purposes of engaging in hand hygiene, changing, and utilizing the rest rooms.

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- Organized sports teams should stagger visits to the locker room or rest rooms to allow for physical distancing while indoors.
- Shower use not allowed, except that swimmers must follow appropriate pre-swim shower protocols before entering the pool.
- Players, coaches, and officials should not share food or drink. Participants should be encouraged to bring their own water bottles.
- Organizers should ensure players, coaches, and officials have access to hand washing capability or hand sanitizer and should encourage frequent hand hygiene.
- Players and coaches should minimize equipment sharing, and clean and disinfect shared equipment between different people to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread.
- Each team/club/institution must develop and maintain a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan that contains, at a minimum, the Operating Requirements in this document and other protocols to minimize close contact among players, coaches, and officials; and to protect staff and the public.
  - The COVID-19 Mitigation Plan must be available to coaches and teams, and/or be kept on the premises.

### **ALL EMPLOYEES AND STAFF**

- Provide training for volunteers, coaches, and volunteers on COVID-19 and the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan.
- Designate an individual to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All players, coaches, officials, and volunteers should know who this person is and how to contact them.
- Symptomatic or ill players, coaches, and officials may not participate in sporting events (including games, practices, and competitions). Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should get tested, isolate at home, and follow public health recommendations.
  - For young athletes, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the following regarding return to sports:
    1. All patients who have been infected with SARS-CoV-2 or with exposure to SARS-CoV-2, regardless of symptoms, require a minimum 14-day resting period and must be completely asymptomatic for greater than 14 days before returning to exercise and/or competition. They also should be cleared for participation by their primary care physician.
    2. Any COVID-19-positive individual who has a history of or current cardiac symptoms or has any cardiac findings on examination is recommended to seek cardiac clearance by the primary care physician, who is encouraged to collaborate with a pediatric cardiologist as necessary prior to participation.
- Close contacts of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 are required to quarantine for 14 days after their last contact and may not participate in sporting events (including games, practices, and competitions.)

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### IN THE EVENT OF OCCURRENCE

- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 may not attend until cleared by public health according to CDC guidelines. No one allowed at games, practices, or any other events with symptoms.
- Venues must not allow players or teams that are subject to quarantine.

### QUESTIONS?

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