



Conference Game Day Covid-19 Procedures – Grand Park, IN – September 26-27

As I'm sure your team has experienced at other events (or simply by going to the grocery store), many protocols and procedures have to be adapted or changed (or simply thrown out or added). Our Conference matches are no exception, so below is a list of some of the precautions, procedures, and protocols we'd like to communicate to teams playing in this event weekend at Grand Park. It's important that all players, coaches, spectators, and referees **DO THEIR PART** to maintain a safe play environment. Please make sure your team is informed with applicable procedures below. **Please note that local and/or state restrictions supersede ANY of the procedures you see listed below.**

AT THE COMPLEX or FIELD

- Players/Coaches may enter the complex or field **NO EARLIER** than 30 minutes prior to their match time. Teams should not proceed to their bench area until the prior team has completely left. If a team arrives earlier than 30 minutes before their match, they need to remain in their car.
- Spectators may enter the complex or field **NO EARLIER** than 10 minutes prior to the start of their team's match. This mandate is to minimize cross-traffic and ensure social distancing when spectators leave and enter the field area.
- Any player, coach, or spectator who is at risk or has underlying health conditions should consider NOT being present for Conference matches.
- Spectators who are not from the same family must social distance while at the complex or field on the sidelines. We recommend teams try to pro-actively limit their volume of spectators to an average of one spectator per player.
- Players and coaches must wear a face covering while not participating in soccer activities. Coaches must wear a face covering during all games.
- Spectators must wear a face covering at all times while at the complex or field. Once seated in your socially distanced area, the face covering may be removed.
- Following a match, spectators should resume wearing their face covering and immediately leave and return to their vehicle so the next round of spectators can arrive with the maximum amount of social distancing.

TEAM AREA and GAME PLAY

- It is the Team Coach and Team Manager's responsibility to make sure that players attending Conference matches are NOT exhibiting any symptoms related to Covid-19.
- Grand Park will not provide benches in the current climate, so players should look to bring their own seating if required, but please make sure they are properly disinfected.
- Team Check-In with the Referee will be done with social distancing in mind. Referees and coaches are required to wear a face covering during the check-in process.
- The team official who prints the GotSport Game Card should hand the Game Card directly to the referee...this is to limit the number of people who touch the Game Card. It is recommended that team officials from either team communicate ahead of time to cross check that the correct players that are not dressed to play that specific game are crossed off the roster as eligible players. In such case, the duplicate Game Card should be destroyed.
- To minimize the amount of contact with player cards, coaches are encouraged to hold the player cards out at arm's length during Team Check-In. Additionally, for 15U-19U matches operating limited substitutions, the entering players card should be shown by the coach to the referee/asst referee at arms length, then place the

card on the ground several feet back from the half line (ideally weighted down to avoid loss to wind). After the first half and after the 2nd half of the match, the coach can collect the player cards.

- Referee fees are to be paid ahead of time through an online payment link provided. Please have your team's portion of the referee pay for each game paid to the conference ahead of the conference weekend.
- A coin flip will be done with social distancing in mind and no handshakes or high fives. At their discretion, the referee may simply assign the home team to kickoff the 1st half of the match and away team to kickoff the 2nd half.
- Prior to the match, the home team (as listed on the schedule) should provide a disinfected game ball (i.e. cleaned with a disinfecting wipe). At half-time, the referee or the home team will disinfect the game ball.
- Should an injury happen on the field, referees are required to maintain social distancing when evaluating the player.
- Following the match, players should adhere to social distancing with the opposing team and referees. In an effort to encourage sportsmanship, teams are encouraged to find unique ways of displaying sportsmanship while maintaining social distancing (for example, clapping in a gesture that shows appreciation).
- Following the match, players and coaches must immediately clean up the team area, resume wearing their face covering and leave so the next team can arrive. The GotSport game card should be collected from the referee by the team official of the winning team, or the first team listed in the event of a tie.

Subject to Change (as of September 11, 2020)