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# **SOUTHBOROUGH YOUTH SOCCER**

## **Fall 2020**

**PARENT'S MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

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## **This season is all about perspective and patience**

- Coaches and parents set the tone
- A 'different' season is better than no season
- Modifications will put emphasis on valuable skills
- Things could change at any time—be flexible
- Volunteers trying to adjust and make it fun and enriching (in that order)



# AGENDA

## Presentation (60 min)

- SAFETY
- MODIFICATIONS TO THE GAME
- PARENT'S ROLE
- COACHES ROLE
- COVID TEAM COORDINATOR ROLE
- PLAYER REQUIREMENTS
- Q&A

## Q&A (30 min)

- Type questions as we go along into the chat box.
- Addressed in the chat panel, raised during session or Q&A at end.



# SAFETY

The safety of SYSA players, coaches, and families is and always will be the priority.

Massachusetts is a self-certification state, by attending any SYSA event, players (and their parents) are self certifying that they have:

- Checked their temperature
- Are free from all signs/symptoms of COVID
- Have not been in contact with COVID



# SAFETY

## Minimize Risk

- Hand Sanitizer
- Face Masks
- Social Distancing
- No Sharing Equipment
- No Touching Balls with Hands

## Required TeamSnap – Health Check (8 hours before event)

- Needs to be completed for each player regardless of attendance

## Tracking Attendance for Contact Tracing



# SAFETY

If a player/coach receives a positive COVID test result, SYSA is required to suspend soccer activities for 14 days for that team. PLEASE CONTACT SYSA IMMEDIATELY.

SYSA will notify by email any families who had close contact. Players should quarantine for 14 days. (No names will be utilized)

Southborough Board of Health will provide SYSA and individual/family with instructions on what to do.

Siblings/Household Family Members of player with positive test must also quarantine.



# MODIFICATIONS TO THE GAME



As a member of MYSA, SYSA activities must be conducted under these modifications.

- **HEADING** – all intentional heading of a soccer ball is suspended for all ages.
- **SHOULDER TO SHOULDER CONTACT** – is suspended and or any other intentional physical contact is to be considered a violation of Law 12, Playing in a Dangerous Manner. This will be based on the referee's decision and an Indirect Free Kick will be used to restart.
- **SLIDE TACKLING** – is suspended for all ages.
- **THROW-INS** – are suspended and replaced with a Kick-In.
- **CORNER KICKS** – are suspended and replaced with a Corner Kick-In.
  - The ball may not be kicked directly into the opponent's penalty area.
  - Opponents must remain at least 10 yds (8 yds for small sided) from the corner arc until ball is in play.
- **DEFENSIVE WALLS** – for free kicks or another other play is suspended.
- **DROP BALL** – the use of a drop ball as a restart is suspended. To replace this procedure, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the team whom the referee deemed to be in possession when the referee stops play.
- **GOALIES** – will need to wear gloves and make sure to not touch their faces with their hands or gloves, otherwise they will need to sanitize.



# PARENT ROLE



SYSA will need help from our parents to make this season work.

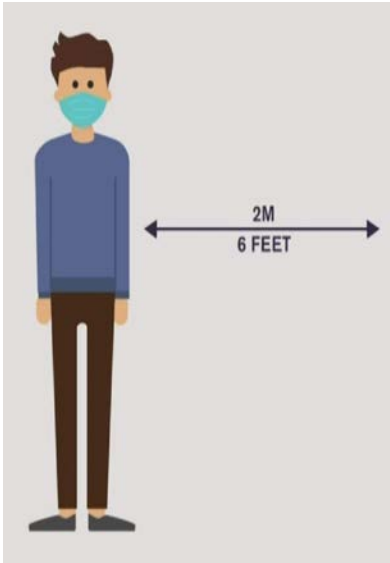
- Monitor your child's health
- Socially distance on sidelines and field.
- Wear masks at all times.
- No sharing equipment/drinks – pack extra.
- Sanitize before and after a practice and/or game.
- Be kind, be patient, and be safe!





# PARENT ROLE

## SPECTATOR REQUIRMENTS



- Each player is allowed only one spectator over the age of 17 to attend games and practices.
  - A Coach or COVID Team Coordinator counts as that one spectator per player.
  - If you bring more than one spectator, you will be asked to have the extra spectator leave the field. Please comply, so that we don't have to involve the authorities.
- Spectators will have a place marked out for them on the field to observe while social distancing.
- SYSA is required to stagger game times to allow teams and spectators to exit and enter field space without engaging with the previous or subsequent teams. Participants are required to leave the field immediately after their game has ended. Spectators arriving early should wait in their car until field is clear.



# COACH ROLE



- Only two coaches allowed on the sidelines per game.
- Will need to check in players upon arrival at games and practices. If a player's health check has not been completed, they will be sent home.
- Monitor adherence to masks for all players.
- If ball gets touched, they will need to replace with another ball and sanitize the ball that was touched.
- Are the only ones that should touch equipment.
- Will need to wash pinnies after use following practices and games.
- Will have a supply of extra masks, wipes, and hand sanitizer.
  - Supply should be enough for season, but if not will need to replenish on own.
- Must register with MYSA.

[www.mayouthsoccer.org/adult-registration-process](http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/adult-registration-process)



# COVID TEAM COORDINATOR ROLE



- Will monitor and enforce all COVID protocols to make sure they are being followed at all practices and games.
- If someone is not abiding by the rules the COVID Team Coordinator will engage the local authorities.
- Will report weekly to COVID Safety Officer about adherence to protocols or issues that occurred.
- Will report any occurrences of COVID to COVID Safety Officer.
- Must register with MYSA.

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# PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

Based upon the guidance from MYSA regarding masks:

- During play, must have masks secured with ties around ears unless not able to wear a mask for medical reasons (e.g., asthma).
  - A parent/guardian should tell the coach that their child can not wear a mask due to medical reason but NOT disclose the actual reason.
  - No medical professional documentation is required.
- While encouraged to wear masks around mouth and nose while playing, ultimately it is up to the players if they are able to wear the masks and still play safely.
  - For example, a player may choose to remove the mask to “catch their breath” at points in the game where they are 6ft away from all other participants or taking a drink of water on the sidelines.
- Must wear masks at all times when not playing



# PLAYER REQUIREMENTS



Ear Looped Face Mask



Gaiter

- Based upon the guidance from MYSA regarding masks:
- The only type of face covering that is permissible for players is the ear-looped style face mask (e.g., no ‘gaiters’). These standards will be enforced by member organizations with the support of game officials as appropriate.
  - Coaches will be encouraged to rotate players often to help ease the burden of wearing a mask.



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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

