



EYSC Board of Directors

(Phase 2) Return to Play Safety Plan

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Everett Youth Soccer Club

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On Feb. 1, the Governor's Office released a revamped version of the phased approach to re-opening, including new guidelines regarding Youth Sports. Within this new approach Counties are now grouped into "Regions" & divided into phases 1-4, with the new metric being a ***decrease in metrics such as case rate, hospital admission rate, ICU occupancy & positivity rate.***

What this means for EYSC:

As of 2/9/21, The Puget Sound Region (Snohomish County, King County & Pierce County) are in Phase 2 of re-opening, and many of the previous restrictions surrounding Youth Sports have been relaxed.

These changes predominantly affect training & intra-club competition, while most of the individual requirements for Parents/Players/Coaches from the previous RTP remain in effect.

The following expectations are based on requirements from U.S. Soccer & Washington Youth Soccer as well as official guidelines from Washington State & the CDC, and are considered an extension of the EYSC Code of Conduct.

If a Player has tested positive for Covid-19 or is exposed to someone who has tested positive, immediately notify the EYSC Covid Contact Representative:

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Coaches

- Wear a face mask at all times & observe social distancing whenever possible. (Coaches may briefly remove their mask to project their voice if no Players are within 6 ft.)
- Ensure at the beginning of each training that all Players feel healthy & are not exhibiting symptoms such as coughing, shortness of breath etc. and send home any player who expresses feeling or behaves ill. Ask Players if they have been in contact with anyone exhibiting symptoms in the past 14 days.
- Track attendance for each Player, Coach at training & games, & conduct a verbal health check of all in attendance.
- Track attendance for all EYSC spectators at games.
- Sanitize equipment after each practice. Coaches are provided with a sanitation kit for use at each practice/game. Items in the kit will be replenished by the Club.
- **(Game-day)** For Home games, provide 3 recently sanitized game balls.
- **(Game-day)** Set up a sanitation station on the EYSC sideline with hand sanitizer for use by Players.
- Ensure that all Players & Parents adhere to the Codes of Conduct.



Players

- Wear a mask before & after practice, both to & from the car and the field.
- **(Game-day)** Wear a mask at all times, including while on the field of play.
- Bring own equipment (bag, ball, water bottle etc.) & do not share equipment with teammates. Keep equipment placed at least 6 ft. apart.
- Observe social distancing when possible & refrain from high-fiving, shaking hands, hugging etc.
- Refrain from offering to help Coaches with field equipment.



Parents

- Ensure Players are healthy prior to practice, check their temperature & ask if they have experienced coughing or shortness of breath. If a Player feels unwell or is exhibiting common Covid symptoms, notify the Coach immediately & do not bring them to practice.
- Limit & avoid carpooling with anyone outside the household except where absolutely necessary.
- Ensure Players wear masks to & from the car/field.
- Remain in the car or social distance while at practice. A mask must be worn at all times when not in the car.
- **(Game-day)** Remain at least 10 feet from the field of play & observe social distancing.
- Sanitize/wash Player equipment after each practice & game (ball, cleats, uniform, water bottle, etc.)
- Ensure that Players adhere to their Code of Conduct.

Training Outline

- 2 practices a week, an hour and a half in length.
- **No restrictions re: group size.**
- **Inter/intra squad scrimmaging is allowed.**
- All Players & Coaches will wear a mask at all times.
- Player/staff attendance will be tracked for all Players & Coaching staff.
- Coaches/Managers may conduct a verbal health check of Players at the start of practice.
- Social distancing should be observed whenever possible.
- Keeper-specific training may take place.
- Pinnies may be used at discretion of the Coaching staff.
- Training equipment will be sanitized by Coaching staff immediately after training.

Game-Day Procedures

Outdoor Club competitions, friendlies & tournaments are allowed to resume within Phase 2 Regions, at the discretion of the individual League organizations.

- Maximum 75 people allowed at competitions, including spectators. All spectators of different households are to remain physically distant as much as possible.
- Players should wait until 30 min before kickoff to leave their cars.
- **Players, Parents & Coaches must wear a mask at all times. Players are now required to wear a mask while on the field of play.**
- Teams must wait until the previous teams have vacated the field before entering.
- Teams & spectators must exit the field within 5 minutes of the end of the game.
- Attendance will be taken for all Players, Coaching staff, & spectators.
- Players & Coaching staff should observe social distancing when possible. Coaches will have hand sanitizer available for Players on the sideline.
- Use of domed/closed tents is not allowed. Open tents may be used.
- On rainy days, a limited number of Players may be under an open tent so long as social distancing remains possible. Players must remain socially distanced while on the sideline.
- No handshakes/fistbumps will be used after the game.
- Home team Coaches will provide sanitized game balls.
- Coaches will sanitize all equipment at the end of the game.

A game-day field map will be provided with designated entrances, exits & spectator areas for EYSC home games. These protocols must be followed by Players & Parents of both the Home & Away teams. Similar guidance will be provided for Away games.