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Subject: Re: NJ-SYFL 2020 Season: League-Wide Policy and Procedures

Rescinded on the following;

1. Masks DO NOT have to be wore in the stands during games or when distanced from practices.

This is according to the CDC and state guidelines.

Please wear them when entering and exiting the stands if social distancing is not possible.

2. Carpooling is optional. We do not wish to restrict nor not provide an adequate form of transportation for our players and cheerleaders.

We are strongly "suggesting" that if all families are following the guidelines, then you have an option to carpool. Please understand that we our applying guidelines from the CDC, NJSIAA and USA football to be consistent in our applications. Sometimes it's gets crossed up.

I apologize for any inconveniences.

Russell J. Yeager
Commissioner of the NJSYFL

On Sun, Sep 13, 2020 at 11:23 AM Bill Harvey <billhonora@aol.com> wrote:
TO: All NJ-SYFL League Reps...

Welcome to start of the 2020 NJSYFL season.

This year the NJSYFL will be providing a Rutgers "R" for all players helmets due to our renewed relationship with the collegiate level. They will be placed on the player's helmets along with the ERB stickers.

PRACTICE REMINDERS:

You MUST AND SHALL take the temperature of every player before each practice.
DO NOT allow them to group together as they arrive and remind them to be masked up.

IF A PLAYER HAS A TEMPERATURE OR SHOWS ANY SIGNS OF ILLNESS, PLACE THEM IN A DESIGNATED AND DISTANCED AREA FOR PICK UP. They are to be advised to be tested ASAP. They MUST show a "negative" test and be quarantined following the NJSIAA Return to play guidelines. IF THE REPRESENTATIVE OR THEIR PROGRAMS EBOARD deems a quarantine for the entire team, THE LEAGUE SHALL BE NOTIFIED ASAP for rescheduling purposes.

Proper spacing while players line up for temperature reading and alignment for your workouts.
Have sanitizer for hands available and disinfectant to wipe game/practice balls, shields and various equipment after every use.

Follow your proper spacing when not involved in direct practicing. ALL COACHING PERSONNEL will mask up while instructing and participating.

PARENTS and other VISITORS are not allowed in the immediate area of practices. Please have a pickup area designated to them. Remind them to be properly spaced and masked up when picking up their daughter or son.

If you feel it's necessary to communicate with a parent, then LEAVE the practice area and maintain a safe distance from that parent while speaking with them.

At the conclusion of practice have the players go DIRECTLY to their pickup person. THEY CANNOT ACCEPT RIDES to and from practice from other teammates due to the potential for a rate of transmission. THE PLAYER MUST AND SHALL GO TO THEIR IMMEDIATE PICK UP PERSON THEN LEAVE.

GAME DAY PROCEDURES:

The Home Field Representative will have a designated arrival area for each AWAY team member to go to. Those players will DIRECTLY GO TO to that location WHEN THEY ARRIVE, and NOT LEAVE. They will have their temps checked and REMAIN at that location for their pre-game warm ups.

THE PLAYERS WILL BE PROPERLY DISTANCED IN THEIR DESIGNATED ARRIVAL AREA AND REMAIN SO WHILE WAITING FOR TEMPERATURE CHECKS AND THE BEGINNING OF WARM UPS.

FIRST GAME AND WEIGH-INS:

BRING A HIGHLIGHTER TO HIGHLIGHT THOSE PLAYERS THAT DO NOT "SHOW" ON GAME DAY.

PLACE SCALE 6 feet from table. NO OUTSIDE PEOPLE ARE TO APPROACH THE PLAYERS WHILE THEY ARE LINED UP FOR WEIGH-IN.

1. The opposing teams staff will do weigh ins with their opponents. Since all personnel are temperature checked already one coach (per team) on each side of the scale. The opposing coach calls the weight. Verified by the other coach.

2. The opposing teams coach verifies the players information and records the weight. The is verified by the players coach. ALL PARTIES FILL OUT THEIR RESPECTIVE INFO AT THE BOTTOM PAGE BEFORE TURNING IT OVER.

3. The roster gets handed to the OPPONENTS head coach, to be handed to their league rep for league application/download to Bill Harvey.
NO COACH SHOULD WALK AWAY WITH THEIR OWN TEAMS ROSTER ON GAME DAY. They can write all their info on a copy they bring for themselves. ONLY THE OPPOSING TEAM REP CAN SUBMIT THEIR OPPONENTS ROSTER.

NO PARENTS, VISITORS OR OTHER PERSONNEL (except league) are permitted in the weigh-in area EVER!

GAMETIME:

Referees, chain personnel and any and all persons within the field of play will have their temperatures taken BEFORE entering the field of play! Have a person at the ONLY DESIGNATED ENTRANCE AREA for personnel.

2 game balls (2 from each team) will be utilized through out the game. ONE PERSON should be disinfecting the balls throughout the game.
Replace as often as possible with the referee. Especially during long drives. A disinfected ball is to be REPLACED before punts. Then the opponent can replace with their own ball after the play.

Personnel are to be masked at all times while coaching and especially while speaking with anyone on those sidelines. If you need to remove your mask for a break, PLEASE WALK AWAY TO DO SO.

I KNOW, this sucks but we're all in this together.

ONE VOICE ONLY ON THE SIDELINE FOR REFEREES. The head coach will be the ONLY one speaking to referees WHILE MAINTAINING A SAFE RESPECTIVE DISTANCE.
If at anytime you want to be slick by yelling under your mask, thinking that you'll NOT be caught?...You get the team flagged accordingly. So in essence, shut up!

INJURIES ON THE FIELD ARE TO BE HANDLED BY THE TRAINER AND TRAINER ONLY!

I don't care about individual certifications you have.

YOU are not above the trainer, they will handle it and make the "return to play" or "not return to play" determinations.

IF AT ANYTIME A COACH INTERFERES WITH A TRAINER'S DECISION and tells a player to NOT speak with a Trainer, the league will remand it to disciplinary for removal of that coach.

THIS GAME IS NOT MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR WIN or THE PLAYERS WELL BEING.

NO ONE CAN ENTER THE FIELD OF PLAY DURING AN INJURY. IF A PARENT WISHES TO COME OUT DURING A SERIOUS INJURY (God forbid) you MUST take their temperature before they enter. I know it's like trying to herd cats when getting a worried parent to take their temp but please do so...

We have been hitting all game and tackling each other. YES THERE WILL BE END OF GAME HANDSHAKES. Use your elbows if you wish but we followed every protocol we could possibly do, so character and sportsmanship still exists.

FANS:

Upon arrival the fans should be reminded of safe distancing while sitting in the stands. It is suggested to take their temps before entering your stadium.

Please have extra masks available for replacement as they enter, if needed. Families and those that arrive together should sit SPACED among themselves and MASKS MUST BE WORN BY EVERYONE. SAFE DISTANCING WHILE SEATED IS MANDATORY!!!!

If anyone leaves the stands, AGAIN the masks must be worn.

If your refreshment stand is open please follow all protocols such as masks and constant replacement of gloves as needed by stand workers.

Have spacing marked for lines. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE TO ANYONE UNMASKED AND SEEK THE LEAGUE REP FOR REMOVAL IF THEY REFUSE. We will notify the authorities if their refusal elevates to a point of disorderly behavior.

Please have sanitizer available at the stand for everyone.

I wish you a great (and now more than ever) a safe season. Feel free to email, text or call me with any and all questions. If you can review the Return to Play from the NJSIAA before doing so, the answer should be there.

If it isn't then...

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Yours through good and safe football,
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