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## MSA Covid-19 Outdoor Match Guidelines for Teams and Referees

The Manitoba Soccer Association has produced this document to help guide Teams and Referees through Return To Play. Following this guide will help us stay safe and reduce the spread of Covid-19. These guidelines are a minimum standard; teams and leagues will be encouraged to take further safety measures as they see fit.

### Before Leaving for your Game

- Referee will print the Game Sheet from the Goalline link and take it to the game.
- Players and Referees are to come dressed for the game, changing rooms are not available.
- Players and Referees should bring their own equipment from home and not share any gear with teammates or other referees.
  - Referees should bring 2 Ziplock style bags for ID Cards, for any suspended players from each team.
  - Referees officiating WYSA games will not be required to obtain player cards for suspended players or coaches.
- Players and Coaches should bring their approved ID Cards.
- Everyone should bring their own personal sanitation supplies.
- All participants should be aware of the rules/procedures/policies of the venue they are playing at prior to arrival.
- Teams should consider bringing their own lawn chairs as some field will not have benches available.
- **Referees will be asked to print the game sheet for their match on the day of the game – preferably within a few hours of the game.**
  - Instructions will be provided to Referees.
- All persons must self-screen before entering/attending each game - <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
- **If you are feeling sick, please do not attend your scheduled game.**
- Everyone should wash their hand thoroughly before attending the game.

## Pre-Game

- Referees should arrive at the field 30 minutes prior to kick off to inspect the field and complete pre-game duties.
- Coaches and Players will be required to stay in their vehicles until allowed on the pitch.
  - RCSC & Shaughnessy Park – *15 minutes prior to kick off*
  - Memorial – *15 minutes prior to kick off*
  - University of Manitoba – *15 minutes prior to kick off*
  - Public Fields – *30 minutes prior to kick off*
- Depending on the venues above, time may not be allotted for warmups.
- Teams should gather as groups in different corners near field.
- Referees to approach designated team staff to start pre-game procedure.
- **Only the Referee can touch the Game Sheet, Coaches and Players are not permitted to touch the Game Sheet at any time.**
- Referees will write in any Guest Players, Coaches, and their own name(s) on the Game Sheet if needed.
- Players line up across the touchline for equipment and ID Card checks
  - Players should have their ID Cards in hand, they do not hand it to the Referee and will keep it for the game.
- **Referees do not touch ID Cards.**
- Referee will visit teams individually and check ID Cards and Jewelry from a distance of 2 meters away.
- Coach should take a picture of the game sheet before the game begins.
- Designated Parents or Team Volunteers from each team assisting with ball in and out of play decisions (throw-ins) will not be given flags.
  - Volunteers will raise their arm to indicate ball out of play.
- **Coaches, Player and Referee must set personal bags and items 2 meters apart in the technical area.**
- **Game balls should be sanitized by the home team coach prior to kick off and at half time and placed at the referee bench.**

## Starting the Game

- Referee, Players and Coaches are required to approach the field of play from the designated entrance points at the venue.
  - If there are no designated points of entry at the venue, teams should wait until the technical area is clear from the previous game before entering the technical area.
- Walk outs should be omitted from pre-game ceremony.
- **No handshakes at any time.**
- **Players and Coaches should observe physical distancing guidelines while gathering at team bench/sidelines.**

## During the Game

- All substitutes must observe physical distancing when on the bench/sideline.
- Players being substituted off must leave the field at the closest point to them.
- Substitutes coming into the game will do so from half field.
- Yellow and Red cards will be shown to players from a safe distance as per physical distancing guidelines.
- Where there is an injured player, a parent/guardian or designated person may attend to the player.
- **Referees, Coaches and Players must not share equipment with one another:**
  - Water Bottles – every player should bring their own *labelled* bottle
  - Food
  - Pinnies – every player should have their own
  - etc.
- **All Referees, Coaches and Players should sanitize their hands at halftime.**

## End of the Game

- Referee collects the game ball and returns it to the home team for sanitization.
- **No handshakes at any time.**
- **Players and Coaches should observe physical distancing guidelines while gathering at team benches/sidelines.**

## Post Game – *IMPORTANT*

- Referees will complete the game sheet.
- To collect players cards for dismissed players, the coach must place the player card in the sealable Ziplock style bag that the referee will provide, without the referee touching the card.
  - *No need to take ID Cards during WYSA games, the league will follow up with dismissal reports and suspensions.*
- **Have both coaches approve the game sheet by taking a picture for their records.**
- **The Home Team's Coach should email a copy of the game sheet to the league for additional verification.**
- **Referees should retain the hard copy of the game sheets and dismissal reports for the entirety of the season and keep it in a protective folder.**
  - This will be used for if leagues need to recover this information or if the MSA needs to do contact tracing.

- **Referees must take a clear photo of the game sheet and any dismissal reports and email them to the league within 48 hours.**
  - Game Sheets and Dismissal Reports will be sent electronically to the league specific email address.
    - MMSL – [gamesheets@mmsl.ca](mailto:gamesheets@mmsl.ca)
    - WWSL – [wslgamescores@outlook.com](mailto:wslgamescores@outlook.com)
    - WYSA – [wysa@winnipegyouthsoccer.com](mailto:wysa@winnipegyouthsoccer.com)
    - MSSL – [jed\\_dodd@hotmail.com](mailto:jed_dodd@hotmail.com) and [mike@weekthusfar.com](mailto:mike@weekthusfar.com)
    - MCAC – [wedlakebill@gmail.com](mailto:wedlakebill@gmail.com)
      - **Referees must format emails to game sheets using the following template:** Month, day, year, division, team score, team score, (e.g. July 13 2020 Div 4 Elmwood 4 NexGen SA 2)
  - Mail or drop off player cards in sealable Ziplock style bag to the league without directly touching them.
    - MMSL – *Unit 104 A, 750 Marion Ave, Winnipeg, MB, R2J 0K4*
    - WWSL – *673 Scurfield Blvd, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3Y 1T2*
    - MSSL – *12-1220 Dorchester Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3M 0S5*
    - WYSA – *No need to take player card, league will follow up with teams*
- **Applicable online game reporting to be done by the referee at home after the game for Manitoba Major Soccer League only.**
- **Everyone should wash their hand thoroughly following their game.**