

Referee's Responsibilities – COVID-19

General

- Do not referee if you are feeling ill, have a fever or have an underlying health condition including but not limited to diabetes, a lung disease or asthma, a heart condition or immunocompromised. Individuals with any of the previous listed conditions are at an increased risk of serious illness.
- Referees may voluntarily wear masks and other PPE.
- Referees have the authority to remove a player or coach from a game if they witness an individual displaying symptoms of an illness such as coughing or sneezing.
- Referees have the authority to remove a player or coach from a game for disregarding safety precautions set in place by MYSAs and the SRC.

Pregame

- Sanitize flags, whistles and other equipment before and after using them.
- Do not share water bottles, flags, whistles, etc.
- No handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, etc.
- When checking the field before a match, use hand sanitizer or sanitizing wipes, before and after, if you need to move goals, corner flags, etc.
- Use hand sanitizer or sanitizing wipes when pumping up the game balls.
- During check in, read names from roster, do not collect player passes. Have everyone maintain 6 feet distance.
- During check in, remind all coaches and players that spitting and or coughing is not acceptable and disregarding this will result in removal from the game.
 - Incidental spitting will result in a single warning to the perpetrating player and their entire team after the team's first offense. Any subsequent offense by ANY player on that team will result in immediate removal of that offending player from the game. A removed player's team will be permitted to immediately replace that player with a substitute and will not be forced to play a player down. The removed player may remain on the team's bench for the remainder of the game as long as they remain respectful. In addition, the removed player will face no additional suspension in their next game.
- During the coin toss, maintain 6 feet distancing, no handshakes, limit to one captain from each team and one referee.

Game

- During the game, if there is an injury, beckon coach on immediately and maintain physical distance.
- Maintain 6 feet distancing when the game is not in play.
- If you need to give a yellow or red card, do so from 6 feet away or further.
- If you observe a player intentionally spitting on or at someone else deal with the misconduct (red card) and make note of the safety violation in the supplemental report.
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