

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 symptom 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 MYSA and the SRC.
- If a spectator refuses to comply with local health department and host club safety precautions, a field marshal is to report the incident to the associated team coach. The game may be halted by the Center Referee to allow the coach to deal with the incident. If the coach is unable or unwilling to resolve the conflict with the spectator, the Center Referee shall abandon the game.

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 intentionally spitting and/or coughing in the direction of another individual is not acceptable and disregarding this will result in removal from the game.
 - Incidental spitting and/or coughing 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. If no substitutes are available a team may play short.
- During the coin toss, maintain 6 feet distancing, no handshakes, limit to one captain from each team and one referee.

Game

- Electronic whistles are permitted for use.
- 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 and/or coughing in the direction of another individual, deal with the misconduct (red card) and make note of the safety violation in the supplemental report.
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