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ENFIELD SOCCER ASSOCIATION RETURN TO PLAY – SUMMER 2020

The Enfield Soccer Association (“ESA”) has reviewed “Return to Play” guidelines from U.S. Youth Soccer, CJSA, MYSA, and other youth soccer programs within the region. Additionally, the below rules and guidelines are consistent with Connecticut’s Phase II rules and guidelines for “Sports Re-opening” with implementations designed to provide a fun, safe and protective environment for our children while playing the game they love. ESA’s target date for “Return to Play” under these rules and guidelines would be June 27, 2020.

We ask all parents, players, coaches and managers, to review this document and please ensure compliance with the safety measures that are in place.

- ESA will schedule use of its designated field sites with at least 30 minutes between uses. All users will be instructed to wait in their vehicles for the prior users to depart before using a field site. Please don’t arrive any earlier than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time.
- Soccer activities are to conclude promptly at the designated time. After completion of soccer activities, players and parents shall return to their vehicles. There will be no congregating of players or parents on the field, parking lot, or any other areas associated with the field site. Players will be dismissed by their coaches in a staggered fashion so the entire team and parents aren’t all walking to the parking lot at the same time.
- Prior to leaving the house for a soccer related activity, parents are to check with their child to determine if their child is experiencing any health issues. It is recommended parents take the temperature of their child at home prior to leaving for the field. A temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit most often means a fever is present caused by infection or illness. If your child has symptoms of illness, even mild ones, public health urges your child stays home. Players must remain home for at least 72 hours after symptoms resolve.





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- If a player is showing to be healthy, but resides with an immediate family member, or another member of the household that is showing symptoms of COVID-19, we urge that the player stays home and does not engage in any soccer activities. COVID-19 symptoms can include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. For this circumstance, stay home and contact the ESA Safety Officer for guidance in returning to future soccer related activities.
- It is recommended players use their own bathroom facilities at home prior to arriving at the field. Any bathroom facilities located at the field shall only be used if it's an emergency.
- It is recommended to avoid carpooling to and from the field with other teammates.
- Players are advised to change into their soccer gear prior to arrival at the fields.
- All players will be issued a pinney to use for the season. The pinney will be assigned to the individual player and there will be no sharing of pinnies for games or practices. Players are required to bring their pinney to all soccer activities.
- Players will bring their own water to the field and their containers will be clearly labeled with their name. Players will be instructed *not* to share water.
- Players will bring their own soccer ball to all soccer activities.
- Players designated as goalies are *not* permitted to share goalie gloves or goalie jerseys.
- When players arrive at the field there will be areas designated for placement of their soccer bags, water, and any other personal items, that meet social distancing guidelines.





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- Players will be required to bring a face covering (mask) to the field. Players will *not* be required to wear face coverings while actively playing, but may do so if they choose. Players on the bench, or otherwise not participating, will be asked to wear face coverings if they are unable to “social distance” while waiting to engage in active play. ‘Social distancing’ would be defined as approximately 6 feet away from all persons on site.
- The use of team benches on the sideline will *not* be permitted. Players may bring their own chairs that will be placed at least 6 feet apart from any other chair/person. If players opt not to bring a chair they may stand or sit on the grass when not engaged in soccer activities.
- Players will be required to bring their own hand sanitizer to the field. Coaches will have additional hand sanitizer available if needed.
- Upon arrival at the field, coaches will ask their players if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19. Any players that have symptoms will be sent home immediately and a notification will be made to the ESA Safety Officer.
- All coaches/parents/spectators will be required to bring a face covering to the field and have it readily available to be used for instances and which they are unable to social distance.
- Coaches will be asked to track players for each soccer event. In practice situations, the responsibility is more than just taking mere attendance. Coaches will track player groupings. For instance, if 30 players are separated into three different groups of 10 apiece, coaches will track overall attendance and also the players assigned to Group A, Group B, and Group C. Coaches will provide weekly attendance reports to the ESA Safety Officer.
- Coaches shall sanitize equipment prior to and after usage. Coaches are the only persons allowed to handle equipment.
- Coaches will follow a phased approach to soccer activities to be aligned with the recommendations of U.S. Youth Soccer. Coaches will be advised of the parameters of each phase through guidance provided by ESA.





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- Celebrations, team huddles and congratulatory huddles will not be permitted, and players will be instructed that sportsmanship (e.g. handshakes/hi-fives) will be modified to avoid direct contact.
- The bleachers at many of the fields have been removed. If bleachers are present though, they are *not* to be used. Parents and spectators should bring their own seating and practice social distancing. If parents and spectators are unable to social distance, they should have a face covering readily available to be worn. All parents and spectators must be at least 12 feet from the touchline or goal line to allow a safe distance for players and officials to occupy. If the ball goes out of play it is recommended that only the players retrieve the ball.
- ESA will provide signage for guidance and to also advise of any off-limit areas around the fields.

The coaching staffs of each team will responsible to see that these rules and guidelines are followed. Any issues or concerns shall be reported to the ESA Safety Officer, Amy Griskus, via e-mail at amy@enfieldsoccer.com. For tracing any potential spread of COVID-19, please contact the ESA Safety Officer as soon as possible, with any exposure or also during the period in which symptoms are present and your child is awaiting testing results.

Please ensure you review this document with your child prior to the first soccer related activity. Prior to any player taking the field for the summer season, a parental signed copy of page 6 of this document, must be given to the manager/coach upon arrival for the first soccer related activity. No exceptions.

******See waiver below******





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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate in programs, events, or activities offered or sponsored by Enfield Soccer Association (“ESA”), and/or any affiliated member, this includes the right to use the fields provided to ESA for use by the Town of Enfield, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, understands, and agrees that:

1. Actively engaging in the organized sport of Soccer includes possible exposure to, and illness from, communicable diseases including but not limited to the virus “severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)”, COVID-19, MRSA, influenza, and/or any mutation or variation thereof (collectively “Infectious Diseases”). While specialized rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does still exist;
2. ESA cannot prevent or eliminate the possibility that you or your child(ren) could be exposed to, contract, and/or spread Infectious Diseases while participating in programs and or using fields provided by the ESA, as it is not possible to prevent against the presence of Infectious Diseases. Therefore, if you choose to participate in the ESA’s Soccer Programs, you may be exposing yourself to Infectious Diseases thus increasing you and your family’s risk of contracting and/or spreading Infectious Diseases;
3. You and your child(ren) agree to comply with the guidelines, policies and terms that have been set forth for participation as it regards protection against Infectious Diseases. If, however, you or your child(ren) observe any unsafe or significant hazard(s) during their presence or participation, you agree to remove them and they agree to remove themselves from active participation and bring the unsafe situation and/or hazard to the attention of the nearest ESA coach or appointed official immediately;
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY ESA AND IT’S AFFILIATED MEMBERS, their executive board, directors, officials, agents, employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the programs (“RELEASEES”), FROM ANY AND ALL claims, losses, demands, and liability arising out of our directly related to any INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY or DEATH I may suffer, loss or damage to person or property, related to acquiring an Infectious Disease, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law;





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5. I ASSUME, FREELY AND KNOWINGLY THAT ALL SUCH RISKS PERTAINING TO INFECTIOUS DISEASES, known and unknown, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and

6. I certify after signing this release should, myself or my child(ren) (1) have or experience any symptoms of an Infectious Disease, (2) have knowingly come in contact with any individual(s) who have tested positive for an Infectious Disease, (3) have tested positive or been diagnosed with any Infectious Disease or (4) have had any travel outside of the United States within the last 14 days, that myself and my child(ren) will abstain from participating in all ESA Soccer Programs and will not under any circumstance have any use of the fields and or playing locations provided by the ESA or the Town of Enfield. Furthermore, I understand and agree that if myself or my child(ren) have been diagnosed with COVID-19 that we will not return to any ESA fields or playing locations until at least thirty (30) days have elapsed from diagnosis and myself or my child(ren) have tested negative for COVID-19.

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION) I, certify that, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releases, and, have read and explained the contents of this waiver/release to my child/ward. This also includes the risks present with participation in the sport of Soccer and his/her responsibilities for adhering to the rules and guidelines that have been set forth here for their protection against "Infectious Diseases". I for myself, and, for said participant and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER/RELEASE/ASSUMPTION OF RISK FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

PLAYERS NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

