



# COVID-19 MITIGATION & NONA SOCCER CUP SAFE-PLAY GUIDE

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Nona Soccer Academy understands that risk of exposure to communicable diseases cannot be 100% eliminated and has compiled the following SAFE-PLAY Guide to best maximize the safety of all, at the Nona Soccer Cup.

Nona Soccer Academy is taking preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, NONA Soccer cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19 or other communicable disease.

## **NONA SOCCER ACADEMY PRIORITIES OF THE NONA CUP SAFE-PLAY**

1. **To maximize the safety** of all Coaches, Players, Parents and Spectators participating at the Nona Soccer Cup and protect the health & well-being of all
2. **To commit to the Best Practices of Nona Soccer Cup Safe-Play** and ensure we can operate the tournament to it's full potential while providing the utmost safe environment
3. **To be in this together as one SOCCER COMMUNITY** to minimize the presence of COVID-19. If Coaches, Players, Parents and Spectators all do their part we can have fun and Play, Coach, and Watch soccer safely.

## **General Tournament Safety Protocols**

- All restrooms will be cleaned before, during and after each event. Tournament staff are assigned to the responsibility
- EVERYONE is highly recommended to wear a face covering upon arrival (This is required at Austin Tindall Sports Complex), when walking from their vehicle to the fields; upon departure when walking from the fields to their vehicle; when moving around the facility between fields and through communal areas such as headquarters, bathrooms, and when not properly social distancing.
- Face Coverings should be worn when you are not able to be socially distant
- There will be little to no food served
- Field Marshalls will be patrolling all Field Locations to ensure social distancing is respected and crowding is minimized

## **Spectators and Parents**

- Parents & Spectators are not allowed to “camp-out” and bring tents into the fields
- Please limit the amount of spectators coming to the field. We recommend to keep Player Spectators to the immediate family household.
- Parents & Spectators must abide by staying in designated viewing areas. Each tournament field location will have different rules based on facility and county regulations
- Parents & Spectators can NOT linger after the game
- Parents & Spectators need to respect social distancing at ALL TIMES
- It is strongly recommended that people over 65 and/or with pre-existing conditions do not attend
- Anyone with symptoms (fever, cough, etc.) must not attend any event
- Please bring personal hand sanitizer and wipes to the Nona Soccer Cup
- Face covering should be worn while walking around the fields, and in the common areas, etc

## **Tournament Fields**

### **HEROES PARK:**

Parents & Spectators can come into designated game viewing areas (BETWEEN THE RED LINES) inside the gates to watch the game. Absolutely NO lingering on the field.

Tents & chairs allowed spread apart on the waterside of Heroes Park next to Splashes Restaurant

### **MCCOY COMMUNITY PARK:**

Parents & Spectators can NOT go on the fields. All viewing will be outside the short baseball fences. Standing or sitting is permitted. Please social distance around the fence area.

Picnic Tables are available. Chairs can be spread out on outside side of the fences.

### **AUSTIN TINDALL:**

Parents & Spectators can be socially distanced on the sidelines of the field for the game only.

### **AIRPORT LAKES:**

Parents & Spectators can be socially distanced on the sidelines of the field for the game only.

## **Tournament Scheduling & Field Layout**

- Field layouts are modified to increase space between fields
- There has been extra time built in between games played to allow for ease of transfer of Players, Coaches, Parents and Spectators.

## **FOLLOW GENERAL HYGIENE**

**General hygiene practices reduce the risk of spread of infection and are recommended to mitigate transmission of communicable disease, including COVID-19.**

- Avoid touching your face
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer
- Cover mouth and nose (with arm or elbow, not hands) when coughing or sneezing and wash hands afterward
- Wear a face mask or covering in public when you are unable to maintain social distancing
- Frequently clean commonly used surfaces (doorknobs, for example) with an antiseptic cleanser
- Avoid contact with other individuals (shaking hands, for example)
- Maintain a distance of 6 feet between you and others
- Stay home if you feel sick and contact your health care provider

## **Pre-Tournament Protocols: General Health & Safety**

- All Players and Coaches should do a temperature self-check prior to participating in the Nona Soccer Cup (Temperature over 100 may not attend)
- Anyone who feels sick or has any symptoms of COVID-19 can not participate
- Anyone who has had close contact within 14-days with a person known to have COVID-19 can not participate
- All attendees should bring their own face coverings, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, hydration, and food.

## **Game-Day Protocols: General Health & Safety**

- Signage, ground markings and barriers will be used to ensure proper health and safety protocols are observed and social distancing reminders
- Field Marshals will be located throughout the facility to assist participants, spectators, and remind of safety protocols.
- Athletic Trainers (with proper PPE) will be on site
- Game scores will be posted online.

## **Pre & Post Game**

### **Pre-Game:**

- Players, Coaches, Referees and Spectators must not enter the field until 20-30 minutes prior to their game and always respect the social distancing protocols
- Pre-game coin toss (if necessary) should follow social distancing guidelines

### **Post-Game:**

- Handshakes should be replaced with socially distanced applause line
- Players, coaches and spectators should leave the facility immediately after their game

## **During the Game**

### **Players & Coaches:**

Remain socially distanced when on the sideline before, during and after games. When not on the field playing (or warming-up) coaches and players are recommended to wear Face coverings

### **Substitutions:**

- Players should be assigned individual pinnies for the entirety of each game
- Substitutes waiting to enter the playing field should put their pinnie in their own bag before leaving the bench area
- If the substitute failed to put their pinnie in their bag, the player leaving the field should not take the pinnie from the substitute.

## Equipment:

- All teams should have their own equipment and balls
- Players should not share clothing such as training bibs, warm-ups, jerseys, etc.

## **Tournament Participation Protocol**

### **Clubs & Teams**

- Do not allow any team member(s) with symptoms to attend the Nona Soccer Cup
- If you are sick, feeling sick or have a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, you must not attend.
- Players are required to social distance when not playing and are recommended to wear face coverings at all times when in the team technical area during games – Players can then remove face coverings when entering the game,
- Coaches are recommended to wear Face Coverings
- Please find the designated warm-up areas at each location
- Coaches and players should maintain social distancing during half time, water breaks and at all times when off the field of play.
- Coaches and players should maintain “social distancing” in the “bench area” and in between games (i.e. do not congregate in groups of 5+ on the sidelines and maintain a minimum of 6 ft. apart from other groups).
- Do not share water bottles, drinks or food or any personal items.
- Hand contact of any kind will be prohibited (i.e. handshakes, ‘high fives,’ etc.).
- No spitting will be allowed on the field, sidelines, or anywhere on the event premise
- Nona Soccer Cup will not be providing hydration stations or nutrition - players and coaches should bring their own hydration and not share food or beverages with others.
- Tents or tarps to wait in the shade is allowed away from other group and in designated areas (HEROES PARK - green space on the water-side by Splashes Restaurant).
- Players and Coaches should sanitize their hands each time they come off the field and in between each game.
- All Coaches and Players should launder clothes, uniforms, and vests after day 1 of the event if the items are to be worn on day 2.

### **Referees**

- Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms must not work the Nona Soccer Cup
- All referees are required to wear face coverings while moving between the parking lot and the fields.

- Referees in common areas must wear masks at all times, unless during gameplay or while properly social distancing as an alternate referee.
- Referees must cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing - recommended into the nape of the elbow.
- Physical contact of any kind will be prohibited (i.e. handshakes, “high fives”, etc.).
- May use artificial or electronic noise makers rather than whistles.
- All referees should launder clothes and uniforms after activities each day.
- Referees should not exchange documents with the coaches or team managers— Coaches should possess player passes during the game.

## **Tournament Staff, Volunteers & Vendors**

- Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms must not work the Nona Soccer Cup
- All Nona Soccer Cup staff must wear protective face coverings throughout the event, changing them as needed
- Face Coverings are highly recommended to be worn
- All Nona Soccer Cup Staff & Volunteers must cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing - recommended into the nape of the elbow
- Assigned staff will be responsible for sanitizing all defined public areas (i.e. restroom handles/doors, tents, golf carts, etc.).

### **Planning: Weeks/Days Prior to Participating in the Nona Soccer Cup**

- Help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by doing your part. Be prepared by knowing our protocols and training your players, parents and spectators before they arrive onsite.
- Please share the resources that we will be providing throughout our Return to Play campaign.

## **Covid-19 & Health Resources**

- Centers of Disease Control & Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- Florida Department of Health: <http://www.floridahealth.gov>
- US Soccer: <https://www.ussoccer.com/playon#additional-resources->
- Florida Youth Soccer Association: <https://www.fysa.com/fysa-on-the-coronavirus/>
- USSSA: <https://ussa.com/coronavirus>
- US Club Soccer: <https://www.usclubsoccer.org/coronavirus>

**DISCLAIMER:** The health, safety, and welfare of all event participants is the top priority of Nona Soccer Academy. This plan is dynamic and a work in progress. It will be adjusted and updated regularly to reflect new information and guidance from federal and state governments, as well as health organizations, and soccer governing bodies. All communicable disease mitigation recommendations and best practices outlined within are intended to deliver the safest game day and tournament environment possible. However, following these guidelines does not eliminate 100% of the risk and potential for exposure. Please check with your sanctioning/association body (US Soccer, USSSA, US Youth Soccer, US Clubs Soccer, AYSO) guidelines before participating in soccer tournaments.

By registering for Nona Soccer Cup, attending, and entering event facilities, all participants, including, but not limited to, coaches, players, parents, spectators, event staff, vendors, partners, medical and training staff, facility staff, public safety, and administrators agree to follow all national, state, local, and Nona Soccer Academy guidelines, and assume all responsibility of risk in attending the Nona Soccer Cup. By entering the facilities where the Nona Soccer Cup is held, participants agree to not indemnify Nona Soccer Academy or its staff nor hold them responsible for any sickness or health conditions that may result from attending the tournament.