



COVID-19 Related Youth Football Program Policies and Parent Expectations

Screenings: Parents/Guardians are asked to support the Boys & Girls Club in providing a safe space and program for our players, staff and coaches by informing the program of any changes to their child's health or community exposure. The Club expects parents to conduct temperature checks daily for their children. It is essential that parents serve as the first line of screening prior to utilizing the Boys & Girls Club. Any individual with a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher without medication for a minimum of 24 hours should not be present at the practices or games. We will conduct temperature checks of youth suspected to have a fever or feeling ill and we may periodically conduct temperature screenings. Club staff will have temperature screenings daily.

Youth Expectations: Youth participating in the football program are expected to follow the policies surrounding behavior, hygiene, health practices, and social distancing in regards to a moderate to high contact fall sports program based on the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) guidelines.

Masks: All Club staff will be required to wear masks during all youth programming that is taking place inside or when social distancing policies are not possible. Players and coaches will not be required to wear masks so long as social distancing policies are being met and proper cleaning, and handwashing is being met.

Exposure: In the event of a player or coach testing positive for Covid we will review the situation and modify the program in a way that we feel is best for the safety of everyone. This could include postponing or cancelling practices/games if needed. Players must be free of any Covid related symptoms for a minimum of 72 hours before any participation in the youth football program.

Water Bottles: All players should have their own water bottle, marked with their name on it to use to stay hydrated when participating in this program. Water will not be provided by the Club during these practices or games.

Mouth Guards: Mouth guards are highly recommended for all players participating in this program to prevent injuries. Boys & Girls Club will NOT provide mouth guards.

Cleaning/Sanitizing: All footballs and flags will be cleaned and sanitized before and after practice and games. This will be done by Club staff, referees, and by volunteer coaches. Hand sanitizer will be available before and after games/practices for youth, coaches and referees.

Restrooms: Restrooms will be available at Allen Mitchell Field and a single Porta-Potty will be available at Mt. Hope Fields.

Final Thoughts: Thank you to all parents in advance for the extra effort it will take this year due to Covid. It brings on additional preparation for everyone, but we anticipate making this our best season yet!

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