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WYSA RETURN TO PLAY COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

**For Phase 1 (viaSport Phase 2 Sport) Outdoor Soccer (multiple West Kelowna field sites)
– Revised April 14th, 2021**

In this plan “participants” include an employee, volunteer, player, parent or spectator.

Westside Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) provides house level soccer programs for children and youth living within the boundaries of West Kelowna, Peachland, the Central Okanagan West portion of the Regional District of Central Okanagan and the Westbank First Nation. The health and safety of all our participants has always been an integral part in our programming and now, with the current pandemic, it has become central to our return to play plan. In the best interest of all participants, everything we do going forward will adhere to and follow the directions as laid out by:

- BC Provincial Health Officer (PHO) and Interior Health Authorities
- WorkSafe BC – dated May 21, 2020
- viaSport’s Return to Sport Plan – updated Dec. 2nd, 2020
- BC Soccer’s RETURN TO PLAY PLAN – Phase 1 – Released June 2, 2020 – reinstated Dec. 2, 2020.
- City of West Kelowna

Note: at any time, the above-mentioned documents may be amended to meet current requirements of health authorities and governing bodies and as such this document will be subject to ongoing amendments in order to reflect the most current information/directives available.

The plan includes, but is not limited to, ensuring:

- ✓ maximum number of people allowed at each field/facility is not exceeded
- ✓ physical distancing requirements are followed
- ✓ sanitizing protocols are published, communicated and adhered to
- ✓ illness screening protocols are published, communicated and adhered to
- ✓ the Illness Policy is published and communicated to all participants
- ✓ attendance records are kept by the Club complete with names, contact info, dates and venues to assist health authorities in tracking any potential exposure

I. Control Measures for Field Restrictions and Physical Distancing

- As of this document date the PHO order is for all participants who are not members of the same household to maintain a physical distance of 2m or 6 feet and that gatherings are not to exceed 50 people per field.
- Participants are encouraged to wear a mask from the car to the field.
- ALL coaches will wear a mask while coaching or talking to other participants.
- The maximum number of participants per field is 50 people.
- At all West Kelowna fields player arrival and departure will be controlled by staggering arrival and departure times that allow for maximum entrance and exit points.



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- Players are to arrive no more than 5 minutes before their start time, dressed and ready to play. Players are to leave immediately after their program ends, no loitering in the parking lots.
- Soccer Cohorts are defined as 4 teams or a maximum of 50 players in a program.
- **Players will maintain a 3m distance at all times, before, during and after any WYSA program.**
- **NO spectators allowed on site;** there will be no spectators or general public on site during programs.

II. Site Safety and Sanitization Protocols

- See attached Sanitization Protocol document for more details.
- See attached Illness Policy document for more details.
- See attached COVID-19 First Aid Protocol document for more details.
- COVID-19 safety posters will be displayed.
- WYSA COVID-19 binder will be available upon request for reference and inspection. Please give 24hr to produce as there is 1 master binder for multiple fields and no safe place to store at individual fields.
- The club (WYSA) will provide all teams with hand sanitizer and bleach spray. Participants will use hand sanitizer when they arrive, leave and after touching the ball with their hands.
- **ALL participants will self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms at home, the same as required in the school system, and will not attend programs if they have any symptoms or feel in anyway ill.** The Health Check list has been emailed to all participants and is posted on the WYSA website.
- During each session coaches will monitor players and themselves for any signs of illness. An ill participant will be removed from the session immediately, isolated from all other participants and parents contacted for pick-up. If the coach becomes ill during a session, he/she will remove themselves immediately and the Field Marshal will complete the session.
- Coaches will bring all coaching supplies, including balls. Balls and cones will be sanitized with store bought premixed bleach spray after every session. Bleach spray provided to every team and extras on site in the CNB storage bin.
- Player grids will be set up by staff and volunteers and marked with cones that will be sanitized before and after programs.
- Players must avoid touching balls with their hands. During sessions of shared equipment (passing drills) if the ball is touched by a hand/arm/head the ball will be sanitized and players will sanitize their hands.



III. Other Participant Safety Precautions

- Wash your hands with disinfectant soap and water for at least 20 seconds before going to the soccer activity.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer if you do not want to use the one provided.
- Bring your own water bottle. Do not share with other participants.
- Clean your equipment, including your water bottle.
- Do not share equipment.
- Change into your soccer apparel at home, come ready to practice.
- Consider wearing a mask while you practice/play.
- If you cough or sneeze, do so in a tissue or in your sleeve. Deposit tissue into an approved trash bin.
- Avoid touching door handles, gates, benches and all other objects where the virus could survive. If you touch something, make sure to wash or sanitize your hands.
- Listen to your coach and keep to the area of the field the coach has instructed you to be in.
- Do not shake hands or do fist bumps, with other players.
- Avoid touching the ball and other equipment with your hands.
- Goalkeepers must not share gloves.

IV. Staff Training and Safety Equipment

- All staff and volunteers will be required to review WYSA COVID-19 related documents.
- Field staff will be trained on site safety policies and protocols. They will be responsible for educating and reminding volunteers and other participants of the COVID-19 rules and protocols.
- All staff will be required to sign a waiver and a release that states that while WYSA will follow all Health directives there is no way for WYSA to guarantee that a participant will not come into contact with or contract COVID-19 thus participation is up to the individual's own discretion. There is no insurance available with regards to any illness including COVID-19.
- Staff and volunteers will be provided with disposable gloves and mask for use in first aid emergencies. It is the responsibility of each staff member to request additional gloves and mask if they have used their set.
- Any staff member or volunteer performing sanitization will be provided with disposable gloves, sanitization medium and relevant training on how to perform proper sanitization of equipment and high traffic touch points.



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All WYSA COVID-19 safety policies and protocols have been drafted to comply with the most current health directives in the province of BC. Although there are no guarantees that participants will not be exposed to or contract the coronavirus these policies and protocols are intended to keep all participants as safe as possible in soccer, during this worldwide pandemic. If you or your child cannot follow the WYSA COVID-19 policies and protocols please withdraw your child from the program and we will see you again when things get back to 'normal'

REMINDER: abuse of staff, verbal or otherwise will not be tolerated and may result in you and/or your child's removal from the program and possible future programs. Refusal to abide by the rules at the field or facility may also result in the RCMP being called to aid volunteers maintain order and safety at their site.

As Dr. Henry says "Wash your hands often, maintain your distances, be kind, be calm, be safe."