



MIDLOTHIAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION

FALL 2020 - RETURN to PLAY

Safety Protocol

In accordance with the guidelines of *Midlothian ISD, Ellis County, North Texas State Soccer Association (NTXSSA), USYSA, the CDC and Texas Health and Human Services, MSA* has put together the following protocol of requirements and recommendations for the safe Return to Play of soccer this fall. This protocol applies to all MSA events at Hawkins Spring Park and Midlothian Community Park (MCP)

As a note, all items listed are subject to change at any time, as the season progresses.

- ❖ Parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring their own health and that of their child and perform the “self-screening” before attending practices, events or games.
- ❖ Masks **must** be worn by all participants and spectators during their ingress and egress from their vehicles to the fields.
- ❖ Masks **must** also be worn during a person’s movement about the park (i.e. to concessions & to the restrooms).
- ❖ Masks **may** be removed by players and coaches once warm-ups begin.
- ❖ Spectators are **encouraged** to keep their masks on for the duration of the game.
- ❖ Spectators **must** comply with current social distancing regulations while at the park. (Keep a 6ft distance between non-family members and wear masks if not possible)
- ❖ Spectators **must** sit on the SAME side of the field as their child (Home Team on North or West Sideline. Visiting Team on the South or East Sideline)
- ❖ It is **recommended** that spectator attendance be kept to a minimum (limit per player).
- ❖ Players **shall** have their own equipment (balls, water, towels, chairs, etc.) and **must not** share with other players
- ❖ At the end of practices and games spectators, players and coaches are **encouraged** to leave the field immediately. After game discussions with parents and players are **discouraged**, huddles and “break-outs” are **prohibited**.
- ❖ Teams **shall not** engage in ‘Hi-Fives’, handshaking, post-game tunnels, etc.
- ❖ Parents and players are **required** to bring their own hand sanitizer and use frequently.

Again, if you are exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms or are feeling ill, follow the CDC guidelines for ‘self-quarantine’. If you have attended an MSA event and have tested positive for Covid-19, it is the parent’s responsibility to notify MSA and/or your coach.

For additional information, see our website: <https://midlothiansoccer.org/return-to-play>

Thank You for your cooperation and understanding

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