

# 2020 Plum Kick-Off Classic

## COVID-19 Guidelines & Safety Protocols

Updated 8/25/2020

The below listed measures will be in place for the operation of the 2020 Plum Kick-Off Classic in order to ensure a safe playing environment for teams, spectators, and staff. Please make sure you are familiar with these guidelines and understand the need for strict adherence to them.

### 1. Spectator Guidelines:

- a. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is prohibited from attending.
- b. **Players are permitted ONE (1) spectator for any game played in Plum or Monroeville. Players are permitted TWO (2) spectators for any game played at Murrysville Community Park or Murrysville Veteran's Field.**
- c. There are designated viewing areas for spectators at each field. Please refer to the fields maps for each location. Please note that in Plum and Monroeville, spectator areas will be AT LEAST twenty (20) yards from the field of play and may include areas behind the goals or set back from the touchline.
- d. Spectators are required to wear face masks / coverings once exiting their vehicles.
- e. Spectators are to adhere to social distancing rules.
- f. Spectators are required to be in the spectator area and/or behind the spectator line which will be parallel to the touchline.
- g. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own personal sanitizer.

### 2. Players and Coaches:

- a. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is prohibited from attending.
- b. Players are to adhere to social distancing rules when not playing in the game, including while waiting to substitute.
- c. Players are to wear face masks / coverings at all times when not warming up or playing the game.
- d. Coaches are to wear face masks / coverings at all times.
- e. Coaches are required to stay within the technical area to provide distance from the field.
- f. The sharing of water bottles, food, etc. is prohibited.
- g. Players and coaches should sanitize hands after leaving the field.
- h. Players and coaches are encouraged to bring their own personal sanitizer.

### 3. Event Staff:

- a. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is to stay at home.
- b. All staff members will be required to have their temperature taken prior to being able to start work.
- c. All event staff will sign the 2020 Plum Kick-Off Classic COVID-19 Statement & Waiver Form in order to work the event.
- d. All event staff will wear face masks / coverings.

### 4. Referees:

- a. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is to stay at home.
- b. Will wear face masks / coverings when not on the field officiating.
- c. Maintain a safe distance when checking in teams.
- d. Maintain a safe distance when inspecting the field.
- e. Referees will disinfect soccer balls and goals prior to each game.
- f. Referees should sanitize hands after leaving the field.
- g. Referees are required to fill out and sign the 2020 Plum Kick-Off Classic COVID-19 Statement & Waiver Form.

## 5. Tournament Game Adjusted Practices:

- a. Teams are not to enter the field of play area at all until the previous games' teams have completely departed and are well clear of the field. Games have been spaced further apart in start times to allow teams approximately 15 minutes of on-field warmup time. Please do not crowd the teams playing on the field before you. Be patient and wait for the field to clear.
- b. There will be no post game handshakes or fist bumps. Teams are to stay apart. At the end of each game, teams are to show sportsmanship by facing each other and applauding. Please clear the field as soon as possible.
- c. No spitting will be allowed on the field, sidelines, etc.
- d. Coaches will retain player passes; they will not be checked by officials prior to the match, but must be available upon request.
- e. There will be no award ceremonies or medal presentations for the tournament winners and finalists. All medals will be provided to the head coaches of the winning, and finalist, teams at the completion of the championship games.
- f. **No "team tents" are allowed.** "Team Tents" refers to a tent, or group of tents, that parents put up together to have a social gathering. At no place, at any facility, should there be a "team tent". **Teams are permitted to have a tent over their individual bench for the players during the match.**
- g. All coaches, players, and team managers are required to fill out and sign the 2020 Plum Kick-Off Classic COVID-19 Statement & Waiver Form. This must be done as part of the team check-in process prior to the event. Any individual coach, player, or team manager that has not submitted this form during the check-in process will not be allowed to participate.
- h. To promote the safety of all participants (coaches, players, managers, referees, spectators and volunteers), we are recommending all participants follow the Allegheny County Health Department Guidance for Travelers. This recommends quarantining for 14 days if you recently had high risk travel.

Details on this guidance can be found at:

[https://www.alleghenycounty.us/uploadedFiles/Allegheny\\_Home/Health\\_Department/Resources/COVID-19/Docs/0726%20Guidance%20for%20Travelers.pdf](https://www.alleghenycounty.us/uploadedFiles/Allegheny_Home/Health_Department/Resources/COVID-19/Docs/0726%20Guidance%20for%20Travelers.pdf)

FAQs on this guidance can be found at:

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These COVID-19 Guidelines & Safety Protocols are effective August 25, 2020 and may be subject to change due to an increase or lessening of guidelines passed on by the PA Health Department, Allegheny County Health Department, US Soccer or PA West Soccer. Any updates or changes to the 2020 Plum Kick-Off Classic COVID-19 Guidelines & Safety Protocols will be shared with coaches of accepted teams into the tournament and should be distributed, by the coach or team representative, to all participants and attendees.

It is important that the 2020 Plum Kick-Off Classic tournament protocols, as well as the protocols being issued by PA West Soccer are adhered to. The protocols have been put in place to provide a safe playing environment for players and spectators, as well as to ensure the continuation of soccer through the fall season. Violations of tournament protocols may be subject to disciplinary actions, including but not limited to, game forfeiture as well as the team/club being reported to PA West.

**Plum Area Youth Soccer is committed to supporting our tournament participants through the incorporation of the safety guidelines and protocols listed above. By taking these precautions we believe we can reach our goal of providing a safe tournament experience for everyone during a return to play.**

**Achieving that goal is only possible with your complete compliance of the guidelines and protocols.**