

# Notification/Acknowledgement of Covid-19 Related Procedures and program changes for the 2020-21 Season

As we begin the 2020-21 soccer season, the COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing. Pembroke Pines Optimist Club's (PPO) intent for this season is to provide as close to normal of a soccer season for the kids, while taking precautions to protect the health of our participants, families, and volunteers. The following is a general outline to the rules that must be adhered to, as well as alterations we are making that differ from our previous soccer seasons. This list is subject to change and modification as we move through the season. The CDC, Broward County, City of Pembroke Pines, as well the Florida Youth Soccer Association may make additional directives at any time, and PPO will make our best effort to adhere to them.

- During practice sessions, parents will not be allowed to be field side. Parents will need to remain in their vehicles (on premises) until the practice has concluded. We will make some accommodations for the U6 and U8 parents to allow them to view from a distance. This policy may be altered if COVID case numbers remain low, however any changes will be at the sole direction of PPO and City of Pembroke Pines staff.
- On **GAME** day, only parents may be on the sidelines and must always be wearing masks. Only family units may sit in groups. Social distancing must be adhered to. A mask must be worn each time a parent is outside of their vehicle. Parents will NEVER leave the sideline or approach the coach or referee before, during, or after a game. Once the game is over, parents and players will immediately leave the park. Bleachers will NOT be used. Each park you visit may have additional rules, that must be adhered to.
- No food or drink will be allowed in the parks, except for water bottles brought by the players.
- Parents may only communicate with the coaches via telephone calls and texts. There will be NO direct face to face interactions.
- All players must arrive and leave practice wearing a mask. Masks will be worn at practice, and only lowered during physical exertion (such as running, etc.) at the direction of the **coaches**. Players must show up on time and move directly to the assigned field. Once activities are concluded, players will immediately meet their parents and leave the park.

- All players must have their own water bottle and soccer ball. No equipment will be provided by the coach, and/or loaned out or shared.
- Parents must clean / sanitize all player equipment between each practice and/or game. Each player should have a small bottle of hand sanitizer in their soccer bags.
- Our concession stand may not be in operation this season or may have limited offerings. Parents must send players to each game and practice with their water bottle, with the player's name written in permanent marker. Water fountains in the park may not be operational.
- Practice times and specific locations will be assigned and adhered to by teams, to allow for ample distancing.
- This season we will adjust the game structure to what we determine is in the health and safety of our players and coaches. This may include playing more games in-house vs. in the Greater Hollywood League, as well as possibly combining teams into co-ed divisions (to facilitate more in-house teams). The number of games may be adjusted lower, to accommodate enough time to allow teams to leave the field before other teams enter it. Team practice will be limited to a maximum of two sessions per week.
- **If your player or anyone in the household is showing signs (or common symptoms) of COVID-19, or anyone in the household has had a possible exposure, DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO THE PARK. We will adhere to CDC guidelines related to quarantine times after a known or possible exposure to COVID 19.**

**Acknowledgement:**

**By completing this registration, I acknowledge the preceding stipulations and notices. I bind myself as well as attendees to this agreement. If for any reason a parent (or other spectator) violates any of our COVID-19 policies, the individual will be asked to leave the park immediately. If deemed appropriate, and at the sole discretion of the PPO soccer board, offending parents may have their child/children removed from our program. In the event this happens, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**