

2021 Copper State Challenge COVID-19 Guidelines

Welcome to the Copper State Challenge hosted by Arizona Soccer Club! We are very happy you have decided to join us this year. We look forward to putting on a great tournament for you, but we will need your help to do so. Arizona Soccer Club is concerned about the safety and well-being of all our Copper State Challenge players and families. With these trying and different times, Arizona has managed to successfully place our players on the field this year. It is our hope that these guidelines will add to the steps we have been taking as a soccer community to keep us on the field.



We are currently in step 2 of Phase 4 of the Arizona Soccer Association Guidelines. A summary of the guidelines for Arizona Soccer can be found here: <https://www.azsoccerassociation.org/return-to-play/return-to-play/>

Along with these guidelines, we also must conform to restrictions on total maximum attendees (players, coaches, team officials, referees, and tournament staff) for the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, the municipality of the venue as well as the requirements of each facility. As such, the following guidelines are in place for all facilities.:

Players, Coaches and Teams

- Masks covering both nose and mouth are always required for all Coaches and Team Officials
- Coaches and Team Officials are responsible for ensuring team players and parents adhere to all guidelines and tournament rules.
- Masks covering both nose and mouth are always required for all players when walking to/from the field and when not playing.
- Teams will sit on opposite sides of the field from each other, behind the Assistant Referee.
- Players should practice social distancing when on the sidelines and when not masked while catching their breath and/or get a drink.
- Players should not share water or equipment.
- Benches are allowed, but players on the benches must be masked.
- Benches and canopies will not be provided, and it is the responsibility of each team to provide their own bench and canopy.
- No pre/post game handshakes, no pre-game coin toss. The home team chooses direction and kicks-off.
- The home team will supply 3 balls for game play and must sanitize the game balls before the 1st half and at half time.
- Managers/Coaches agree to ensure that all players are listed on the tournament roster, are properly carded, and have the proper equipment.
- Teams will have 5 minutes to exit the field/facility after games
- Coaches and Team Officials must notify the tournament director if any player, Coach, spectator or team official begins to experience the symptoms of COVID-19: tournamentdirector@arizonasoccerclub.com. The tournament committee will review the situation to determine if a suspension of tournament activities for the entire team is warranted. If a team is suspended from the tourney due to a COVID-19 outbreak after the tourney kick-off on 11/18/2021, all that team's games will be forfeited as a 1-0 win for the opponents. No refunds will be provided post tournament kick-off due to COVID-19.

Parent / Spectators

- Parents and Spectators are allowed within designated spectator areas for each facility. Please see the website for each facility.
- Masks covering both nose and mouth are required for spectators. Spectators must always practice social distancing.

Referees

- Masks covering both nose and mouth are always required referees when travelling to and from the field and when not actively refereeing or getting a drink.
- Teams will sit on opposite sides of the field from each other, behind the Assistant Referee.
- No pre/post game handshakes

Tournament Operations Staff

- All Tournament staff are always required to wear masks.
- Gloves to be worn by staff when picking up trash or sanitizing equipment