



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Frequently Asked Questions for Youth and Adult Sports

Directive 35

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**Tournaments**

**1. What is the definition of a tournament?**

Per Directive 35, Section 19, a tournament is defined as a series of games or contests that make up a single unit of competition, playoffs, or an invitational event.

**2. Which tournaments need to be cancelled?**

Per Directive 35, Section 19, all tournaments scheduled for November 24, 2020 or later must be cancelled. Email notifications will be sent to all tournaments previously approved by the Department of Business and Industry.

**3. If a tournament is cancelled, can league play occur on these dates instead?**

Yes, but a separate plan for league play must be approved by the Department of Business and Industry in advance of play. Leagues cannot play teams outside their organization or from other states.

**4. Will new tournaments be considered?** No, Directive 35 prohibits tournaments effective November 24, 2020 and there is no end date specified in Directive 35.

**League Play**

**1. What are the new capacity restrictions for league play?**

Only 50 people are permitted at each game. This includes the playing area, end zones, stands, and periphery of the playing area. This 50-person maximum includes players and spectators, but excludes coaches and officials necessary to conduct the event.

**2. Do leagues that have previously been approved for play by the Department of Business and Industry need to submit a new plan?**

No. Leagues with approved plans will be notified of the new capacity restrictions.

**3. Can spectators stay in the parking lot?**

Yes, but they need to remain in their cars and cannot tailgate or create a gathering in the parking lot. The league is responsible for monitoring the parking area(s) to ensure that a gathering is not occurring.

**4. Do players need to wear face coverings while playing?**

No. Face covering requirements have not changed. See Directive 34 face covering requirements for players, coaches, officials, and spectators.

**5. Can leagues or clubs play teams outside their organization?**

No. This means that games and scrimmages may only occur within a specified league.

**6. Can out-of-state teams hold scrimmages in Nevada?**

Yes, if they have a plan approved by the Department of Business and Industry. These teams cannot scrimmage with other Nevada teams.

**7. Can leagues continue to submit plans for approval to the Department of Business and Industry?**

Yes.

**8. Is the Adult and Youth Sports COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan Checklist required?**

Yes, each league must fill in all elements of the checklist directly on the form. Answers should be in red. Refer to Directive 34 and the associated guidance for required elements.

**9. If a league has an approved plan, can it add new fields or facilities?**

Adding fields or facilities needs to be approved by the Department of Business and Industry as well as the local jurisdiction. A revised plan must be submitted that includes maps of all fields that need to be used.

**Running Events**

**1. May running events be approved?**

Yes, running events may submit a plan to the Department of Business and Industry for approval.

**2. Can running events be set up with different cohorts of 50 people?**

Yes, but the plan needs to include sufficient time between cohorts so that the cohorts will not intermingle. People from the first group need to be off site before the next group arrives at the finish line.

**Responsibilities of local jurisdictions**

1. Rescind all permits for tournaments and cancel the events.
2. Ensure that leagues that rent fields and facilities have a plan approved by the Department of Business and Industry.
3. Monitor leagues to ensure they are following all elements of their plans and that gatherings are not occurring in parking lots.
4. Rescind permits for leagues that do not follow their approved plans.
5. Monitor parks with open areas that are not rented out to ensure sports teams that are practicing are following all the requirements in Directive 34 and Directive 35.
6. Ensure that parks and facilities are not being used for full contact sports prohibited by Directive 34.