



As the 2020 Season of the Dickinson Youth Football League quickly approaches, we understand there may be hesitation and anxiety with your player participating in organized sports.

Football is a collision sport. On every play, each player on the field will come in contact with another individual. Social distancing is not practical. With that in mind, we must all be aware and realistic with the safety precautions put in place for our players, coaches, parents and spectators. While the DYFL will promote and facilitate safety, we cannot do this alone.

### **Parents**

- Good hygiene practices begin at home. After all practices and games, we strongly encourage your player(s) practice good hand hygiene and shower.
- You know your player better than anyone. We ask you closely monitor your players health on a daily basis. If your player is displaying any signs and symptoms of illness, we ask you hold them from practice and games. Please use your best judgment, and have empathy for how others in the league will view the health of your player.
- The coaches on your team will be the first contact to report a player missing from practice due to illness. The coaches will then communicate with the DYFL Board.
- We expect your honesty when reporting a positive COVID-19 case. While there is no way for the DYFL to mandate you report a positive case of COVID-19 to your coach, we remind you that reporting this is in the best interest of all involved in the DYFL.

### **Coaches**

- You are the main contact for the members of your team, as well as the DYFL Board. We expect you to have organized communication with the guardians of your players. In years past, successful coaches have communicated either by text message or email with their team as a whole. Clear communication to and from all parties will be key to success in this upcoming season.

## **Spectators**

- We encourage you to practice social distancing while on the sidelines. We ask you respect those around you, be aware of your surroundings and the impact your presence has on those in close proximity to you. Just like your player, if you or anyone in your family is displaying signs or symptoms of illness, we ask that you do not come to games.

## **Dickinson Youth Football Board Members**

- The DYFL will work each day to keep the safety of its players as its top priority. We will also attempt to keep the integrity of the season as best we can. Please know that safety will always be the leading priority.
- Due to the everchanging landscape, many situations will be addressed on a case by case basis. Due to the privacy concerns surrounding the current pandemic, we will be limited in the information we are able to share with you. The DYFL Board will work closely with area medical experts in properly communicating with you.
- Please understand all situations will require time to resolve. The DYFL Board is made of volunteers who are a part of our community and have families they prioritize as well. The upcoming 8 weeks will be unlike any we have experienced. We appreciate your understanding.

The Dickinson Youth Football League is excited to begin the 2020 Season. We look forward to working with you to provide the best experience possible for all involved.