



REMINDER

Special COVID-19 Policies and Procedures implemented for the 2020 Boys' Summit Soccer Season

Players, Coaches, and Parents....

I am sending this letter to remind each of you of the policies / procedures which Summit Soccer has implemented in order to allow our club to have a safe soccer season. We need your support. Please pay special attention to the areas **highlighted** below and do your best to meet these requirements during all Summit events (even practices). If we do not follow these procedures during safe practices, we will not be ready to follow them during games and may not be allowed to participate in games against our opponents.

The Michigan state government still lists our portion of the state as a “Phase 4 – Improving” area. The Michigan state government also issued Executive Order No. 2020-147 (issued 7-10-20) which states: “Any individual who leaves their home or place of residence must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth... when outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household”. However, this order also states: “The requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to individuals who... are exercising when wearing a face covering would interfere in the activity”.

The Summit Soccer Club is not governed by any specific sports organization. However, a significant number of our competitors are governed by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and thus our club has chosen to model our policies and procedures around the guidance provided by MHSAA. Governor Whitmer released the “Return to School Roadmap” on June 30 and entrusted the MHSAA with the task of creating the plans, procedures, and protocols for the return of Michigan high school athletics. In Phase 4 areas, the MHSAA guidelines allow up to 100 people (players, staff, and spectators) at outdoor sports activities. MHSAA also calls for six-foot social distancing during practices and requires all players, coaches, staff who are not currently playing the game to wear masks. MHSAA competitions are not permitted until that group determines that it is reasonably safe to do so. MHSAA expects to issue an announcement on or before August 20 which will either allow these competitions to begin or detail any delays regarding the start date for competitions.

In consideration of these factors, the Summit Soccer Club has implemented special COVID-19 policies and procedures which are designed to allow our players, coaches, and spectators to remain safe while also providing a means for our teams to train effectively in preparation for a safe return to competitions as the season progresses.

- For players who submitted a valid physical examination on or after April 15, 2019, MHSAA guidelines allow players to complete a 2020-21 Sports Health Questionnaire in lieu of a 2020 sports physical (form can be found on the Summit website). Summit will also accept this questionnaire in lieu of a 2020 sports physical. A sports physical is still required if the player answers “yes” to any of the questions on this form or if the player’s last physical was before April 15, 2019.
- Per MHSAA guidelines, **the coach (or a representative) will check each player’s temperature with a non-contact thermometer and will question the players with respect to COVID-19 symptoms and exposure risk factors** (survey can be

found on the Summit website). Any player who has experienced symptoms or exposure risk factors cannot participate at that event and will be sent home. That player will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days (without symptoms or additional exposure risks) or provide a doctor's release stating that the player has been tested and is safe to return to group activities.

- In the unfortunate case that one of our players or coaches develops a diagnosed case of COVID-19, the player or coach must notify a coach, AD, or board member of Summit Soccer Club as soon as possible. Summit Soccer Club will review the recent attendance records and notify all affected players / coaches of the possibility that they may have been in close contact with someone who has a diagnosed case of COVID-19. All affected players / coaches will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days (without symptoms or additional exposure risks) or provide a doctor's release stating that the player / coach has been tested and is safe to return to group activities.
- Summit will allow training drills and scrimmage play during our tryouts, conditioning, and practice events. Players can wear masks during these training activities if desired. However, Summit will not require players to wear masks at these times. Players and coaches are required to bring a mask (which can cover the mouth and nose) to all Summit Soccer Club events. When not participating in training drills or scrimmages, players and coaches are required to social distance (6-foot minimum) OR wear a mask when consistent social distancing is not possible.
- Spectators at Summit Soccer Club events are required to wear masks when they are not able to maintain 6-foot social distancing from others who are not in their household.
- A sign will be posted at the entrance to our home field which states that all participants, officials, and spectators who are not actively participating in soccer training or competition are required to wear masks when they are not able to maintain 6-foot social distancing from others who are not in their household.
- Summit will provide an update to the Athletic Directors of our opponents which will outline our plans and expectations for when they play at our field.
- Per MHSAA guidelines, Summit will make hand sanitizer available for each team at all events and will also have hand sanitizer available near the portable toilets at our home field.
- Coaches will be provided with several sets of pinnies and will be required to wash any pinnies which are worn during practice before they are used again.
- Per MHSAA guidelines, gloves and sanitizing wipes or sprays will be provided for the coaches and players to clean shared equipment (balls, benches, portable toilet, etc.).
- Parents who volunteer as "Home field hosts" will be provided with gloves and sanitizing wipes or sprays in order to clean the portable toilet door handles and seat after each home game.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through these difficult times together. Please reach out to a coach, AD, or board member if you have questions / suggestions relative to these policies and procedures.

Go Summit!

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