



United Soccer of Auburn

To: All Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and COVID-19 Team Safety Coordinator

From: Brandon Sexton, USA President, Greg Bohling, USA Vice President, Andy Paquette, USA COVID-19 Safety Officer

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RE: COVID-19 Rules Update

On September 29, 2020, Brandon Sexton, Greg Bohling, and I had a video conference call with Michael Borislow, the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association. The purpose of this meeting was to seek clarification on the responsibilities of the Team COVID-19 Safety Coordinator and the coaches. This is due to the different experiences that some of us have had when we have both played away and at home.

The following are the clarifying expectations of each adult position. A nice way to think about this update is the following: Coaches are responsible for masks **in the playing area** (on the field and sidelines.) COVID-19 Coordinators are responsible for **outside the playing area**.

Coaches and Assistant Coaches:

- They are responsible for the mask wearing by their team. Both on the field and while on the sideline.
- As communicated to all of you, MAYS issued an update on September 4, 2020 regarding mask wear by players: **any player on the field must have a mask on and properly worn at all times, including goalies. There is no exception for extensive runs or aerobic sprints to pull it down. There is no exception if they are more than 6-ft away on the field or on the sideline.**
- Coaches or Assistant Coaches are the only ones to communicate with the other coach if there is a concern about the other team and their use of masks and the other requirements for safe play.
- It is not the referee's responsibility to enforce the mask rule for anyone, including players.
- **No one is to approach a referee about COVID-19 issues.**

TEAM COVID-19 SAFETY COORDINATOR

- The COVID-19 Safety Coordinator is responsible for **all** the spectators at home games and for the Auburn spectators at away games. (NOTE: At away games, the expectation is that the Home coordinator is the primary responsible person for **all**. We are responsible for assisting in any issues with our adults.)
- He/She is responsible to ensure masks are worn and proper social distancing is followed.
- The COVID-19 Safety Coordinator is responsible for the total number of spectators that the total does not exceed 50.
- https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/assets/61/6/team_covid_coordinator_checklist_sep_4.pdf This link is a helpful checklist for the team coordinator.

We understand the uniqueness of this season and thank all of you for helping ensure that we all follow the rules that allow our children to play.