



Return to Play Policy

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The information in this document is NOT intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. If a player, family member or coach is feeling ill, please seek the advice of a medical professional immediately and do not attend any activities. Please read our policy thoroughly.

Background

On June 19, 2020 Governor Wolf announced that Montgomery & Berks Counties will move to the Green phase of reopening from the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control, PA Department of Health and the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association, Boyertown SC will return to play on June 29, 2020 with the following safety and action plan.

Phased Reopening

Please note that this timeline is subject to change as new information becomes available.

Stage 1 (2-3 weeks)

- County has gone from Yellow to Green
- Training permitted within organization only
- No body contact, social distance during training
- No games, scrimmages or league participation permitted
- Reduced numbers of participants
- No shared equipment
- Spectators not permitted, parents can stay in vehicle
- Adult coaches must wear masks when with participants

Stage 2 (2-3 weeks)

- County remains Green
- Body contact is permitted
- Scrimmages and friendly games within the club are acceptable.
- No league participation permitted
- Spectators permitted with social distance and must wear masks
- Adult coaches must wear masks when with participants

Stage 3 (2-3 weeks)

- County remains Green
- Scrimmages and friendly games with other clubs in all Green counties permitted
- No league participation permitted

Stage 4 (2-3 weeks)

- County continues positive progress in Green with most government restrictions lifted
- League participation is permitted
- Social distance of spectators recommended during league games

Tentative Club Calendar (subject to change)

- June 29th Coach led training may begin for travel teams following the guidelines outlined in Stage 1 above. To ensure proper distancing from other teams, coaches must reserve fields in advance by contacting the VP of Travel.
- July 13th Formal club level training resumes with modified summer camp structure (please see Modified Summer Camp section below for further details).
- July 27th Club level training continues under normal structure of up to 2X per week training sessions

Spectator Policy

- In stages where spectators are permitted, we are requesting families adhere to a 1 spectator per player policy to limit the overall number of attendees at any BSC activity. All spectators must follow social distancing guidelines and must wear a mask for the entirety of the activity (including walking to/from the parking lot).

Travel Advisory for domestic or international travel

- If you travel or plan to travel to any of the PA DOH listed high risk states and or CDC high risk countries, it is recommended that you quarantine for 14 days upon return. You must also inform your coach.
- Anyone that has traveled to the above areas will not be permitted to attend any BSC event for 14 days, starting from the date of return. For the current guidance, please see [PA Dept of Health Guidelines & CDC Travel guidelines](#)
- BSC teams will not be permitted to participate in any type of club activity in a state on Pennsylvania's quarantine travel advisory list.

Boyertown SC's COVID-19 Policy

Training and pre-season camp sessions are completely voluntary. Any ill player, coach or family member should not attend any training or summer camp session. If a member of a player/coach's household has COVID-19 that player/coach must remain out of activity for the recommended 14-day period.

If a player develops COVID-19, he or she will immediately alert his or her coach. If a coach or staff member develops COVID-19, he or she will immediately alert the club president and VP of Travel. The coach and group who may have been exposed will stop activity and remain out of activity for a 14-day period. We will also notify parents and families that there has been a COVID-19 response at a training/camp session, while maintaining participant confidentiality regarding health status.

If your child is part of a high-risk group (i.e. has pre-existing medical conditions including chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunodeficiency, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, or liver disease), please consult with your family physician before attending a Boyertown SC training/camp session.

COVID Point of Contact

For all Boyertown SC COVID related policy questions and concerns, please contact the club DOC, Tom Quintios at doc@boyertownsoccerclub.net and use the subject "COVID-19 Question".



Parent Responsibilities under the Return to Play Policy

Boyertown SC parents will:

- Sign the Return to Play Policy Acknowledgement Form and the EPYSA Communicable Disease Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement. Participation will not be allowed without these signed forms.
- Monitor how their player is feeling and keep a player home if he or she is sick.
- Take child's temperature before leaving home to attend activities with others. Please follow CDC recommendations for appropriate temperature guidelines.
- **Complete the Health Check assessment in TeamSnap before each club activity**
- Immediately communicate to the coach if a player tests positive for COVID-19.
- Discuss player responsibilities outlined in this guide with players.
- Make sure players use the bathroom prior to arriving to the facility.
- Consider not carpooling or very limited carpooling.
- Parents will adhere to the Player Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures outlined below and remain in the car for the entire session.
- Ensure player has water and a bag prior to leaving the house and getting out of the car. Equipment will not be shared or lent to other players.
- Ensure child's clothing is washed after every session.
- Ensure all equipment (cleats, ball, shin guards etc.) are sanitized before and after every session.
- Be sure your child has necessary sanitizing products with them at every session.

Player Responsibilities under the Return to Play Policy

Boyertown SC players will:

- Have an adult sign the Return to Play Policy Acknowledgement Form. Participation will not be allowed without a signed form.
- Prior to arrival, before leaving home, players are to have their parents take their temperatures.
- Must be honest about how they are feeling, and if they are feeling sick, must stay home.
- Must immediately alert coach if player tests positive for COVID-19.
- Will not greet friends with high 5's, hugs, handshakes etc. There will be no group celebrations with human-to-human contact, including high-5s, hugs, handshakes, fist-bumps, etc.
- Listen to all directions given by coaches and staff.
- Bring and use YOUR OWN WATER and BAG to all activities. The club will supply balls for each training session, and they will be sanitized after each session. You will not be permitted to share your bag or water with other players.
- Adhere to the Player Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures outlined below.
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after training.
- Bring and use hand sanitizer after every session.
- Wash and sanitize all equipment before and after every session.

Coach/Staff Responsibilities under the Return to Play Policy

Boyertown SC coaches and staff will:

- Sign the Return to Play Policy Acknowledgement Form and the EPYSA Communicable Disease Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement. Participation will not be allowed without these signed forms.
- Collect all forms from participants. Coaches will not allow players to participate without signed forms.
- Ensure the health and safety of the participants.
- Inquire how players are feeling and send home anyone you believe acts or looks ill.
- Follow all state and local health protocols and guidelines.
- Take his or her own temperature before attending a session.
- Alert the president and VP of Travel immediately if he or she feels ill, or tests positive for COVID-19.



- Ensure all players have their own individual equipment (water, bag etc.) and ensure that equipment is not shared.
- Ensure the coach is the only person to handle equipment (e.g. cones, nets, etc.); do not enlist parental or attendee assistance.
- Ensure all sessions are conducted outdoors and compliant with social distancing per state or local health guidelines, and guidelines outlined by the club.
- Wear a face mask during Stage 1 of the reopening.
- Avoid using pinnies during Stage 1
- Avoid contact play during Stage 1
- Coaches will maintain social distance requirements from players based on state and local health requirements and remain in gridded areas as outlined by the club.
- Use hand sanitizer before and after training.
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after training.
- Have fun and stay positive.

Player Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Arrival Procedures:

- Parents/players arrive to drop off zone at Douglas and Victoria Parks (see map on next page). **There will be no parking in the drop off zone.**
 - Parents of U10 and younger who wish to walk their children to their player's field location should park in the normal lot and not use the drop off zone. Players ages U11 and older should walk on their own. Any adult who gets out of the car should wear a mask.
- Parents will remain in the car throughout the entire session.
- Players will maintain social distancing of 6 feet or more while walking to their designated field.
- Once players arrive at their designated field, players are not allowed to leave that spot during the entire session.
- Place bag and water in designated area and away from other player's items.
- Follow coaches and staff directions.
- Parents may not enter the field areas for any reason other than emergencies. Questions for coaches can be addressed by phone or email until all restrictions are removed.

Departure Procedures:

- Collect all equipment including water and bag.
- Players will depart their field and head directly to car. Maintain social distance of at least six feet as you exit.
- Parents of U10 and younger players may meet their player at the drop off zone and then walk to the normal parking lot. Please wear a mask and maintain a safe social distance of 6 feet or more from other parents and players. Parents of U11 and older are asked to wait for their player in the regular parking lot.





General

We ask all members to follow the below general hygiene best practices to reduce the risk of spreading infection:

- Avoid touching your face.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover mouth and nose (with arm or elbow, not hands) when coughing or sneezing and wash hands afterwards.
- Wear a face mask or covering when outside if you have any symptoms or upper respiratory infection.
- Frequently clean commonly used surfaces with an antiseptic cleanser.
- Avoid contact with other individuals (shaking hands, for example).
- Maintain a distance of 6 feet between you and others.
- Stay at home if you feel sick and contact your care provider.

Reverting to Earlier Stage

Be advised that we must be prepared at any time to take a step back and revert to an earlier stage, or potentially shut down operations, if:

A cluster of infections occur

Inability to maintain COVID-19 prevention and response protocols

Inability to track and/ or isolate players and staff

External factor exposes a COVID-19 risk to your team or club

Changes to public health guidelines regarding group gatherings

Final Stage

COVID-19 is no longer considered a public health risk and there are no more federal state or local restrictions.

Return to Play Policy Acknowledgement Form

- I acknowledge that I have read, fully understand and agree to comply with the Boyertown SC Return to Play Policy.

- Parents – I acknowledge that my child is voluntarily returning to club activities and I will fulfill the duties outlined in the Parent Responsibilities section of the Return to Play Policy. I also acknowledge that I will immediately notify my player's coach in the event of a positive or presumed positive COVID-19 case by the player or a member of our household.

- Coaches/Staff - I acknowledge that I am voluntarily returning to club activities and I will fulfill the duties outlined in the Coach/Staff Responsibilities section of the Return to Play Policy. I also acknowledge that I will immediately notify the club Director Coaching and VP of Travel in the event myself or a member of my household has a positive or presumed positive COVID-19 case.

Role (please select one)

- Parent
- Coach/Staff

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parents Only

Player's Name: _____

Age Group: _____

Team Coach: _____



**EPYSA COMMUNICABLE DISEASE RELEASE OF LIABILITY
AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in any program, event or activity sponsored or sanctioned by the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association, I the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

I am aware there are risks to me of exposure to directly or indirectly arising out of, contributed to, by, or resulting from an outbreak of any and all communicable disease, including but not limited to, the virus “severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)”, which is responsible for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and/or any mutation or variation thereof.

I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**, its officers, officials, agents and/or employees (RELEASEES), from any and all claims, demands, losses, and liability arising out of or related to any **ILLNESS, INJURY, DISABILITY OR DEATH** I may suffer, **WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

X _____
Participant's Signature

Age

Date

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability incidents to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Emergency Phone Number(s)

