



Game Day Protocols for 2021 Real Cup

Ten months and a full statewide Colorado fall and spring soccer season of more than 30,000 youth have allowed the Colorado soccer community and the greater worldwide network of youth advocates, soccer professionals and enthusiasts to research, develop and implement safe outdoor youth soccer programming. In fact, consistent participation in organized outdoor youth soccer has statistically proven to be safer for youth from the transmission of COVID-19 than forced isolation and/or unregulated activities.

Everyone needs to be diligent regardless of belief to support our ability to continue to play. Play is vital for the mental, physical and social health of our kids.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS FOR GAME DAYS:

- Players will be required to bring their **own mask**, water, snacks and personal equipment to all games and to sanitize them after each game.
- **No player may receive medical attention, except in emergency situations, from our Children's Hospital Colorado medical personnel without a mask. Parents must also be masked if meeting with medical staff along with their player.**
- **Player families will be instructed it is mandatory to take child's temperature prior to leaving for games.** Any player with a temperature higher than 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit should not be brought to game.
- No one is allowed to attend games if NOT feeling well, has a fever higher than 100.3, or is currently under a quarantine. If exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19, including mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough and difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by the CDC, players should not be permitted to attend the game.
 - Athletes, coaches or staff who screen positive must stay away and should contact their healthcare provider for medical advice and guidance on returning to work/sport as well as review the **Real Colorado RTP after COVID-19 document**.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before coming to games and when arriving at home.
- Make best attempts to maintain social distancing when arriving and leaving games.
 - Teams should leave the field immediately after their game.
- All coaches and staff will be encouraged to maintain social distancing throughout the games from players, referees and other staff.
- Players and coaches should bring their own sanitizer to games and will be expected to utilize it throughout. Players cannot share sanitizer.
- A good wave and thanking the opposition is acceptable sportsmanship and strongly encouraged.
- All athletes, coaches and staff [should follow public health guidelines](#) for reducing risk of infection.





- If you have attended a game and have a positive screen related to COVID-19 symptoms, please contact the club COVID-19 safety officer, Jared Spires at Jareds@realcolorado.net , for tracing and prompt communication to those potentially exposed parties.
 - Should your team play against a team with a positive screen, Real Colorado will reach out to your team to communicate the exposure.
- All equipment that is utilized in games should be sanitized by the coach or team parent responsible.
- Please take extra care to ensure the contact information is correct on the contact form used for checkin.

General Field Comments:

Please respect the guidelines and expectations of our tournament, those working the tournament, as well as the medical staff from Children’s Hospital Colorado handling athlete care at the tournament.

- Spectators –
 - People are encouraged to stay in family groups and maintain 6 feet of space from other family units.
 - Stay approximately 10 feet from the sideline when possible. This is to permit social distancing for players throwing the ball in and referees running the lines.
 - Do not touch balls that role out of bounds with hands even to help a player out.
- Game Departure – Please be quick in leaving the bench area after games so the next teams can begin their preparation.

As is with the state of this current pandemic and COVID-19 constant evolving situation, we will adhere to local/state/national CDC guidelines and all things above can be subject to change or addendum at a later date. This document reflects recommended practices and serves as a general informational resource for Real Colorado members and should not be considered as medical or expert advice. Recommendations are designed to promote hygienic practices to better protect participants in any activity. Families may implement or rely on the information at their own risk. Real Colorado emphasizes that it is incumbent of all club staff and members to consult the most up-to-date recommendations of federal, state, and local public health officials on a regular basis.

Consult your own qualified health providers or other advisors about any specific issues or circumstances you might have.

