

HERSHEY CUP 2020

COVID 19 Guidelines & Safety Protocols

The below listed measures will be in place for the operation of the 2020 Hershey Cup in order to seek to create a safe environment for teams, spectators, and staff. Please make sure you are familiar with these guidelines. The risks of injury and illness (ex: communicable diseases such as COVID-19, influenza and MRSA) to my child from the activities involved in competitive sports are significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce these risks, the risks of serious injury and illness do exist. To minimize risks teams, spectators, and staff will need to understand and strictly adhere to these Guidelines and Safety Protocols.

1. Spectator Guidelines:

a. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is prohibited from attending.

b. Players are only permitted to have 1 spectator attend the games with them.

c. Spectators will be required to stay on the side of the field across from the team bench area.

d. Spectator sidelines, whenever possible, will be marked with social distancing spaces of 6 feet.

There will be spaces that are marked for seating and spaces that are marked restricted or stay out in order to comply with social distancing guidelines.

e. Spectators are always required to wear face masks / coverings once exiting their vehicles.

f. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own personal sanitizer.

g. All Players, Coaches and Team Officials present will need to submit individual COVID acknowledgements and waivers through the check-in process.

h. All Players, Coaches, Team Officials and Spectators shall comply with the Governor's recommendations on quarantining after traveling out of country or to a state on the Pennsylvania Governor's list. The current list may be found at the following:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>

2. Players and Coaches:

a. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is prohibited from attending.

b. Players are to adhere to social distancing rules when not playing in the game.

c. Players are to wear face masks / coverings at all times when not warming up or playing the game.

d. Coaches are to wear face masks / coverings at all times.

e. The sharing of water bottles, food, etc. is prohibited.

- f. Players and coaches should sanitize hands after leaving the field.
- g. Players and coaches are encouraged to bring their own personal sanitizer.

3. Event Staff:

- a. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is to stay at home.
- b. All staff members will be required to have their temperature taken by our athletic training staff prior to being able to start work.
- c. All event staff will submit a COVID waiver in order to work in the event.
- d. All event staff will wear face masks / coverings.

4. Referees:

- a. Will wear face masks / coverings when not on the field officiating.
- b. Referees will disinfect soccer balls prior to each game.
- c. Referees are required to fill out and sign the Hershey Cup 2020 COVID-19 Statement & Waiver Form.

5. Tournament Game Adjusted Practices:

- a. Teams are not to enter the field of play area at all until the previous teams have completely departed and are completely clear of the field. There will be adequate warm-up space for teams, away from their game field, to prepare without being near the game that is in progress.
- b. Games have been spaced further apart in start times than normal to allow teams an on-field warmup time. There is no need to crowd the teams playing on a field before you. Be patient and wait for the field to clear.
- c. There will be no post game handshakes or fist bumps. Opposing teams are to stay apart before and after game.
- d. No spitting is permitted.
- e. Coaches will retain player passes, they will not be checked by officials prior to the match but must be available upon request.
- f. Team benches will not be provided by the tournament. Teams should bring their own bench if desired.
- g. There will be no award ceremonies or medal presentations for the tournament winners and finalists. All chocolate and medals will be mailed to the head coaches of the winning, and finalist.

h. No “team tents” are allowed. “Team Tents” refers to a tent, or group of tents, that parents put up together to have a gathering. At no place, at any facility, should there be a “team tent”.

Teams are permitted to have a tent over their individual bench for the players during the match.

i. All coaches, players, and team managers are required to fill out and sign the Hershey Cup 2020 COVID-19

Statement & Waiver Form. This must be done as part of the team on-line check-in process prior to the event. Any individual coach, player, or team manager that has not submitted this form in the on-line check-in process will not be allowed to participate in the Hershey Cup.

6. Enhanced Safety Provisions:

a. There will be increased sanitizing of rest rooms, porta johns, and common areas. This will take place throughout the event.

b. Wash basin sinks with soap, and hand sanitizing stations, will be provided.

c. Where possible, venues will have parking areas divided into zones based on field locales. Players and spectators are to use the parking zone assigned to their fields.

Hershey Soccer Club is committed to supporting our tournament participants through the incorporation of the safety guidelines and protocols listed above. By taking these precautions we believe we can mitigate risks and create a safe tournament experience. Achieving the goal is only possible with your complete compliance of the guidelines and protocols.

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