

Lowell Parks Department Soccer League

COVID and REFUNDS

Question: What are you doing about COVID-19

Answer: We are navigating our way through this ever-changing pandemic. We are required to always uphold state and local government restrictions and guidelines pertaining to COVID-19.

1. Are masks required for players, coaches, and spectators?

Answer: We currently do not require our players or spectators to wear masks. However, we do respect your right to wear a mask and encourage social distancing.

2. How are you keeping the league safe?

- a. Parents, players, coaching, and park staff are required to self-check for signs of illness prior to arriving to practice and games.
- b. Providing hand sanitizer to each team/referee and placing additional sanitizers on the fields during game days.
- c. Providing disinfectant to coaches and referees to sanitize equipment.
- d. Game day snacks have been omitted to prevent cross contamination opportunities.
- e. We have removed player benches and bleachers from our soccer fields to encourage social distancing. We ask players to bring their own beach towel and parents bring their own chairs for practice/games.
- f. We have asked coaches to keep attendance at games and practices to assist in tracing if someone shows signs of illness.
- g. Coaching staff have been encouraged to practice their teams in pods to limit contact at practices among teammates. Please understand someday this may be an impossible task for our volunteer coaches with young players.
- h. We have a protocol in place to manage positive cases that may arise during the season.
- i. We uphold the CDC guidelines for quarantine, isolation and return to play.
- j. Spectators are to sit opposite the field of our players and limit the team bench area to only coaching staff and players.
- k. Practice vests and goalie gloves will not be provided for the season to prevent cross contamination of germs.

Question: How are you handling refunds for the season?

1. SHUT DOWN BY GOVERNOR/LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDERS BEFORE THE SEASON BEGINS:

- a. If the parks department cannot begin the season prior to ordering equipment, uniform, and supplies. We will offer a full refund to our players. (Uniforms are ordered the first week of March)
- b. If uniforms and supplies have been ordered and the season has not begun players will be offered a partial refund. Explanation: The refunded amount will be minus the cost of uniform and supplies at the time of cancellation. Uniforms will accompany your partial refund.
- c. If the season is canceled at any time after the start of season. Players will keep their uniforms but will not receive a refund.

2. IF YOUR PLAYER CANNOT PLAY THIS SEASON (for any reason)

- a. If a player cannot begin/finish the season due to unforeseen circumstances, no refunds will be offered.