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For Starland, safety has always been and will continue to be our #1 priority. While COVID-19 presents an unprecedented challenge regarding the safety of our staff, players and all other agents involved in our sports activities, we have and will continue to work closely with Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association and Massachusetts Adult Soccer Association in order to comply with all new state-wide guidelines to help prevent the spread of the virus and to provide a safe platform to all agents involved directly or indirectly in our sports activities.

Going forward and until further communications, the following protocols must be followed by all participants and spectators of all soccer activities at Starland to ensure a safe environment for all:

1. Masks-ON Policy. Starting October 1st, 2020, Starland Sports is implementing a 100% mask on policy that requires EVERYONE using the facility to keep their mask on at all times. This includes during games, practices and all other activities performed in our facility. During games, players may pull the mask down to take a break when at least 6ft away from everyone else and are not involved in the play. Players with any type of cardio-respiratory issues should alert the referees and league organizer prior to the start of the game.
2. Temperature Scan/Waiver Signing. Prior to entering the turf area, all players, referees, and spectators must go through a temperature scan at the Sport's Desk located in the turf building. Anyone with a temperature of or higher than 100.4 is not allowed in the building. All agents are also required to sign a waiver that will also serve as a check-in list every matchday.
3. No handshakes. There will be no handshakes or fist bumps after each game. If done so,

the players/referees will be at their own risks!

4. Buffer between games. There will be a 10-minute buffer between every game to allow disinfecting the player benches and to avoid agglomerations in the hallway and entrance after each game. We ask that teams arrive no earlier than 5-10 minutes prior to their game.
5. Clearing up the field. Teams are required to clear the field and leave the bench area within 3 minutes after the final whistle. After each game, players from both teams are required to leave the facility by the back doors located in the turf area.
6. Parking/Entrance. Participants of all soccer activities must park in the back or side lot (left hand side when facing the main entrance in the front). Entrance must be through that side door, in between turf and basketball courts and exit must be through the back door (off turf building).
7. Foot Traffic Pattern. New foot traffic pattern is in effect. All guests must follow the pattern when walking around the facility.
8. Seating. All bleachers have been removed from the facility. Spectators will have to stand, or they can bring their own chair. Player benches will still be available for the players and will be sanitized before each game.
9. Spectators. No spectators are allowed per individuals 21 years old or older. There is a limit of ONE (1) spectator per individuals 20 years old or younger.
10. Waiver. By agreeing to return to play, all agents are also stating that they will stay home if they are feeling sick and agree to the risk associated with Covid-19.
11. No water fountains. Players will need to bring a pre-filled bottle of water or purchase from our vending machines. The water fountain will not be accessible.

In-Game Modifications:

1. Mask-On at all times. Players are required to use a mask while playing per Mass.gov requirement. Failure to comply with this rule can lead to a yellow card and an indirect free kick against. Players may pull the mask down and take a break when at least 6 ft away from everyone else and are not involved in the play.

2. No headers. This is across all age groups and levels of play! Failure to comply with this rule will lead to an indirect free kick against.
3. No throw-ins. Throw-ins will be replaced by kick-ins. These cannot be direct to goal or to opponent's box. Failure to comply with this will lead to a kick-in for the opposite team.
4. No direct free kicks. All direct free kicks will be replaced by indirect free kicks. No walls are allowed. Opposing team may still be able to stay in front of the ball and protect their goal while keeping the distances. Penalty kicks are still allowed as normal.
5. No drop balls. All drop balls will be replaced by a pass back for the team in possession or a deliberate pass to the other team.

6. Any situations not specified in this document should be analyzed by the standards of FIFA.

ALL agents participating in soccer activities at Starland must read the above protocols and agree to abide by them. More precautions will be added to this list and posted on the website as we adhere to the CDC and Hanover Department of Public Health's Phase 3 guidelines, as well as follow directives from MYSA and Mass Soccer.