

## Springfield Township Parks & Recreation (Montgomery County) COVID-19: YOUTH SPORT GUIDELINES

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Springfield Township Parks & Recreation has developed Youth Sport Guidelines for the organizations that utilize public parks as home field. The goal of the guidelines is to ensure the health and safety of program participants. Each item below originates from recommendations set by the CDC, State and Local Health Department and local Return to play guidelines and protocols in effect as of the date above. Please note that during the transition period between phases, park visitors should allow up to two weeks for facilities and amenities to be reopened by staff unless otherwise noted.

To utilize Township owned fields and facilities, each individual organization must meet the following requirements and practice the below safety standards. Failure to comply will result in a void permit.

### **YELLOW PHASE**

- Open to all sports as approved by the Commonwealth of PA or Montgomery County Health Department.
- Possession of an approved permit issued by the Parks and Recreation Department. During the Yellow Phase, only practice will be permitted.
- Submission of a comprehensive Return to Play Procedure from each organization.
- Practices limited to players and coaches only, maximum of 25 per field.
- Masks are required for coaches/volunteers. Masks are not required, but STRONGLY recommended for players and parents/guardians.
- Each team must employ a safety officer who will be responsible for enforcing social distancing between players, coaches and parents/guardians.
- Post a minimum of 2 banners per field to demonstrate what a 6-foot separation looks like.
- Utilize no contact thermometers to take the temperature of players before each practice.
- Observe all CDC, State and Local Health Department and local Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols.
- Bleacher use is prohibited. Concession stands are prohibited.

### **GREEN PHASE**

- Open to all sports as approved by the Commonwealth of PA or Montgomery County Health Department.
- Possession of an approved permit issued by the Parks and Recreation Department. During the Green Phase, practice and games will be permitted.
- Submission of a comprehensive Return to Play Procedure from each organization.
- Practices limited to players and coaches only, maximum of 25 per field.
- Masks are required for coaches/volunteers. Masks are not required, but STRONGLY recommended for players and parents/guardians.
- Games are limited to a maximum of 80 persons per field inclusive of players, coaches, parents/guardians and officials BUT in no instance no more than 250 per facility, whichever is less.
- Each team must employ a safety officer who will be responsible for enforcing social distancing between players, coaches and parents/guardians.
- Post a minimum of 2 banners per field to demonstrate what a 6-foot separation looks like.
- Utilize no contact thermometers to take the temperature of players before each practice or game.
- Observe all CDC, State and Local Health Department and local Return to Play Guidelines and Protocols.
- Bleacher use is prohibited. Concession stands are prohibited.