

## **Covid-19 Related Guidelines and Refund Policies**

Thank you for your participation in our Lou Fusz events. We look forward to hosting you. Included below are the guidelines and protocol that all participants and attendees must know in order to allow for the most safe, fun, and competitive playing experience for all.

We cannot overstate the importance of player safety during this event. Our event weekends are a great opportunity to continue the process of getting back to playing competitive soccer. If there is a unified commitment in the spirit of the game and with the safety of all those involved as our highest priority, we can shine a positive light on this fight against the pandemic and help lead the way forward. Showing that playing the 'beautiful game' can be done in a way that is socially responsible. Our priority is not only this weekend, but setting a positive example for a consciously responsible pathway to future events as well. We choose to be a proactive part of the solution and ask for your commitment in helping our club achieve that goal.

With everyone's help and attention we can bring soccer back to our lives and take a big step toward reaching 'normalcy'. Thank you in advance for your participation and cooperation. In addition to many procedures and efforts made behind, below is the list of Covid-19 safety guidelines pertaining to the weekend.

## **Precautionary Guidelines / Procedures for COVID-19**

• All matches have been scheduled only at facilities that are allowed to host games of this nature and teams coming from approved geographic regions.

• All spectators are asked to wear a mask at all times while on site. This includes players and coaching staff while on the bench / post game. Masks do not need to be worn by players while on the field.

· All event staff will be wearing a mask at all times.

• Family members and friends are allowed on site to join us in supporting our young athletes provided they follow safety guidelines and procedures. Capacity restrictions may apply.

• Spectators must stay a minimum of 10 feet back from the field as well as 6 feet away from one another.

• Please maintain a 6ft away from others policy throughout the park. Signage and staff will remind everyone of this throughout the event.

· Coaches and players are to exercise social distancing while in the bench area.

• No pets other than service animals allowed on site.

• No post game handshakes between teams / coaches. Sportsmanship is certainly encouraged in a socially distant fashion.

• No sharing of water bottles.

• Disinfectant spray and hand sanitizing spray will be provided at each team bench for each game. Coaches are asked to spray their team bench prior to their match kicking off and after their team has left the field. Additionally the provided hand sanitizing spray can be used by all players/coaching staff in the bench area.

• On each field there will be a minimum of 20 minutes between the end time of one match and the kick off time of the next match to allow teams/spectators to clear the area before the next group comes in. Please allow time and spacing for everyone to take their place in an orderly fashion.

• Teams must leave the benches immediately after the final whistle and may have their post game team talk away from the field while maintaining social distancing guidelines.

• Spectators must leave the field as quickly as possible following the final whistle and no spectators are allowed on the field between matches.

• Daily screening process of all players should be conducted at home by a parent, and again by a coach prior to participation.

• If you think that your child is immunocompromised, please check with your child's healthcare provider (Physician (MD/DO), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physician Assistant (PA)) before returning them to sports.

• Coaches/Parents- we rely on you to help assess your players prior to arrival. Please ask these questions of yourself, and them, before you make the decision to come to the facility. If any of the answers are yes, please stay home and communicate with your coaches/parents/players ahead of time if you will not be attending.

## Today or in the past 24 hours have you had any of the following symptoms:

- 1. Fever (temperature greater than 100.4 for children and greater than 100 for adults)
- 2. New or worsening cough
- 3. Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- 4. Sore throat, different than your seasonal allergies
- 5. New loss of smell and/or taste
- 6. Diarrhea or vomiting
- 7. Do you have a household member or close contact who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks?

## **Refund Policy**

In the event of a mandated or forced cancellation of the event due to Covid-19 our refund policy is as follows:

1. Teams will receive a full refund of their tournament game related fees. There is a maximum \$40 administrative fee that is nonrefundable as this fee goes directly toward items that are reserved and paid for well in advance of the event kickoff. Items such as field rental, referee scheduling, registration and payment acquisition fees, and the hundreds of hours of time that go into making the event operational.

2. If a team has a player or staff member/affiliate test positive for Covid within 12 days of the kick off of the event, the team will be allowed to withdraw and will receive a refund, however a portion of their tuition will be retained to refund their 3 opponents who will have not received their 3 guaranteed games.

For example: your team is scheduled to play 3 games guaranteed. 'Opponent X' is one of your opponents on Saturday of the event. The Tuesday before the event 'Opponent X' notifies us that a player in their team tested positive for Covid. Their team must 'quarantine' for 2 weeks and therefore cannot participate in the tourney. Your team paid for 3 guaranteed games so your team would need to be refunded a portion of your tuition since you only received 2 games. 'Opponent X' that had to drop out will cover part of your team's refund and Lou Fusz will pay the rest. Therefore, your team is not further inconvenienced. Opponent X does not lose all their committed tournament money, and we have all done our part to keep the event and the community healthy.

IF we are able to find your team a fill in, suitable 3rd opponent to replace 'Opponent X', then your team will play your 3 originally scheduled matches, and 'Opponent X' will not be required to pay this game fee.

We hope this clarification is helpful. Unfortunately, there is no 'right' answer in all of this. Our organization is not immune to the effects of these cancellations.

Weather related cancellation refund policy remains as it has for many years and is in line with dozens of similar events of similar offering. Teams that play no games receive no less than a 70% refund. If only 1 game played, no less than 50% refund given, if only 2 games played no less than 20% refund given.

3. If after being accepted, a team, by their choice, elects not to participate for any reason, will risk forfeiture of their entire registration fee.