



The Hempfield Fall Classic COVID-19 Safety Guidelines & Protocols

The below listed measures will be in place for the operation of the Hempfield Fall Classic in order to ensure a safe return to play for teams, spectators, and staff. Please make sure you are familiar with these guidelines and understand the need for strict adherence to them.

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 to stay out of. (See diagram at the end of this document)
- e. Spectators are always required to wear face masks / coverings once exiting their vehicles.
- f. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own personal sanitizer and PPE.

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 and PPE.

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 Hempfield FC 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 games' teams have completely departed and are well 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 warm-up 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. Teams are to stay apart.
- d. No spitting will be allowed on field, sidelines, etc.
- 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 should they want one.
- g. There will be no award ceremonies or medal presentations for the tournament winners and finalists. All medals will be packaged to be available at the field or in some cases mailed to the head coaches of the winning, and finalist, teams.
- h. No "team tents" are allowed. "Team Tents" refers to a tent, or group of tents, that parents put up together to have a social 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 Hempfield FC 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.**

6. Enhanced Safety Provisions:

- a. There will be increased sanitizing of rest rooms, porta johns, common areas, etc. This will take place throughout the event.
- b. Wash basin sinks with soap, and hand sanitizing stations, will be provided where feasible.
- 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.

PA Classics AC / Penn Legacy and the Hempfield Fall Classic are 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 reach our goal of providing a safe tournament experience for everyone during a return to play. Achieving that goal is only possible with your complete compliance of the guidelines and protocols.

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= Spectator Social Distancing: Diagram for Section 1.d.

