

NON-CONTACT SPORT COMPETITIONS

STATED AND CUSTOMARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This guide was written to help district administrators better understand the rules in place for district sports teams to use athletic facilities. There is no specific written position in regards to coverage for claims from persons contracting the virus or potential liability impact from decisions to open your facilities. Our best advice for schools is to fully comply with Ohio Health Department Specific Operating Requirements (click [here](#) to link to the requirements) and seek input from the local Health Department to place your district in the best defensible position should legal action be taken.

Daily Self-Symptom Check

- Coaches, athletes and spectators must do a self-symptom check before going to the facility. Anyone experiencing symptoms of fever (> 100.4) cough, sore throat or shortness of breath must stay home.

Confirmed Cases

- Coaches must isolate any athlete, assistant coach or trainer that develops symptoms, with instructions to seek medical attention.
- The health department must be contacted for any suspected or confirmed case of the virus for directions on contact tracing and communication.

Drop Off / Pick Up

- Parents who are dropping-off and picking-up their kids should wait in their vehicles and not enter the athletic facility area(s). Athletes should not be dropped off early and need to be picked up on time.

Daily Attendance Tracking

- Coaches will verify lack of symptoms for all athletes, assistant coaches and trainers daily. A traditional sign-in sheet should not be passed among the athletes. Coaches will record all athletes, assistant coaches and trainers present and their healthy condition.

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Athlete Participation

- A no-touch rule is in effect. All individuals must avoid physical contact with others including high fives, fist bumps, huddles, or other close contact occurring before, during and after the game or practice unless the contact is for the purpose of safety or part of the rules.
- Athletes need to bring their own water/beverage bottles. They should not be shared. The use of coolers, water fountains, and water stations will not be permitted.

Spectators

- Must conduct daily symptom assessment and stay home if they are experiencing any symptoms.
- Must maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from others outside of their immediate family while in attendance at the event.
- Arrive on time for the event and leave the event at its conclusion to discourage congregating of players and fans before and after the event.



PARENTAL WAIVER, CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

The undersigned, in my capacity as parent and/or legal guardian of _____ (child) _____, hereby provides consent for my child to participate in _____ (event/activity) _____. I understand participation in this event/activity is inherently dangerous and that injury and illness (including communicable diseases such as Influenza, MRSA, Coronavirus, etc.) are possible.

I agree that I and my child will comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation in regards to protection against injury and infectious disease, both to my child and to others. If I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my child's participation, I will remove my child from participation and bring such to the immediate attention of an official. If I have reason to believe that my child may have become infectious I will remove my child from participation until said risk has passed.

I agree to waive claims against ____ (District) _____ for any and all liability for injury or illness sustained by my child or any other person as a result of my child's participation in _____ (event/activity) _____, whether caused by the negligence of ____ (District) _____ or otherwise, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify ____ (District) _____ from said liability.

Parent/Guardian (Print)

Parent/Guardian (Signature)

Date

