



GWINNETT

SOCCER ACADEMY

GSA Parents, Coaches, Managers, Players, and Visitors,

First, thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate the most turbulent era of our existence. We are optimistic that things continue to progress positively in our community, but we feel it's important to stay the course with all of our preventative measures which have clearly reduced the risk for players, coaches, volunteers, and staff to participate in soccer at all of our facilities.

This weekend is the opening weekend for recreation, academy, and most select-level Fall seasons. With that commencement comes responsibility. We need every family and visitor to do their part, and continue to follow all protocol we have put in place to ensure the safest possible environment for everyone.

- At no time are players required to wear a mask, but it is encouraged that they do wear a mask if they stay to watch other games (like siblings).
- All adult spectators are asked to wear a mask when entering any GSA facility
- All spectators are asked to socially distance (stay 6 ft away) from other spectators, players, coaches, volunteers, etc. who do not reside in their residence (socially distance from people that don't live with you)
- Spectators that are classified as "high risk" of developing more serious symptoms or health issues due to COVID-19 should not attend games.
- Players and spectators who show ANY symptoms as defined in our return to play protocol, should NOT come to the games or the fields. These are the same symptoms listed by the CDC.
- All spectators, players, coaches, volunteers, referees, and staff should bring their own personal hand sanitizer, and sanitize their hands both before entering the facility, and again, as you leave.
- Restrooms will be available, but please try to use the restroom at home before coming to any of our facilities
- We will not be providing benches for players in the 3v3-9v9 age groups because it discourages social distancing when players are not actively playing. You may bring an individual chair, but the chair should not be shared with other players.

- There should be no tents used on any 3v3-7v7 fields. We have done our best to add additional distance between fields, but these fields just do not have enough space to also allow for tents right now. Feel free to bring a small, personal umbrella if you would like additional protection from the sun. Please no "Sportbrellas".
- Tents for the players on fields 9v9 and 11v11 fields will be allowed (unless otherwise directed), but they must be removed immediately following the game. If any GSA official deems it necessary to remove the tent for any reason, the tent should be removed immediately.
- If you bring it on the fields, it needs to go home with you. Trash, soccer balls, water bottles, bags, chairs, tents, etc... the list goes on. Do not leave anything on the fields.
- Post game handshakes, "tunnels" that the young players run through, etc. are not allowed at this time. In lieu of that, players are welcome to use an old soccer tradition of "thanking the fans" after a game. Players simply walk out half way across the field, and "clap to the fans" thanking them for their support.
- No spectator should ever approach a referee.
- We do not recommend "post game snacks" for the time being
- Coaches and assistant coaches (any team official in the bench/technical area) are asked to wear masks
- All spectators need to leave the fields immediately following their child's game(s); this will assist us in managing the number of people on the fields at any given time.

Last, but not least, enjoy the time watching your kids play soccer. Time is fleeting, and they will be adults before you know it! Cherish the moments!

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