Mandatory requirements for
Youth, Collegiate, Amateur,
Club and Professional Sports

Townhall Meeting
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Sports participants

- Athletes
- Coaches
- Volunteers
- Staff
- Employees
- Venues
- Affiliated teams and schools
- Spectators
Social distancing

- Six feet from other individuals

Prohibited activities: shaking hands, team huddles, high fives, and extensive time spent on activities with close proximity (such as rebounding drills).

Face coverings (non-athletes)

- Coaches, athletic trainers, volunteers, and officials must wear face coverings at all times.

- To allow for the use of whistles or to be heard when coaching or officiating, coaches and officials are not required to wear face coverings during games and practices.
Athletes

Face coverings required when:
• Not on the field or court of play
• In public

Face coverings encouraged when:
• At home

Spectators

• Households should sit together.
• Sit-foot distance between groups.
• No congregating.
• Face coverings required at all times.
• High risk individuals “urged” to stay home.
Venue limitations

• Outdoor venues: No more than 1500 *individuals* or 15% of fixed, seated capacity, whichever is less.
• Indoor venues: No more than 300 *spectators* or 15% of fixed, seated capacity, whichever is less.

Equipment

• Must be properly sanitized before use.
• Avoid sharing, sanitize between uses if sharing is required.
• Ensure sufficient equipment to limit need to share.

Do not share water bottles, other food or drinks, towels or face coverings.
Facilities

Operators must take steps to:

• Allot time between practice sessions
• Stagger use of and disinfect shared spaces
• Ensure properly operating ventilation
• Limit number of players in confined spaces (such as a dugout)

Facilities

• Establish safe spectator pathways, considering aisles, exits, entrances and gates, for both ingress and egress.
• Assigned seats preferred over general admission.
• Recommended: assigned arrival times, blocking off unused seats and front and last rows
Team travel

• If possible, compete only against teams in the same local area.
• Limit use of carpools.
• Bus travel: Conduct a pre-travel symptom and temperature check, use face coverings, social distancing

Compliance

“Teams, coaches, school officials, and the sponsoring entity of an event must comply with the requirements of this Order.”

• The venue, host, or sponsoring organization of affiliated school has an affirmative duty to ensure that the order is followed by all other sports participants.
• The host or sponsoring organization shall designate a compliance officer.
OHSAA Observer’s Program

Designated individuals attending contests to ensure compliance who will:

• Make contact with school’s athletic administrator or designated compliance officer.
• Provide feedback to school on violations they observe.

Observers’ Notes (Week 1)

• Individuals congregating
• Social distancing
• Hand sanitizer
• Ingress/egress
• Facial coverings
• Physical contact outside of contest
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