

POLICY STATEMENT

North Alabama *FUTSAL* League wants to conduct futsal activities in the safest environment as possible. It is in this view that additional procedures have been created for use at all futsal activities.

APPROACH

All practical efforts will be taken to protect the health of all participants. It is expected that all participants will understand the importance of efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, in particular the new Delta variant, and will participate in any new procedures introduced this season. Additionally, participants may raise issues at events in concern for and to improve health protective measures and these issues will be respected and addressed by the league, if not immediately, by the next day of NAFL activities.

ACTIONS TO PERFORM AT FUTSAL GAMES

Based on CDC guidance for safe business operations, the following actions will be done:

By North Alabama *FUTSAL* League:

- Advise participants that anyone exhibiting symptoms similar to coronavirus should not attend and participate. Advise teams that Referees may ask players to leave if exhibiting symptoms similar to coronavirus.
- Check players and referees for any symptoms of illness. If so, they will be asked to leave.
- Post container(s) of hand sanitizers at the timer's table.
- Suspend swapping benches at halftime and shorten halftimes to 4 minutes this season.
- With more time between games, team bench areas will be sanitized between games.

By Players, Coaches, Referees, Spectators:

- **Players less than 12 years old shall wear masks or other facial coverings that cover their nostrils and mouths at all times. Coaches and referees are strongly encouraged to wear masks or facial coverings as much as practicable.**
- Optionally, spectators may wear masks or other facial coverings that cover their nostrils and mouths.
- Players and coaches shall Social Distance before, between and after games and also during halftimes and timeouts during games.
- Players and coaches shall avoid close gatherings to celebrate goals.
- Referees shall Social Distance at all times.

- Spectators, except members of same households, should Social Distance at all times.
- Substitutes shall Social Distance in their technical areas during games.
- Players, coaches and substitutes will not swap benches at halftime.
- Teams shall switch to fist bumps instead of handshakes after games.
- Teams shall submit rosters including player numbers voluntarily to the timer's table. Referees will choose whether or not more interaction is necessary for team check-in.
- Players, coaches, and officials should not share water coolers, drinking stations, water bottles, cups, or other drinking devices.

ACTIONS TO PERFORM BETWEEN FUTSAL GAMES

Any player who tests positive for the coronavirus any day of the week shall report such to the league immediately. The report can be simply a text message or a short email and should include the player's name, when the test was performed and when the results were received. The email address to use is president[at]nafutsal.com. (Replace "[at]" with "@")

A team of a player who has tested positive for the coronavirus (call this Team Corona) will not play the following week resulting in a two week period between games in which the infected player shall isolate him/herself and teammates should strongly consider quarantining themselves, as recommended by the CDC. An effort will be made to reschedule the game, but it is not guaranteed because it's possible that no more makeup dates exist. Opposing team players from the last game Team Corona played should strongly consider quarantining themselves also, as recommended by the CDC.

The above set of actions are subject to change.