



# City of Lawrence

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Lawrence Parks & Recreation Youth Soccer Guidelines

Here are the current guidelines for the LPRD Indoor Soccer League. This is a fluid document and will be updated when and if needed. There is a high chance of probability that similar, if not exact, guidelines will be in place for the winter soccer season. Thank you for your understanding.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and related Lawrence Douglas County Health orders the following guidelines and recommendations will be in place for youth soccer games for the 2021 Winter season. The purpose of this information is to provide, best as possible, a safe environment at the recreation center and to comply with local government mandates. Below are recommendations and requirements that will be observed. Every attempt has been made to uphold the integrity of the game in its original form.

#### SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

1. Benches – The team benches will be for participant use only. Substitute players will sit 6 feet apart on their team bench and must wear a mask. A maximum of 2 coaches are allowed around the bench area. They must maintain 6 feet from the field, 6 feet from each other and 6 feet from substitute players.
2. **The wearing of face masks is required at all times. This includes spectators, coaches, players, score keepers and officials.**

#### **MASKS**

Masks are required to be worn at all times while inside LPRD facilities for individuals 5 years and older. Masks must cover the nose and mouth. Face shields, bandanas, and neck gaiters are not approved substitutes for masks. Masks do not need to be worn in the following circumstances:

- For individuals 4 years and younger
- When temporarily consuming food or drink

3. **TWO** spectators per player. Spectators are expected to practice social distancing.
  - Exception: Coaches **DO NOT** count as spectators.
4. LPRD will provide the soccer ball for the game(s). A new game ball will be used for each game.
5. Water – Water fountains will be on; however, players are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.
6. At the conclusion of the game, no handshakes. Instead, teams are to wave to their opponents.
7. Limit team huddles. Communication with the team needs to follow social distancing guidelines.

8. Captains will not attend the pre-game meeting. Pre-game meetings will be with one coach from each team and the officials. The meeting will take place toward the center of the field. Social distancing rules apply.
9. In the event of an injury – Only the coach and/or parent may tend to the player unless medical attention is required.
10. Bathrooms will be open and cleaned before the 1<sup>st</sup> games of the day/night.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Participants should wash/sanitize their hands after each game.
2. Teams are encouraged to provide and display hand sanitizer for their team for use before, during and after the game.
3. Social distancing is recommended whenever possible. Teams are encouraged not to gather as a group within close proximity of one another for pre or post game meetings.
4. To minimize the risk of COVID-19 spread by minimizing the number of people in the facility, after your games have concluded, please leave the building. Do not remain to watch other games.
5. An additional 15 minutes will be built into the schedule between games to allow for teams to exit the building prior to the next teams entering.
6. Players, coaches and spectators may not enter the building prior to 15 minutes before their scheduled game time.
7. We strongly encourage those individuals who are at high risk (Senior Citizens and those with underlying medical requirements) to avoid attending.
8. All participants, fans and staff are encouraged to look for any signs of illness and do not come to the recreation center if you are showing any symptoms of Covid-19.