

Recreation Programming during COVID-19

July 7, 2020





Current Situation and Resources

- State of the State regarding COVID-19
 - Currently in the “YELLOW” Risk Phase (Low)
 - Groups of 50 or fewer (Private organizations)
 - Maintain social distancing in public settings
 - 6-foot distance between household groups at events and entertainment venues
 - Symptom check prior to team sport competitions or practices
 - Face coverings when social distancing is difficult to maintain

Current Situation and Resources

- Registration
 - Registration waitlist ended Monday, July 6th at 11:59 pm
 - 77 participants are on the registered waitlist
 - The ages/weights break down into being able to have two teams
 - One with 19-21 players, the other with 17-20 players
 - The remaining 36 to 41 players will be able to go to a neighboring City who has their age group to play for this year. Next year they will return to play in Clearfield.

Current Situation and Resources

- Staffing
 - Recreation full-time staff (4)
 - Recreation Manager
 - 3 FT Recreation Supervisor (2 sports and events, 1 Art and events) 1 staff member is on FMLA leave and working PT
 - Recreation part-time staff
 - Staff have been actively recruiting since mid-May
 - Currently Recreation has 18 PT staff (Typically they have 35-40 PT staff)
 - The new COVID-19 guidelines we need twice the staff at each site than a typical year



Current Situation and Resources

- Wasatch Front Football League (WFFL)
 - Currently the league plans to start Monday, August 3 with player conditioning and practices.
 - Games are scheduled to start Saturday, August 22
 - League has recommendations, but do not plan to require or enforce the recommendations

Current Situation and Resources



Wasatch Front Football League Participant Symptom Checklist



Coaches must ask each participant the following questions prior to practice, games, or lessons. If a participant responds yes to any of the following symptom questions, he or she should not participate.

HAVE YOU HAD ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

1. Fever (100.4 degrees or higher)
2. Cough
3. Shortness of breath
(unrelated to physical activity)
4. Sudden loss in the sense of taste or smell
5. Sore throat
6. Muscle aches or pains
(unrelated to physical activity)
7. Traveled to a high risk area within the last 14 days



Remember to wash your hands:

- For at least 20 seconds
- Prior to arriving at the facility*
- After leaving the facility*

*Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not accessible

Current Situation and Resources



Wasatch Front Football League Association & Facility Guidelines



Do not attend practice, game, or stay at a facility if you have had any of the following symptoms:



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Wear a face mask when social distancing is difficult to maintain

Keep 6 feet of space between individual household groups



No sharing of personal equipment

This may include:

- Mouthguards
- Helmets
- Water Jugs
- Towels
- Wristbands
- Playbooks
- Shoulder Pads
- Etc.



Recommended Limit of Two (2)
Spectators Per Athlete



KEEP THE KIDS PLAYING!

By following these guidelines, kids can keep playing and help keep our community safe.

Concerns Not Being Discussed by the League

- Health Departments
 - What are the protocols going to be from each health department. How are we going to enforce them? Have we gotten approval from them and/or each of their requirements? Was the template submitted?
 - There has been several high school football program shut down in just the last two weeks for positive tests. How are we going to handle when we have a positive player and the game day implications of that?
- Spectators
 - Weber/Morgan Health has informed those within the counties that contact tracing is now being put on the Event/League organizers.
 - Contact tracing protocols
 - Sanitizing protocols.
 - Mask requirement
 - No spectators

Concerns Not Being Discussed by the League

- League Wide protocols and consistency
 - Currently the league does not have any league-wide standards regarding necessary changes to practices and game day procedures. (Sanitation, spectators, game modifications, etc.)
- Schedule

How are we going to manage when a team has an outbreak and is forced to quarantine and miss time?

Propose to run a 8 game season

- Eliminate traveling for games. Keep games local. School districts are not letting teams go outside of their district at this point.
- No pressure to maintain accurate standings and make up games
- Parents/Coaches will be less inclined to lie/hide their kids/families symptoms in order to play.
- By giving 8 games instead of the standard 7 we should not need to adjust fees. If a team plays 5 games or 7 games it is what it is. We are just thankful we got to even have a season. The alternative is to start and have a logistical nightmare trying to manage playoff brackets.
- To reduce the amount of people in the park at one time, stagger start times
- Fields- Has everyone that uses school facilities got approval to use them? If they can't use school fields will cities allow them to use theirs? Will there be additional fee imposed?

Concerns Not Being Discussed by the League

- Team Declaration
 - How are association numbers. Are associations going to have to combine in some age groups to be able to form teams?
- Hydration
 - Hydration is a key safety liability. How are we going to manage sharing of water bottles. Timeouts for instance, a coach runs out with a crate of 6 water bottles for the 11 players on the field. How are we going to manage that?

Wrap UP

- We have enough waitlisted registrants to field 2 teams, the other waitlisted registrants will need to be placed with another program for 1 year
- Recreation is still struggling to staff programs appropriately
- The league has yet to have any meaningful discussion regarding managing COVID-19 guidelines from the State and Health Departments
- Many of the league's organizations are not prepared to start August 3
- Some league organizations will not be following or enforcing what few recommendations the league has in place, because there is no penalty.

Wrap UP

- We are not sure if we can play at the High School this year
 - This will depend on high school fall sports and the District's decision (There is a meeting next week)
- Staff is not comfortable putting the City's player's, coaches, staff and their families at a higher risk if the league is unwilling to address ours and other organizations COVID-19 concerns
- Next league meeting is Monday, July 13 in South Ogden

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Wrap UP

QUESTIONS?