



2021-22 Soccer Rules Considerations

The guidelines outlined in this document are meant to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging social distancing, limiting participation in administrative tasks to essential personnel and allowing for appropriate protective equipment.

1. Soccer Rules Considerations

- a. Pregame Conference (5-2-2d)
- b. Limit attendees to officiating crew, the head coach from each team, and a single captain from each team.
- c. Move the location of the pregame conference to center of the field. All individuals maintain a social distance of 6 feet.
- d. Suspend handshakes prior to and following the Pregame Conference.

2. Ball Holders (6-1)

- a. Encourage social distancing of 6 feet

3. Team Benches (1-5-1)

- a. Encourage bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet.

4. Substitution Procedures (3-4)

- a. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet between the substitute, officials and/or teammate(s) by encouraging substitutions to occur closer to the center line.

5. Officials Table (6-2; 6-3)

- a. Limit to essential personnel which includes home team scorer and timer with a recommend distance of 6 feet between individuals.
- b. Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not deemed essential personnel and may need to find an alternative location.

6. Pre and Post Match Ceremony

- a. World cup introductions conducted with distancing 3-6 feet apart as a guide.
- b. Suspend post game protocol of shaking hands.

7. Rule 4-1 EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES [officials, players, coaches as applicable]

- a. Cloth face coverings are permissible.
- b. Gloves are permissible.

8. Rule 4-2 LEGAL UNIFORM

- a. Long sleeves are permissible. (4-1-1)
- b. Long pants are permissible. (4-1-1)
- c. Under garments are permissible but must be of a similar length for the individual and a solid like color for team. (4-1-1d)

9. Rule 5-3 OFFICIALS UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

- a.** Long-sleeved shirt/jackets are permissible (5-1-3)
- b.** Electronic whistles are permissible (supplies are limited).
 - i.** Choose a whistle whose tone will carry outside.