



To: ASA Club Presidents and Directors of Coaching
 From: Rick Kelsey, Chief Executive Officer
 CC: Board of Directors
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Subject: Arizona Soccer Association (ASA) – Return-to-Play Update Phase 4 Step 2

Effective September 25, 2020 the Arizona Soccer Association (ASA) will move to Phase 4 Step 2 of our COVID Return-to-Play protocols, **where facilities allow**. Be aware that facilities in Mesa, Pima County, Scottsdale, and some private facilities will still not allow spectators on or around the fields.

While Phase 4 Step 2 will allow for spectators to sit on the field, **where facilities allow**, this also **increases** the responsibility of coaches and team managers to ensure that all spectators wear masks at all times and social distance as much as possible. Phase 4 Step 2 **does not** reduce our commitment to adherence. It increases it for everyone as we stay focused on playing the entire season without interruption.

Phase 4 Step 2 includes:

- If you are not feeling well – **STAY HOME!!!**
- If you aren't comfortable playing or participating – **DON'T!!!**
- Spectators allowed to sit on the field, **where facilities allow**. Specific seating include spectators sitting on the same side of the field as their team, on the half opposite of the Assistant Referee. (Diagram below)
- Spectators to wear masks **at all times** and social distance as much as possible
- Coaches/Team Officials required to wear masks **at all times**.
- Coaches/Team Officials required to ensure adherence of spectators. Failure to adhere to Phase 4, Step 2 protocols could result in a \$500 fine to the Club.
- Players to wear masks to/from the field, and when not playing.

The official seating layout is:





The COVID Return-to-Play Phase 4 requirements include:

Restrictions	Activities Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendee capacity (coach, player, spectator, team official) at each field not to exceed what has been defined by state, county, municipal, or facility requirements. Adherence to the ASA defined three-step Return-to-Competition guidelines No sharing of water or equipment. Masks required for coaches at all times Masks required for players transit to/from the field and while not participating in play Limitations on participants per field to be in accordance with municipality proclamations/requirement. Practice times should be set to maximize social distancing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend a minimum of 30 minutes between end time of one session and the start time of the next. If youth need supervision while waiting for pickup, adults should be at least six (6) feet apart. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in ASA sanctioned leagues, games, and tournament Inter-Club scrimmage/practice games. Regular training sessions can be held. Games may be played in ASA sanctioned leagues or tournaments. Recommend that teams not play more than one game per day.
	Activities NOT Permitted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A three-step Return-to-Competition guideline has been developed to support games and game day operations. These <u>must</u> be adhered to.

The complete list of requirements for Step 2 include:

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Attendance (Includes players, coaches/team officials, referees, and staff)	<p>NO Spectators.</p> <p>Total number of attendees (players, coaches/team officials, referees, and staff) will not exceed state, county, municipal or facility requirements.</p> <p>NOTE: As of 8/13/2020, the Governor's Executive Order does not allow for more than 50 people per event. An event would be considered a full size soccer field.</p>	<p>Spectators allowed. All spectators must wear a mask at all times and maintain social distance</p> <p>Total number of attendees (players, coaches/team officials, referees, and staff) will not exceed state, county, municipal, or facility requirements.</p>	No restrictions
Coaches/Team Officials	<p>If not feeling well - STAY HOME Required to wear mask at all times.</p> <p>Responsible for ensuring adherence to all requirements</p>	<p>If not feeling well - STAY HOME Required to wear mask at all times.</p> <p>Responsible for ensuring adherence to all requirements</p>	No restrictions
Players	Required to wear mask to/from the field and when not playing.	Required to wear mask to/from the field and when not playing.	No restrictions
Team and Parent/Spectator Seating	<p>Teams will sit on opposite sides of the field from each other, behind the Assistant Referee.</p> <p>Spectators are not permitted on the field. They <u>may</u> only sit in areas designated by the facility away from the field.</p>	<p>Teams will sit on opposite sides of the field from each other, behind the Assistant Referee.</p> <p>Spectators will sit on the same side of the field as their team but the opposite half of the field away from the Assistant Referee.</p>	No restrictions
Referees	<p>If not feeling well - STAY HOME Maintain 6 feet from other officials when game is not being played Required to wear mask to/from the field If a player is injured do not get within 6 feet; call coach/team official on to address players injury No pre/post game handshakes</p>	<p>If not feeling well - STAY HOME Maintain 6 feet from other officials when game is not being played Required to wear mask to/from the field Player Check-in but not take player passes If a player is injured do not get within 6 feet; call coach/team official on to address players injury No pre/post game handshakes</p>	No restrictions
Game Schedules	Games will be scheduled with greater time between end and start time to minimize unnecessary contact.	Games will be scheduled with greater time between end and start time to minimize unnecessary contact.	No restrictions
Game Day Operations	<p>ASA staff, when present, to wear masks at all times. Gloves to be worn by staff when picking up trash or sanitizing equipment No pre-game coin toss; Home team chooses direction No benches provided by the host organization No pre/post game handshakes Pop-up tents may be used. Recommend teams have multiple pop-up tents in order to maximize social distancing Sanitization plans to include: - Game balls - Game day signage - Goalposts, corner flags</p>	<p>ASA staff, when present, to wear masks at all times. Gloves to be worn by staff when picking up trash or sanitizing equipment No pre-game coin toss; Home team chooses direction No benches provided by the host organization No pre/post game handshakes Player Check-in but not take player passes Pop-up tents may be used. Recommend teams have multiple pop-up tents in order to maximize social distancing Sanitization plans to include: - Game balls - Game day signage - Goalposts, corner flags</p>	No restrictions
Out-of-State Travel	Out-of-state travel is not recommended.	Out-of-state travel is not recommended.	No restrictions



We are very excited to be in a position to allow spectators back on the field, **where facilities allow**. We must remain maniacally focused on adhering to all requirements, at all times. It's important that **EVERYONE** continue to work together, hold each other accountable, mask-up, socially distance, and ensure that adherence is our **TOP PRIORITY!!** We have come a long way so let's continue moving forward **TOGETHER!!!**