**AFF Safety Protocol 2021**

**The health and safety of the players, coaches, officials, and spectators are of utmost importance.**

**Please review the following procedures with your players, coaches, and spectators to ensure a safe playing environment**.

**General COVID-19 Procedures**

AAL Sports COVID-19 Protocol: (Sports Addendum)

1. Sport members, coaches, team mom’s, referees and vendors are to be temperature checked at the Sport’s Tent upon arrival to Community Park, for practices and games. a. Anyone with a temperature at or over 100.5 degrees will not be allowed to participate or enter Community Park.

2. Anyone with a Positive COVID-19 diagnosis will not be allowed to be present at any AAL events for the CDC recommended quarantine timeframe and (Players will require a “return to school/normal activities” note from doctor)

a. Sport League will keep a log with all individuals name and dates of positive and negative COVID results and dates. b. A copy of these reports is to be filed and forwarded to AAL’s secretary as cases are identified.

3. Coaches, Team Moms and players must wear a mask or social distance (6 feet). Should coaches, team moms and/or players be caught not wearing a mask or social distancing while on the sideline, an unsportsmanlike penalty of 15-yards will be called on that team.

If an additional infraction occurs on the same side, an additional 15-yard penalty will be called, and both the head coach and player will get ejected. If penalty occurs on same team (but different player) only the head coach will be ejected.

4. Executive and Sport Board members, Sport members, coaching staff (on either side of the field) and referees have the authority to enforce line items 1 & 2.

There will be no challenges and no grievances accepted to this order.

**Coaches and referees are required to wear masks at all times.**

**Coaches can wear a face guard during gamesvc.**

* Players may wear facial coverings during games, if they choose to do so.
* Masks must be worn inside the restroom areas.
* The fields will have an Exit and Enter only during practices and games. Signs will be posted.
* If there is lightning during practices or games everyone is to go to their vehicles. Those who do not have a vehicle will go to the pavilion. Masks will be required to be worn at the pavilion.

**Check-In Procedures**

* Each team must check-in at the Sport’s Tent at least 40 minutes prior to their first game or practice.
* Coaches, team moms, referees, vendors and each player listed on the team’s roster will have their temperature checked with a non-contact thermometer. Any player or coach who presents a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit will be asked to leave the field immediately.

Coaches, team moms, referees, vendors and players listed on the team’s roster will be screened at check-in with Covid-19 specific questions:

1. Have you been tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 10 days?
2. Have you had any known exposure to a Covid-19-positive individual in the last 14 days?
3. Have you had any new onset cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath?
4. If anyone answers, “yes” to any of the above screening questions, he/she will be asked to immediately leave the field.

**Sideline Procedures**

* Only coaches, players, and official team personnel are allowed on the team’s sideline. All spectators must remain in the end zone seating area or sit 6 feet apart on the sideline bleachers.
* Players and coaches are to maintain reasonable distances from one another on the sidelines.
* **Players must wear a mask or stand 6 feet apart when on the sidelines.**

**Spectator Procedures - WEARING A MASK AND/OR SOCIAL DISTANCING IS HIGLY RECOMMENDED FOR SPECTATORS.**

* Spectators must remain behind the endzone on either side of the field or sit 6 feet apart on the sideline bleachers.
* Spectators from different households must maintain reasonable distances from one another.
* End zone seating will be the preferred seating for spectators; however, there will be sideline bleachers available for limited seating. Please remain 6 feet apart from other spectators while sitting on the sideline bleachers.
* Pop-up tents and umbrellas must remain reasonable distances apart behind the endzone. No players or spectators from other teams will be allowed to enter a team’s tent area. No pop-up tents on the sideline between fields.

**Pre-Game Procedures**

* There will be no pregame coin toss involving players. The coaches will meet at midfield with the referees for the coin toss procedure.
* Coaches and referees will maintain proper distancing during this procedure.

**On-Field Procedures**

* Players must remain reasonable distances from one another while in the huddle. The use of wristbands or signals are recommended to avoid huddling.
* Each team will be provided a spray bottle with sanitizer to utilize on hands and equipment at halftime and in between each game.
* After each play players should do their best to gain reasonable distance between opposing players.
* Each team is responsible for their own football and flags.
* Teams are recommended to not retrieve an opposing team’s football if an incomplete pass.
* Teams are recommended to respectfully drop the opposing team’s flag on the ground after a pull to limit person-to-person interaction when handing the flag back.
* Referees will utilize proper 2-man crew mechanics to set the offensive and defensive line of scrimmage from the sideline.

**End of Game Procedures**

* Immediately after the game, the teams will retreat to their respective sidelines, gather all belongings, and exit the sideline OPPOSITE of the next team entering.
* No post game handshakes. Coaches from each team will wave at each other as a display of good sportsmanship on behalf of their teams.
* Players must sanitize or wash hands for 20 seconds between games.

**Rescheduling of games due to covid**

* **If a player becomes sick with Covid, he or she will NOT RETURN FOR 10 DAYS and have no symptoms or fever for 48 hours.**
* **A doctor’s note will be required to return to play**

1. **The Coach will report it to the Sport League. The Sport League will keep a log with all names and dates of positive COVID cases.**
2. **A copy of this log is to be filed and forwarded to AAL’s secretary as cases are identified.**

* **If there is reason to believe the team has been exposed to Covid-19, the team will be quarantined for 7-10 days**
* **No practices or games (NO exceptions)**
* **Every attempt will be made to reschedule later in the season.**

All AAL members including executive board members, sport board members, coaches, team-moms, referees, players, parents and vendors:

1. Will hereby agree to comply with these COVID-19 specific safety protocols in order to protect and safeguard our community.

**Please help us to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all.**

**Looking forward to great season.**

**Thank you**

**AFF Board**