



2021 IFOA HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES OFFICIALS

PREPARATION (PRIOR TO CONTEST)

- Referees should contact the Athletic Director prior to the day of the contest to discuss logistics and requirements for that particular school, district, or municipality.
- Bring everything you may need. Do not rely on school to provide any amenities.
 - Bring your own equipment and towel.
 - Bring your own water.
 - Carry a pocket sized bottle of sanitizer.
 - Bring a backup mask.
 - Do not share anything you bring.

TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL

- Do NOT attempt to travel to a game sick.
- Do NOT attempt to work a game sick.
- Drive yourself to the contest when possible.
 - If carpooling is necessary, wear face coverings and limit the amount of people in a single vehicle.
- Arrive at the game site dressed in uniform (if possible).
- Be prepared to follow any additional requirements imposed by the school or municipality.
 - Expect to have a temperature check and/or health screening questions.

CREW PREGAME

- Social distance during pregame as best as possible.
- Consider holding pregame outside or virtually.
 - Only hold a conference indoors if it is large enough to use social distancing protocols and it is properly cleaned and sanitized prior to their arrival.

FACE COVERING

- Wear a mask at all times.
 - Officials must wear a face covering while on campus and throughout the duration of the game.
- Game mask or gaiter must be black.



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- Masks may be removed briefly to blow the whistle.

WHISTLES

- The use of electronic whistles is permissible (but not required).
 - It has been reported that electronic whistles are not loud.
 - Focus on raising your hand and using other visual signals that appropriately signify the end of a play.

GLOVES AND HYGIENE

- Gloves are permissible (but not required).
 - Bring multiple pairs if you are using disposable gloves.
- Wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times possible.
- Do not let any coach, player, or non-player approach you while not wearing a mask and maintaining 6 feet of distance.

POST GAME

- Leave the field promptly after the game.
- Post game conferences with the crew should adhere to the same guidelines as pre game conferences.



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RULE MODIFICATIONS

PREGAME CONFERENCES

- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet while performing all pregame responsibilities with all officiating crew members, game administration staff, line-to-gain crew, clock operators, individuals handling the balls during the game and team personnel.
- Chain crew must wear a mask.
- Clock operator must meet officials on the field.

COIN TOSS

- One captain from each team.
- Coin toss should take place in the center of the field with designated individuals maintaining social distancing of 6 feet.
- No handshakes prior to and following the coin toss.

TEAM BOX

- The team box will be extended on both sides of the field to the 10 yard lines (for players only) in order for more social distancing space for the teams.
- Coaches are required to remain within the regular team box.
- All coaches, players and other personnel must wear face coverings.

BALL

- Teams shall utilize a three-ball rotation, ensuring that anytime a ball goes out of play it shall be sanitized thoroughly with a bleach wipe before returning to the rotation.

PLAYER FACE COVERINGS

- Masks should be worn at all times by all individuals participating in the activity, even with heavy exertion as tolerated.
 - The 22 players on the field are not required to wear a mask.



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POSTGAME HANDSHAKE LINE

- No handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, hugs, etc. can and should occur pre or post-match.
- Maintain social distancing prior to and following the contest.