



REMAIN

~~RETURN TO PLAY~~



SPRING '21



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- NO Major Changes to the Fall '20 successful protocols
- Continue to follow Governing Authorities & Governing Bodies Protocols and Directives (NYS/CDC, US Soccer/ENY)
- Maximum Two (2) Spectators per Participant (NYS)**
- Drop Ball – Will now be an Indirect Free Kick (IFK)**
- PARTICIPANTS NOT Required to wear face covering on the field of play. This includes Referees, as well as the Players.



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Team Communication Prior To The Match

- VISITING team coach contacts Home coach**, the week of the match to confirm location (and directions as needed), time and uniform colors.
- It is the **HOME coaches' responsibility** at that time to communicate any specific COVID protocols required by that facility owner/operator.
- This may include use of specific parking areas, facility entrance and/or exit to use, limitation of spectators (outside of LIJSL/ENYISA and NY State protocols), etc. It is the **VISTING team's responsibility to acknowledge and abide by these protocols.**



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Team Communication Prior To The Match

- ❑ **HOME team coach** should receive **contact from assigned center referee (CR)** prior to the match (should be by Thursday). **HOME team coach responsible to review, advise referee of specific facility protocols** (IF 3-referee system, CR has responsibility to communicate with AR's)
- ❑ **Maximum of two (2) spectators per player** in accordance with current [Reopening New York State Sports and Recreation](#) mandatory physical distancing requirements



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At The Field

- ❑ Prior to exiting automobiles, or being dropped off, all participants should put on a face covering and maintain social distance following facility instructions as appropriate to access field area for the match
- ❑ If there is a match in progress on the field, teams should NOT enter playing field area or take a position on the touchlines (soccer sidelines) until AFTER the prior match is completed AND the teams, players, coaches and spectators have left
- ❑ **HOME team determines selection of touchlines**, coaches discuss & confirm at field before the prior match concludes



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At The Field

- All players, coaches, referees and spectators should maintain appropriate social distancing**
- Referee(s) should maintain appropriate social distancing, and before the match position themselves and their equipment, in an appropriate area as feasible away from teams, spectators.
- All participants; players, coaches, spectators and referees are recommended to wear new or clean PPE upon arrival, departure and when not physically active for any match.
- This includes all coaches when not actively instructing and not a minimum of 6-feet physical distance from any other coach, player or referee



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At The Field

- ❑ **HOME team coaches, players AND spectators on the SAME side**
 - ❖ HOME team players and coaches take a position minimum of ten (10) feet from the touchline to the left of the midfield line.
 - ❖ If a 3-referee system is used, this will be behind AR1
 - ❖ HOME team spectators may take a position a minimum of ten (10) feet on the other side of midfield, and ten (10) feet off the touchline within Spectator Area.



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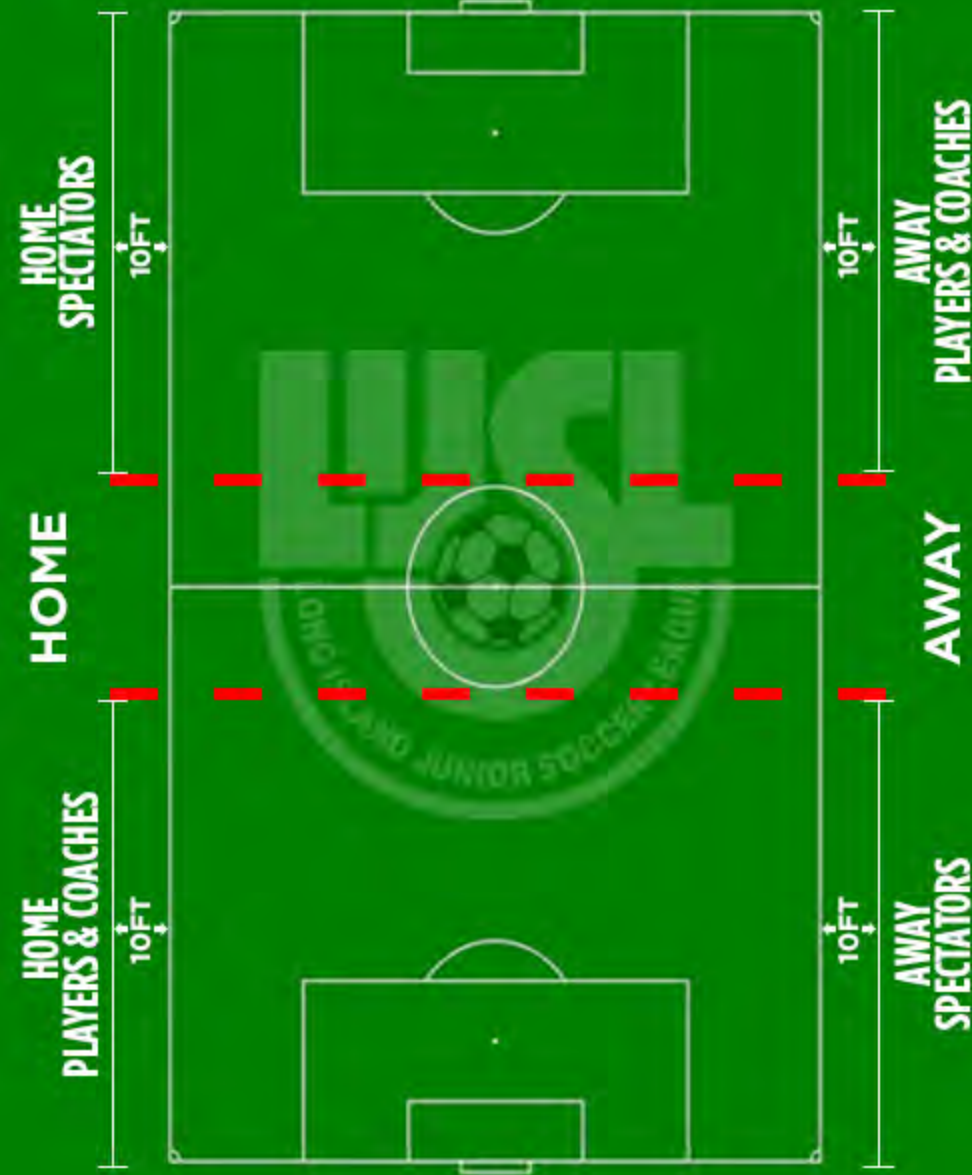
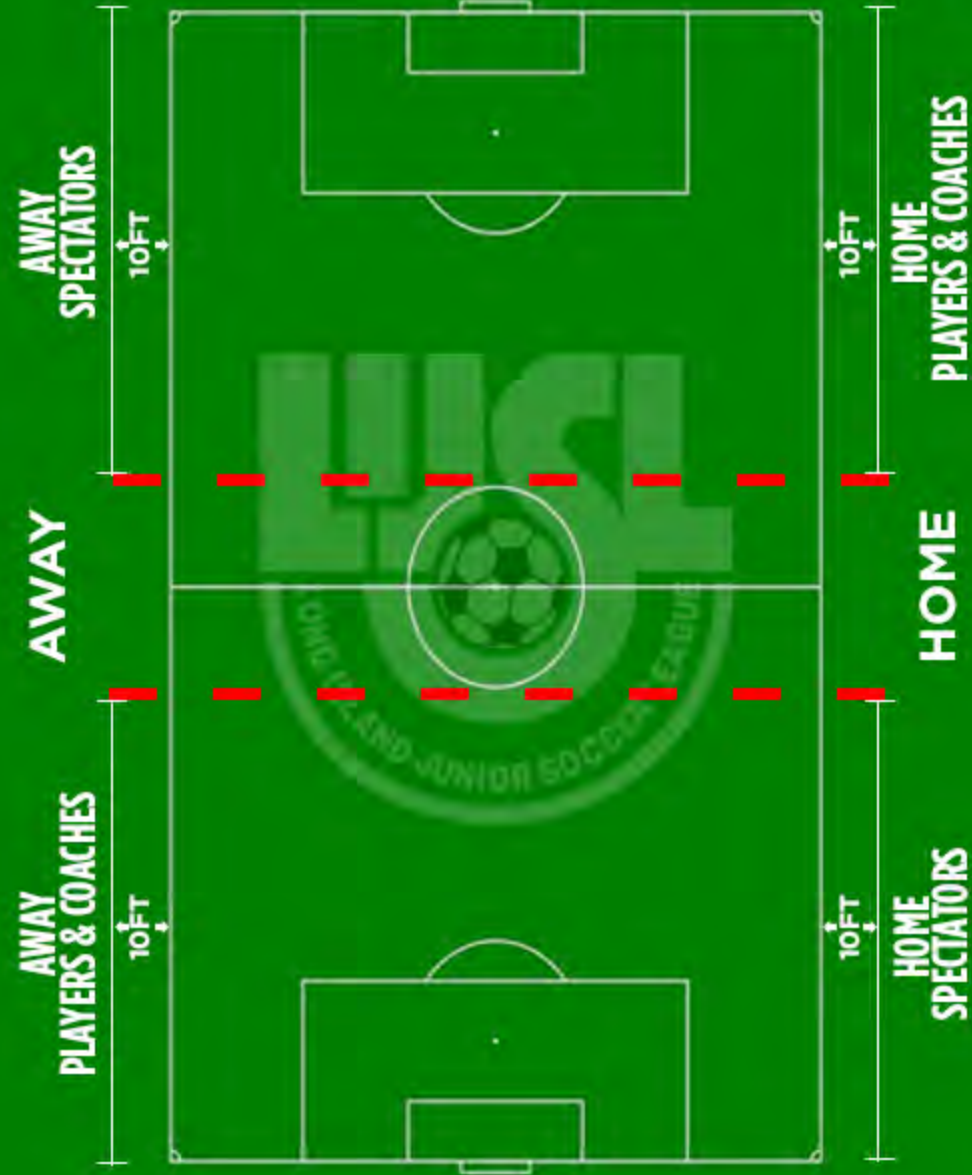
❑ VISITING team coaches, players AND spectators on OPPOSITE side

- ❖ VISITING team players and coaches take a position minimum of ten (10) feet from the touchline to the left of the midfield line.
- ❖ If a 3-referee system is used, this will be behind AR2
- ❖ VISITING team spectators may take a position a minimum of ten (10) feet on the other side of midfield, and ten (10) feet off the touchline within Spectator Area.

ONE FIELD LAYOUT



TWO FIELD LAYOUT





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Pre-Match, Check-In

- Upon request from referee, teams should be ready for check-in. All participants; players, coaches and referee(s) MUST wear face coverings for check-in.
- Players line up minimum of ten (10) feet from referee, coach.
- Coach hands referee two (2) completed copies of their roster and appropriate share of referee fees.
- Fees should be in either sealed envelope(s) or a clear resealable bag(s), one for each referee.
- Coach will hold laminated passes (or phone with digital passes) and show to the referee when player steps forward.



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Pre-Match, Check-In

- After acknowledged by referee, player will turn around, indicating jersey #, then return to the line (repeat until all players have checked in).
- All coaches as well as any trainer must also present themselves to referee in same manner with a valid pass.
- NO Coin Toss (Modification of Law 8)
- VISITING team will choose the ball (kick off) or the goal to attack to begin the match
- HOME team to supply match ball(s), which are to be cleaned (disinfectant wipe), prior to being given to referee.
- U9-U12 Assigned 1-Referee System NO Club Linesman to be used
- U13+ 3-Referee System AR Late/Not Available NO Club Linesman to be used



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In-Match Protocols

- Players, Coaches maintain minimum of 6 feet of physical distance from all others when not participating in match and in the team area
- When minimum of 6 feet of physical distance is not possible, wear face covering
- Do not touch or share anyone else's equipment, water bottles, energy drinks, etc.
- No group celebrations, no high fives, chest bumps, hugs, handshakes etc.



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In-Match Protocols

Who Monitors?

- Referees Monitor ON-Field protocols
- BOTH Coaches Monitor OFF-The-Field protocols
- Referee addresses issues of safety to Responsible Party (HOME team Field Marshal, Safety Officer or Coach)
- Issues of compliance with facility protocols fall to Responsible Party
- Failure of either Team, Home or Visitors may result in match being terminated, potential forfeit to offending Team as determined by League



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Post-Match

- ❑ At completion of match, NO handshakes between players, coaches as well as referees
- ❑ Players & Coaches should acknowledge opposing teams and referee(s); clapping, thumbs-up
- ❑ Teams and spectator immediately gather personal belongings, equipment and with face coverings on, leave immediate field area. NO post-match discussions there.



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Have a Great Spring Season!

Stay Safe & Healthy!

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