

APPENDIX E - REFEREE RESPONSIBILITY

All Colorado Soccer Association clubs will communicate to their referees the following approved CSA guidelines.

- CSA will work with referees to help them enforce appropriate sideline social distancing
- Any referee, instructor, mentor or assessor who is not feeling well, having a fever at or higher than 100.4, or exhibiting any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, including mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, and/or difficulty breathing, or other symptoms identified by the CDC, is not allowed to participate.
- Any referee, instructor, mentor or assessor who has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should not participate in assigned matches, trainings or education sessions.
- Referees, instructors, mentors and assessors should stay up to date and comply with local, regional and national guidelines for the appropriate number of people in one group, and the size of the group.
- Referees will avoid high fives, handshakes and any form of touching where possible and support the team in doing the same.
- Referees, instructors, mentors, and assessors must maintain a minimum of six feet social distancing throughout training, games and post-game conferences, if possible.
- Referees should use hand sanitizer before games, during breaks, and after games. CSA recommends referees should have their own supply of hand sanitizer and, when possible, disinfecting wipes.
- Referees should avoid as much as possible sharing equipment (jerseys, flags whistles.) and sanitize any shared equipment during breaks and after each game. Each referee should have their own complete set of required equipment – flags, whistle, watch, etc. to avoid sharing of equipment
- Referees will not share water bottles or food with anyone – other referees, players, coaches, spectators.
- Referee will not share referee jerseys
- Referees are only allowed to work on fields where they have been assigned by a certified assignor.
- Referee instructors should plan training activities that minimize levels of contact. If referees (or referee's parent/guardian for those under age 18) are not comfortable with training activities, they may opt out without penalty.
- No congregating before or after education sessions or games is allowed. Post-game required referee activities should maintain social distancing requirements or be conducted via electronic communication.
- Referee assignors should track (written/electronic) referee attendance at all games. Instructors should track (written) referee attendance for all trainings, educational sessions. If there should be a referee or any other participant who tests positive for COVID-19, this information will be required for appropriate contact tracing by local health officials.

Game management:

- Only 1 captain per team for coin toss with referee only, maintaining as much social distancing as possible
- It is suggested that assistant referees wear a mask at all times during games, center officials may or may not wear a mask during the game, however pre- and post-game, all referees, instructors, mentors and assessors should wear a mask.
- Officials should NOT stay in the technical area during half time but move away from players, coaches and spectator
- If two players get into a "tussle" (hug, mutual shoving, face-to-face yelling, wrestling,) they must both leave the field and be sanitized, irrespective of any misconduct
- A player sneezing can be required to leave the field – much like signs of a concussion – until the sneezing stops and the player has sanitized hands, etc.
- Center official may use electronic whistle or traditional whistle, as preferred, but must demonstrate such devices to coaches and players prior to game

