

RETURN TO COMPETITION

PHASE III



This email is being sent to Member Clubs and Leagues [08.27.20]

The August 19, 2020, Ohio Department of Health Director's Order listed **MANDATORY** requirements for moving to Phase 3 of the Return to Play protocols. The significant additions are summarized below.

1. One Game per 24 Hour Period or One Game per Day

The Health Order cites 'To limit exposure, no team shall play against more than a single opponent team in a 24-hour period'. There has been confusion if this meant literally 'one game per 24 hours' or mean one game per day (i.e. one game on Friday, one game on Saturday, one game on Sunday, etc.).

~~This was clarified today by Lt. Governor Husted—it is one game per calendar day. Therefore, a team **MUST NOT** play against two (2) opponents, same opponent, or different opponent, on the same day.~~ Revised per 8/31 memo after clarification.

2. Compliance Officers

The Health Order cites the need for a compliance officer for teams and events. This person will be the point of contact for any communications for the local county health department. We are receiving information that local county health departments have already begun to follow up with clubs and leagues across the state to make sure this is happening. Accordingly, Ohio North is requiring the following:

- All teams will need to identify a compliance officer for the team (probably the coach or team administrator)
- All clubs will need to identify a compliance officer for the club (probably the club president or administrator) that the team contact would report to
- All leagues will need to identify a compliance officer (probably league president or administrator) that the club or team would report to
- The State Association has identified Jessica Eberle to be the point of contact for leagues/clubs/teams to report to. This way we have a clear communication route in case of a positive test for COVID-19. More details to follow on reporting protocols.

3. Training for Coach and Players

The Health Order also cites training for coaches and education for players. These brief videos can be found in the "[Coaches and Student Athletes](#)" tab. Please make sure **ALL** coaches review these videos and educate their players on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Ohio North will be creating a standard form for all coaches to certify they have complied. This should be available by the end of the week and be retained by the club or league for verification by the local county health department if requested.

There is also information to review protocols for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and AED's. This is already covered by Lindsay's Law which all coaches and parents are required to confirm during the registration process.

4. Best Practices for League Games

Ohio North has developed [Return to Competition Guidelines](#) that accommodate the recent announcements on return to competition. This offers information on field layouts, masks, and number of games per day, etc. and may be used by teams, clubs, and leagues as compliance protocols to share with their local county health department, if so requested.

5. Masks for Spectators

There has also been some confusion if spectators are required to wear masks if they are socially distancing 6ft apart as we have two Health Orders from July 23, 2020, and August 19, 2020 that refer to wearing masks:

- Under the 8/19 [Director's Order that Provides Mandatory Requirements for Youth, Collegiate, Amateur, Club and Professional Sports](#), masks are specifically cited as a requirement for this sector – i.e. sports and spectators. In short, other than when actively coaching or playing, all participants and spectators at a sporting event are required to wear a mask.
- However, all exemptions cited from the 7/23 (general order for Ohio) [Director's Order for Facial Coverings throughout the State of Ohio](#); (2) A – P still apply.

Ohio North Return to Competition Updates

Visit our website for the latest [Ohio North Return to Activity updates, FAQs and resources](#)

A new informational section on our website on compliance procedures and guidelines will follow next week.