

## Revised as of July 7, 2020

KCFC Flag and 7v7 Football Families,

Thank you again for being patient with us as we work on our return to play plan. KCFC will continue with its scheduled spring (now summer) flag and 7v7 program starting this weekend. The schedules were released June 26 and should be visible through your KCFC account.

Below are the new guidelines that KCFC will follow to make the environment as safe as possible. Please review the guidelines as some of them are new and based on the executive order put in place by the State of Kansas and the governor's office. While these guidelines will help keep the games and facility as safe as we reasonably can make it, the decision to participate at our facility on game day is ultimately up to you and your family. If you are considered "high risk", feel any symptoms of being sick, have shown signs of fever or cough, been in contact with someone that has shown symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19: **Please Stay Home.**

### Return to Play Overview

#### Executive Order

Per the governor's order, all players, coaches, officials and spectators ages 6 and up will be required to wear masks in order to enter the facility. However, each of these 4 roles will have different requirements after entering the facility:

Players- Once players have entered the facility and reached the playing field that they will be competing on, players can take their masks off for warm-up and the game being played. Upon completion of the game, before they leave the playing field, they are required (by the executive order) to put the mask back on and exit the facility. This pertains only to players that are 6 and older. Any player that is 5 and below is not required to wear a mask per the executive order.

Coaches- Once coaches have entered the facility and reached the playing field, they will be required to wear masks at any point they are not socially distanced from their team and other spectators. Team huddles, meetings, and any coaching that is not distanced by 6 feet is when the mask is required per the executive order.

Officials- Per the executive order, officials will be required to wear masks while entering the facility. They will not be required to wear a mask during the games they are officiating as we are changing the mechanics of the officials to allow for more distance between the players and the officials.

Spectators- Per the executive order, all spectators ages 6 and older are required to wear masks in a public setting that does not allow them to maintain social distancing at least 6 feet apart from anyone other than their immediate family members.

#### Game Format-Players, Coaches and Officials

Pre-Game Meetings- One designated coach from each team and both officials will meet before each game but will stay 6 feet apart. No player captains will attend.

Football- Per KCFC's already designated rule, the football is supplied by the offensive team. The ball should be cleaned throughout the game. As a part of your game day supplies, please have disinfectant towels available. KCFC will have hospital grade sanitizing spray at each playing field to disinfect the game balls before the game, and at halftime.

Flags- Each player is required to wear their own set of flags, which is supplied by KCFC.

Flag Pulling- Once a defensive player pulls the flag of the offensive player, they are to raise the flag in the air to notify the official that the play is dead, then drop the flag on the ground to have the offensive player pick it up.

Mouthpieces- While not required for the spring/summer season, players with dental and/or orthodontia issues can continue wearing them. Please address each player about the importance of keeping them in their mouth throughout the game.

Sanitary Precautions- Each player, coach and parent should be prepared with their own anti-bacterial wipes and hand sanitizers to clean hands and sanitize flags when a player is off the field.

Huddles- Coaches are required to maintain distance between players and coaches during team meetings and, to the extent possible, during on-field huddles in practices and games. If a coach cannot maintain distance then a mask is required per the executive order.

Player Benches- There will be no player benches to promote distance between players and coaches on the sideline. KCFC suggests using cones or markers to separate players while not playing.

Water Bottles-Team water dispensers are not allowed. Each player and coach should have their own water bottle. Sharing water bottles is not allowed.

Player Bags/Equipment Bag- All individual player bags and coaches equipment bags should be placed along the fence line separated.

Pre and Post Game- Teams are not allowed to take the field for pre-game warm up until both teams from the previous game have completely left the playing field. There will be no post game handshake line. To continue the act of good sportsmanship, teams will line up on their sideline and wave to the opposite team shouting "Good game". Coaches will need to prepare their teams for this new format. Post-game team meetings will not be permitted on the field or the sidelines. Following each game, each team should clean their sideline completely and exit the field immediately. Extra time will be placed within the schedule to allow for the transition.

Completion of Game- All players, coaches and spectators are required to leave the complex once the competition is completed.

### Spectator Format

Who can attend? While we would love for everyone to come and enjoy watching the games, we are limiting attendance to only immediate family: mother, father, brothers and sisters. This will help us

avoid overcrowding while still allowing our children to be supported by their immediate family. All siblings must remain with parents on the sideline during their time in the complex.

Seating-Bleachers will be closed for the spring/summer football session. Please be prepared to bring your own chair and set up your location 6 feet away from others. The entire length of the sidelines and the areas behind the end zones are available for seating. A minimum of 5 yards from the sideline or endzone is required. If there is fencing along the sideline of the field, spectators must sit on the opposite side of the fence.

Restrooms- Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized regularly. Please wash your hands after using these facilities. Portable restrooms will be sanitized after each day of use but will also be cleaned and sanitized regularly throughout the day.

Concessions- Our concession team will take the State of Kansas's recommendations when preparing food and beverages. All concession staff will be wearing masks and gloves and will be designated as food preparation and/or transaction attendants. No staff will be handling cash/credit cards as well as serving food and beverage. There may be limited menus during the spring/summer season. While standing in line to place your order, each person will be required to stand 6 feet apart. These spots will be designated on the ground. Only the main concession stand will be open.

Courtesy Cart- While KCFC will have emergency transportation available, our courtesy cart service will be unavailable.

Pre and Post Game- All spectators are required to leave the facility immediately following the game to allow time for the next games' spectators to find a spot. Spectators waiting for the next game are not allowed to find their spot and sit until the spectators from the game before have exited. The extra time KCFC is scheduling between games will help with this transition.

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We look forward to playing some football this weekend and will make any and all changes to this return to play program to ensure we are taking every measure possible to keep the time while you are at the complex safe, fun and enjoyable.

Thank you,

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