



City of Dublin  
**PROTOCOL FOR USE OF SPORTS FIELDS**  
**Youth/Adult Games and**  
**Practices Effective 2/26/21**  
**Updated 4/6/21**

To reduce crowding, maintain a safe environment and to limit the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, the most stringent and current health guidelines and protocol set by the State Health Authorities and the Alameda County Health Department must be adhered to.

Currently, physical conditioning, practice, skill-building, and training that can be conducted outdoors with 6 feet of physical distancing, and within stable cohorts are authorized regardless of the case rate or sport.

Most recently, the California Department of Public Health (2/19/21), states that **effective February 26, 2021**, outdoor youth, and adult recreational activities can return to competition or training/practice with others.

**\*The status of return-to-competition is subject to change at any time given the level of COVID-19 transmission in California.**

Organizations requesting to reserve athletic facilities must provide an operational plan for safety compliance to be approved by City staff which must include how the organization plans on abiding by the following guidelines, PRIOR to returning to competition:

**General Requirements for All Sports:**

- **Screening**
  - Parents must screen their own child for signs and symptoms of possible illness. All individuals should measure their body temperature to ensure that no fever is present prior to participating or attending every team activity. Anyone with symptoms of fever, cough or worsening respiratory symptoms, or any known exposure to COVID-19 should not attend any sports activity until cleared by a medical professional.
  - Upon arrival, all players and coaches will be screened for symptoms and have their temperature taken and recorded.
  - Any participant or coach that exhibits any viral symptoms or has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be allowed onto the fields for practice, trainings, and/or competitions.
  - If there is a confirmed case of COVID 19, all parents will be notified. The City of Dublin will be notified of a case to allow for facility cleaning. Confidentiality will be maintained.
- **Face coverings / Physical Distancing**
  - Face coverings to be worn by all participants when not participating in the activity (e.g., on the sidelines); however, it is strongly encouraged that face coverings be worn by participants during practice and competition, even during heavy exertion, as tolerated.
  - Face coverings to be worn by coaches, support staff, and observers at all times and in compliance with the CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings.
  - No sharing of drink bottles and personal items.
  - Mixing with other households prior to and post any practice or competition must strictly adhere to current gathering guidance.
  - Associated indoor activities for the team (e.g., dinners, team parties) are prohibited if engaged in competition given evidence that transmission is more likely to occur in these indoor higher risk settings.

- Maintain at least six feet of distance between sport participants and others to maximum extent possible, including when on the sidelines.
- **Observers / Spectators**
  - Observers must maintain at least 6 feet from non-household members.
- **Tournament Limitations**
  - Teams must not participate in out-of-state games and tournaments

**Limitations for Inter-Team Competitions and Tournaments**

- Inter-team competitions, meets, races, or similar events are permitted to occur only with teams within the state
- Cross county competitions taking place in Alameda County do not require notification to the Alameda County of Public Health. Teams participating in cross county competitions will follow the more stringent rules if the participating teams are coming from counties that may be at different case rate thresholds.
- No tournaments or events that involve more than two teams are permitted.
- A single team may only play another single team within the same day.

**Other General Guidance:**

- **Informed Consent:** Due to the nature and risk of transmission while participating in Outdoor High-Contact and Moderate-Contact sports, organizations shall provide information regarding risk to all parents/guardians of minors participating in such sports, and have each parent sign an informed consent indicating their understanding and acknowledgement of the risks indicated herein.
- **Hygiene and Equipment Sanitation:** When equipment is shared during an activity, organizations must ensure participants perform hand hygiene (wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer) before play, during breaks, at half time, and after the conclusion of the activity.
  - Balls or other objects or equipment can be touched by multiple players during practice and play if the above hand hygiene practices are followed.

Organizations are responsible for facility wipe down – disinfectant wipes will be used to wipe down high-contact areas before and after practice, trainings, and/or competitions.
- **Limitations on Mixing Participants:** Limit participation by athletes and coaches during practice and competition to one team.

**\*Play in Less Restrictive Tiers:** **Outdoor Moderate-Contact Sports (Baseball, Softball, Cricket)**  
**Outdoor High-Contact Sports (Basketball, Soccer, Rugby, Football, Lacrosse (boys/men), Water Polo)**

Outdoor moderate-contact sports (red tier) can be played in the purple tier and outdoor high-contact sports (orange tier) can be played in the purple or red tier with an adjusted case rate equal to or less than 14 per 100,000 under the following conditions:

**Implement and strictly adhere to the following additional general guidance:**

- Informed Consent (All Sports)
- Testing – Weekly antigen testing
  - Outdoor Moderate-Contact Sports **no testing needed**
  - Outdoor High -Contact Sports (Outdoor basketball, ice hockey, lacrosse, and soccer) **Strongly Encouraged but not required**
  - Outdoor High-Contact Sports (Football, rugby, and water polo) **Required**

**Note: The testing requirement above shall only apply in the following situations:**

- For football, rugby and water polo as these are high contact sports that are likely to be played unmasked, with close, face to face contact exceeding 15 minutes.
- When adjusted case rates for the county are between 14-7 per 100,000.
- \*If more than 50% of a team's participants are less than the age of 13 (and are not required to test per the above), then the entire team is exempted from the testing requirement. Coaches, however, will still be required to meet the testing requirement.

Organizations must submit a signed waiver (provided by the City of Dublin) stating you will comply with the City of Dublin's COVID-19 safety protocols and, State Health and Alameda County guidelines to Nicki Wanzenried at [Nicki.Wanzenried@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:Nicki.Wanzenried@dublin.ca.gov) for approval by City staff. Upon approval, the signed waiver will be included as an addendum to the existing Field Use Permit. Non-compliance to any of the rules or guidelines outlined in the City of Dublin's COVID-19 Safety Plan may result in revoking of the Field Use Permit by the City of Dublin. Staff will be diligently reviewing all orders released and will be in contact if there are any changes to current guidelines. Nicki is also available to handle scheduling questions or concerns with your current accounts.



## COVID-19 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND WAIVER FOR YOUTH / ADULT SPORTS

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ [insert name of league/user] ("Permittee"), the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following on behalf of Permittee:

1. Permittee agrees to comply with any order issued by the Alameda County Public Health Officer, any order issued by the State Public Health Officer, and any state guidance or directives issued by the County and/or State Public Health Officer containing mandatory, binding, or enforceable obligations, and to perform any site- or industry-specific protocols issued by the State and County, including "COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Campgrounds, RV Parks, Ski Operators, and Other Outdoor Recreation" and "Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports" guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health.
2. In addition, Permittee understands that all youth sports organizations that use City of Dublin ("City") facilities must adhere to the City's COVID-19 safety protocols (see attached), as may be updated or amended from time to time.
3. Permittee agrees to comply with the regulations and guidelines referenced in Sections 1 and 2, above, at all times and to maintain all required records, including any mandated test results. Due to privacy regulations, no medical information shall be provided to the City.
4. Failure to comply with state and/or county health regulations may lead to the revocation of the right to use City facilities.
5. Permittee understands that use of a City sports facility carries inherent risks related to COVID-19 transmission that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid such risks; that the City is not responsible in any manner for any risks related to COVID-19 in connection with use of a City sports facility; that the World Health Organization has classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, that COVID-19 is a highly contagious and dangerous disease; and that contact with the virus that causes COVID-19 may result in significant personal injury or death. Permittee voluntarily accepts and assume all risk of loss, personal injury, sickness, death, damage, and expense caused by or arising from Permittee's use of City facilities and/or participating in the activities permitted under its Sports Fields Use Permit (its "Permit").

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6. Permittee agrees to obtain waivers from every individual, or the parent or guardian thereof, who uses a City facility pursuant to its Permit and that it will retain such signed individual waivers for a period of at least two years.
7. Permittee agrees to waive and release City, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers (the "Released Parties") from any and all damages, injuries, losses, liability, claims, causes of action, allegations, assertions, litigation, or demands, including but not limited to those for personal injury, sickness, or death, as well as property damages and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred, directly or indirectly, now or in the future, arising out of or relating to Permittee's use of City facilities or participation in the activities permitted under the Permit, including any liability, claims, actions, demands, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the City, its employees, agents, representatives, and partners, and regardless of whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during or after accessing City facilities or participating in the activities permitted under the Permit.
8. Permittee further agrees to indemnify, defend, with counsel selected by the City, and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all claims, demands, actions, judgments, damages, liabilities, and costs of any kind, including attorneys' fees, (collectively "Liabilities") arising out of or in any manner related to Permittee's use of City facilities or participation in the activities permitted under the Permit, including but not limited to Liabilities arising from or relating to actual or alleged contracting of COVID-19 infection as a result of Permittee's use of City facilities or participation in the activities permitted under the Permit, except to the extent that such Liabilities are caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Released Parties.

THIS WAIVER AFFECTS IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS. By signing below, I agree that I have read and voluntarily sign this release of liability on behalf of Permittee and represent that I have authority as an agent of Permittee. Further, I agree that no oral representations, statements, or inducement apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Agent of Permittee)

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Organization (Permittee)

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Print Name (Agent of Permittee)

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Title (Agent of Permittee)

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Date