

NCISAA Return-to-Play -Fall Sports Minimum Standards-

KEY:		
A member school must be prepared to comply with new membership standards that have been added due to the impact of Covid-19. • These standards are considered to be a minimum. • A member school may apply more restrictive standards if they choose to.	The new standards can be applied in 3 categories: Universal Minimum Standards Training/Practice Minimum Standards Competition Minimum Standards (will be sent closer to start dates)	~See the following tables for more details and checklists.

Universal Minimum Standards:

All of the standards listed below apply to the training **and** competition setting.

Universal Minimum Standards	Details	Requirements	Recommendations
□ Daily Screening Process		 □ Temp Check □ Questionnaire/Monitoring Form • 1 time per day • Includes players and coaches • Implementation via app or on-site screening 	
☐ Monitoring for Symptoms	Athletes, coaches, staff and participants should be encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath.	 □ Have a plan in place for immediately removing athletes, coaches, staff and participants from activity or the sports setting if symptoms develop. □ Athletes, coaches, staff and participants who have symptoms when they arrive or become sick during the day 	

		should immediately be separated from other athletes, coaches, staff and participants and sent home. Per CDC guidelines, if an athlete, coach, staff or participant has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is presumed positive by a medical professional due to symptoms, they should be excluded from sports program or activities until: No fever for at least 72 hours since recovery (without the use of fever-reducing medicine) AND Other symptoms have improved (e.g., coughing, shortness of breath) AND At least 10 days have passed since first symptoms Per CDC guidelines, if an athlete, coach, staff or participant has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but does not have symptoms, they should remain out of sports activity until 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test. Provide athletes, coaches, staff and participants with information on helplines to access information or other support in reference to COVID-19, e.g. 211 and Hope4NC Helpline (1-855-587-3463).	
□ Cleaning Protocols for Facilities - CDC Reference	Each athletic department should have a plan that includes:	 □ Promote frequent use of hand washing and hand sanitizer for athletes, coaches, staff and participants. □ Perform ongoing and routine environmental cleaning and disinfection of high-touch areas. □ Limit sharing of equipment and assign individual equipment (e.g., batting gloves, catcher's equipment, discs, racquets, balls) to avoid sharing between participants. □ Individuals should wear their own appropriate workout clothing and not share towels. □ Disinfect all shared fitness and sports equipment (if provided) between users, with EPA approved disinfectant for SARS-CoV-2. 	Wilson Ball Cleaning Doc

		 □ Remind individuals to bring their own water bottles, and that those water bottles not be shared. □ Limit use of hydration stations. □ Discontinue use of drinking directly from water fountains. 	
□ Social Distancing-NCDHHS Reference	Each area of a facility and each sport should have a specific social distancing plan based upon current NCDHHS standards.	 □ Close or mark off all common seating areas that promote individuals gathering in groups. □ Clearly provide 6 feet floor markings on sidelines, waiting lines, and other areas where there may be a group of people. □ Designate and arrange specific equipment for use that is properly spaced at 6 feet apart. □ Consider workouts in groups/pods of individuals with the same group always working out together, including weight training, to limit exposure should someone become sick. □ Remind individuals not to shake hands, give high fives, or fist pumps before, during, or after the game or practice. □ Coaches, officials, and others should modify communication and avoid up close face to face communication. □ Schedule games to include adequate buffer times between games to allow athletes, coaches and staff to enter and exit the facility with limited interaction. □ Where possible, provide separate and clearly marked points of entry and exit for spectators. □ When sinks or showers are not 6 feet apart, consider limiting use to every other sink or shower so individuals can maintain social distancing while using. □ Provide readily available alcohol-based hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol). 	
□ Cloth Face Coverings		☐ It is required that athletes, coaches, staff, and participants wear a cloth face covering when not actively engaged in physical activity or when they may be near (less than 6 feet from) other people. An FAQ about face coverings is available in English and Spanish.	

Training/Practice Minimum Standards:

The training or practice setting should implement the **UNIVERSAL MINIMUM STANDARDS** as well as the standards below:

Training/Practice Minimum Standards	Details	Requirements	Recommendations
□ Fall Acclimatization Plan		□ NCISAA Policy	
□ Training Environment		 □ The training environment should be limited to essential personnel • Coaches • Athletic Trainers • Student-Athletes 	ManagerVideoPerson