



## Return to Play Protocol

We are excited to return to soccer in Greeley. NorCo Rush and all participants hold a large responsibility to ensure that COVID-19 protocol is followed. This means there will be many changes to the normal game day atmosphere. We encourage everyone to embrace the opportunity to play soccer rather than focusing on any requirements that may be deemed inconvenient. NorCo Rush has created a return to play protocol to maximize the safety of everyone involved. Each player, parent, coach, referee, staff member must abide by these requirements as they are nonnegotiable. Any individual or team not willing to do so should choose not to participate.

### Club Responsibilities

- NorCo Rush will abide by the State of Colorado, *Organized youth or adult recreational sports leagues in groups of up to 25 players, excluding coaches or referees/umpires at a time per court or per field.*
- Games are scheduled 45 minutes apart allowing 15 minutes for teams to clear the field. Teams are permitted to arrive at the field no more than 25 minutes prior to their game time.
- Coaches should wear masks whenever possible.
- No more than 3 staff of any kind can be on site along with any one team.
- South gate at Island Grove will be entrance only and the west gate will be exit only.
- Teams will set up on opposite sides of the field.
- Players should wear masks as they arrive and depart. Any player who wishes to wear a mask during training may do so
- Ensure substitutions stay in their designated space so that social distancing can be maintained.
- We suggest 2 spectators per household to attend home games.  
Parents/spectators are expected to wait in their cars until the game is about to start and all parents/spectators/ participants from the previous game are in their vehicles. Spectators are permitted for youth sports. Members from different households must maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from each other. Spectator areas will be a minimum of ten feet from the playing field/team members.
- No gatherings allowed at Monfort Park/Island Grove Soccer Complex before or after games on the fields or in the parking lots.
- NorCo Rush has been given strict guidelines in order to utilize Island Grove in a safe manner. Coaches will meet teams at an announced (by coaches) designated area. Coaches will escort the team to the field. At the conclusion of the match, coaches will escort the team out of Island Grove Soccer Complex to meet parents.
- Once a game is completed, teams must exit the facility promptly.
- No paper player ID's or rosters will be used. They will be digital on coach/staff phones.
- Provide hand sanitizer for use when entering the Island Grove Soccer Complex .
- Have designated places for soccer bags and water bottles to be placed that accommodate for social distancing .
- Contact tracing records maintained of players, coaches, and referees.

### Player Responsibilities

- All players and coaches should take their temperature prior to leaving their house for training and if anyone has a temperature exceeding 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit he/she is not allowed to attend.
- No one may attend training if they are not feeling well, is currently under quarantine, or has had close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days. Anyone who develops symptoms during training will be excused immediately and parents of all players in attendance, as well as the club, must be notified immediately.
- Players wear masks before and after training.
- It is recommended to wash all uniforms after each training session or game.
- Bring your own water bottle, soccer ball, etc. Place soccer bags/water bottles in designated areas to maintain social distancing. Arrive at the fields with all gear on (including cleats).
- Do not participate in handshakes, high-fives, etc.



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- Coaches will set up a 10 foot barrier with cones between players and spectators.
- No more than 3 staff of any kind can be on site along with any one team.
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- Once a game is completed, teams must exit the facility promptly.
- Coaches are responsible for all equipment at all times. Players are not allowed to set up or break down equipment, including discs, balls, goals etc.
- Wash all scrimmage vest after every practice and game
- Do not allow handshakes, high-fives, etc.
- Ensure substitutions stay in their designated space so that social distancing can be maintained
- Do not allow players to share any equipment (Ball, water bottle, etc. )
- To avoid contamination, do not allow keepers to field the balls with their hands. Goalkeepers must wear keeper gloves.
- It is strongly recommended each coach bring hand sanitizer.

### Parent Responsibilities

- Carpooling where social distancing cannot be maintained is discouraged.
- All spectators must wear masks.
- Assure players are aware of all responsibilities around COVID-19 restrictions and are prepared to adhere to them. Discuss the importance of social distancing with your player and make sure they understand to not share any equipment during training.
- Ensure that players who show symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 do NOT attend games.
- It is recommended to wash all uniforms after each training session or game.
- Do NOT congregate at the fields, in parking lots, etc. Social Distancing guidelines still need to be observed.
- Parents should make sure their player has adequate water, food, or other items needed through practices or games. Clubs will not provide water stations and sharing of water bottles and food is not allowed.
- Siblings/small children brought into the facility be contained and kept under close supervision

All protocols must be followed, these are non-negotiables. If you are unwilling or unable to follow these protocols, then you are not allowed to conduct or participate in training. Every member and coach of the club is receiving these protocols in an attempt to make sure that we are all on the same page. NorCo Rush reserves the right to modify to help participants stay healthy and practice social distancing. If at any time the CSA or NorCo Rush deems it unsafe for the leagues to continue, the league may be canceled.

We are excited to resume training, however, it's important for us to remember that adhering to protocol is important and we ask that all parents help us with impressing upon the children that protocol must be followed as a spike in COVID-19



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could result in the suspension of upcoming activities. This is a great opportunity for players and coaches to prepare for the fall season and bring some normalcy back into all of our lives.