

Update: April 15, 2021

The health and safety of our players, volunteers, and families is the top priority for the Danville Area Soccer Association. Please know that the guidelines and recommendations remain fluid and may need to be adjusted throughout the spring season. Similarly, due to changes in our local environment, we have decided to announce the following modifications to try to allow for safe participation for the spring season. We highly encourage you to familiarize yourself with the [Illinois Department of Public Health Sports Safety](#) guidelines. We also suggest you periodically check the [CDC Guidelines](#) to help keep you and your family safe.

Changes and Declarations for the Spring Season

- First and foremost, if you or your child are sick, not feeling well, or experiencing Covid-19 like symptoms, please stay home.
- DASA will create overflow areas to support social distancing for teams and spectators between games.
 - The overflow areas for U8 and U10 will be on Pepsi.
 - The overflow area for U12 will be on Winterview (east of O'herron).
 - The overflow area for U6 will be on the far east end of Goodwin.

We encourage the use of the overflow area to serve as the meeting point for teams on game day. During the week, teams are encouraged to use the overflow areas as an additional practice facility to encourage social distancing; this option should be used prior to sharing a field with another team.

- For spring 2021, DASA will have referees at the fields to monitor and promote fair play. For all divisions, except U6, teams can keep the game score to determine a winner and loser. However, the scores will not be tracked by DASA and scorecards will not be signed by coaches.
- For spring 2021, DASA will be posting signs throughout the soccer complex to encourage social distancing. Please do not move, modify, or vandalize the signs.
- For spring 2021, DASA prohibits parents, players, and coaches from distributing team snacks.
- For spring 2021, DASA prohibits parents, players, and coaches from sharing team water coolers or other team drinks options. Players should bring or purchase their own drink.
- Post season gatherings/celebrations are prohibited at the soccer complex.
- If any player, coach, immediate family member, or fan travels to a high COVID-19 occurrence area, we recommend the individual(s) self-quarantine for 14 days.
- Pursuant to the Illinois Department of Health website and the Illinois return to play guidelines, "Wearing face coverings or masks with coverage of nose and mouth reduces the transmission of disease and, in accordance with the communicable disease code, all participants who can medically tolerate a face covering must wear a face covering at all times, including during competition and other active exercise, unless wearing a face covering poses an injury risk as set forth in these guidelines." This statement applies to players, coaches, referees, and spectators.

Practices and Game Day

- First and foremost, if you or your child are sick, not feeling well, or experiencing Covid-19 like symptoms, please stay home.
- If a coach or player tests positive or is recommended to quarantine by the Vermilion County Health Department, the coach should contact a DASA board member and await further instruction. The contact information for board members is in the [About Us](#) section of our website.
- Scrimmages and practice games are prohibited during the spring season.
- For practices, only team members and coaches can occupy the playing surface. Non-rostered individuals are not allowed to participate. Family members may observe practices, but DASA requires they maintain a minimum of six-foot separation from the playing surface.
- DASA is requiring players to support social distancing guidelines while on the sideline waiting for participation. Players should remain at least 6 feet apart.
- Teams are required to bring their own keeper jerseys for the spring season. Keeper jerseys can be old soccer shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or other types of coverings. Sharing jerseys within a team is prohibited. While gloves are not required for play, if available, they should not be shared between athletes from different households.
- Postgame handshakes, high fives, and fan tunnels are prohibited.
- Fans are required to adhere to social distancing guidelines while at the soccer complex. To enable a safe playing surface, DASA will require a minimum of six-foot separation between the fan zone and the playing field. Furthermore, to help ensure fans are adequately spaced, fans will be allowed to occupy three of the four sides of the field (i.e., both goal lines and a touchline); markings will help direct fans to seating-friendly areas. When two playing surfaces are side by side (e.g., Goodwin and Darby), the players' area is in the middle area between the fields and the parents sit on the remaining 3 sides.
- To help limit the number of spectators/group size at the complex, DASA asks that only immediate family attend games (i.e., parents, guardians, and siblings).
- The game ball will be cleaned after each game. Note: for U6, it is the coaches responsibility to ensure the ball is cleaned prior to the game.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on each field during game day.

Concession Stand

- The DASA Concession stand will be open, but with a limited menu. To help limit exposure, self-serve condiments will be discontinued this season. All condiments, napkins, and utensils must be requested at the time of order.
- Prior to the start of the day, a volunteer's temperature will be checked and the volunteer will be assessed for symptoms of COVID-19 symptoms. All information will be recorded by a DASA official. The screening questions are below.
 - *In the past 14 days, have you or a person you live with been diagnosed or told to quarantine by a healthcare provider?*
 - *In the past 10 days, have you experienced covid-19 like symptoms, including – but not limited to - fever, cough, runny nose, or sore throat?*
- Concession stand volunteers are required to always wear gloves while in the concession stand.
- The concession stand will utilize ground markings to help support social distancing guidelines. When possible, please try to limit the number of family members in line.
- Common areas (i.e., counters, windows, restrooms etc.) will be cleaned throughout the day.
- For the spring season, picnic tables will not be available at the concession stand area.

Referees

- Referees will be provided for all games, except U6.
- Prior to the start of the day, a referee's temperature will be checked and the referee will be assessed for symptoms of COVID-19 symptoms. All information will be recorded by a DASA official. The screening questions are below.
 - In the past 14 days, have you or a person you live with been diagnosed or told to quarantine by a healthcare provider?
 - In the past 10 days, have you experienced covid-19 like symptoms, including – but not limited to - fever, cough, runny nose, or sore throat?
- DASA has made the decision to use electronic whistles for the spring season. All whistles will be cleaned at the end of the referee's shift.
- DASA has made the decision to assign a uniform shirt to each referee. The referee is responsible for cleaning the uniform on a weekly basis. Referees must return the uniform at the end of the season.
- Besides overseeing the game, the referee is responsible for field inspection, player safety and the behavior of everyone at the field. The referee may stop play for the following reasons (not exhaustive):
 - Players not social distancing while on the sideline
 - Fans not social distancing
- Prior to each game, the referee will record the name of each team member on the referee score sheet. This will serve as DASA tracking tool for the active players in a game. For U6, the coaches will record the names of the players on a score sheet.