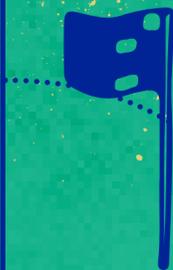


GAME PROTOCOL



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Introduction

This document is intended as a guide allowing the various local leagues, A and AA to put in place guidelines to ensure the smooth running of competitions (games) as part of the resumption of activities during COVID-19.

The reality of each club, each region, each league and each field is different. This is why some of the rules below are recommendations and not obligations. They must be applied with discernment, according to the realities of your league.

The directives in the next pages concern the supervision of the game, particularly in terms of hygiene and sanitary measures. We remind you that no rules specific to the game as such have been modified due to COVID-19 (for example, the throwings are done by hand and heading the ball is allowed).

Before the game

Horacio Supervisor

The role of the Horacio supervisor is retained during the games.

- Its role is to ensure that players, educators, referees and any other person on the field and in technical surfaces wash their hands when they arrive on the field and after warming up.
- The receiving club's Horacio supervisor must ensure that the referees' hands are washed and ask him participation questions.
- Each team has its Horacio supervisor, who can be a coach, manager or parent.
- The Horacio supervisor only takes care of his own team, not the opponent.
- Each team is responsible for bringing its own disinfectant.
- Participation questions* must be asked by the educator, or the Horacio supervisor if it is another person, to his own players.
- The Horacio supervisor must be identified on the gamesheet. A “hygiene supervisor” function has also been added to PTS.
- If the Horacio supervisor is on the bench (because he is an educator, for example) he may be expelled.
- If a player, a referee or an educator answers “YES” to one of the two participation questions, he will not be able to take part in the match and will have to return home. It is up to the referees present to decide how to proceed in order to play the game. In a case where there is no more referee present, it is up to the educators to decide how to proceed to hold the match.

If a breach of any of the above rules is observed by the official, the latter may attempt to resolve the situation on the spot. If the problem persists, the official must indicate this in his report at the end of the match.

* The questions are the same as before the training. Does the player have COVID-19 symptoms? Has he been in close contact for more than 15 minutes with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Before the game

Arrival

- Arrival procedures may vary depending on the league, age category, layout of the field, etc.
- In general, we recommend boarding the field only if it is free.
- If a game takes place before, it is important to avoid crossovers between the teams which have just finished and those which then play.
- The players must arrive dressed ready to start their warm-up.
- We recommend that parents settle around the field only at the start of the match.
- It is mandatory for parents to respect the standards of distancing in force.

Participant's questionnaire

- The questionnaire is administered by the Horacio supervisor of each team, to their own players.
- The home team supervisor Horacio asks the questions to the referees (see page 3 for more details on this).

Hand washing (before the game)

- On arrival to the field and after the warm-up. The team's Horacio supervisor is in charge of this step.

If a breach in hand washing is observed by the official, the latter may attempt to resolve the situation on the spot. If the problem persists, the official must indicate this in his report at the end of the match.

Before the game

Locker Rooms

- As mentioned by the government, access to the locker rooms is not prohibited, but is not recommended.
- If access to the locker room is possible, it must however be equitable (one team locker room and one for the referees).

Pre-game verification

- Paper game sheets only.
- Photos of affiliation cards can be expired.
- No substitute change card (applicable in leagues that use it).
- The coach is the only one to handle his affiliation cards, whether electronic or plastic.

Warm-Up

- The referees must stand two meters apart during the entire pre-match (warm-up included).
- As mentioned in the recovery plan for phase 5, short and sporadic contact is tolerated for players during the warm-up.

Protocol entry

- No protocol entry.
- A distance of 2 meters must be respected during entry and during the draw.

Before the game

Ball disinfection (before the game)

- The balls must be disinfected before the game, after having been checked by the referees.
- The receiving club is responsible for disinfecting the balls.
- Balls can be disinfected with disinfectant wipes, a spray bottle, or directly with a Purell type liquid.

Material

- No sharing of equipment for the referees (whistle, flag, pens, etc.).
- No sharing of bottled water for players.
- For the bibs of substitute players, a player cannot wear the bib of a teammate following a change. The team must therefore provide a number of bibs accordingly.
- In the case of a game where there is no physiotherapist, each team must have in their possession an emergency kit with gloves and mask so that a responsible person entered on the game sheet can intervene with a injured player.

Emergency Protocol

- In the event of a thunderstorm, if it is possible to go inside while respecting the maximum number for gatherings and physical distance, it is recommended to do so.
- If no indoor place allows shelter, the match is canceled.

During the game

Handwashing (half-time)

- Supervisor Horacio is responsible for washing his team's hands at half-time.
- If the Horacio supervisor was expelled in the first half (the head coach, for example), the assistant coach must take care of hand washing.
- A coach expelled from the game by the referee cannot return to the technical area at half-time, even under the pretext of washing his players' hands.

If a breach in hand washing is observed by the official, the latter may attempt to resolve the situation on the spot. If the problem persists, the official must indicate this in his report at the end of the match.

Player behavior

- Spitting and group celebrations are not recommended.
- A player should not approach within 2 meters of a referee (with the exception of situations during play where a player could run next to a referee).
- It is the referee's responsibility to ensure, with discernment, a gradual management of these behaviors.
- During the phases of play stopped, the referee can, with judgment, encourage the team to accelerate in order to avoid that the players in the wall and in the surface do not stay close for too long.

During the game

Bench behavior

- The mask is recommended, but not mandatory.
- On the bench, as everywhere outside the field, the rules of distancing in force according to age must be respected at all times.
- The Horacio supervisor is responsible for the application of these measures for his own team.

If a breach of any of the above rules is observed by the official, the latter may attempt to resolve the situation on the spot. If the problem persists, the official must indicate this in his report at the end of the match.

Ball disinfection (during the game)

- Game balls are disinfected at half-time.
- The receiving club is responsible for disinfecting the match balls at half-time.

After the game

Checking the match sheet

- No signature on the game sheet is required by the coach.

Handshake

- No handshake at the end of the game

Leaving

- No feedback on the game with the players can be made on the field.