



## DC Gay Flag Football League Spring 2020 Protocols

*All players, referees, and spectators who feel sick or are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 as well as those who have been in close contact with an infected person are required to stay home.*

### Game Day Protocols

- Screening Process
  - All players and referees must go through a screening process prior to being allowed to participate in each league game.
  - Players and referees will be required to complete a checklist form with their designated game referees prior to the start of their games to confirm eligibility. This form can also be used for contact tracing purposes.
  - No one will be allowed to play if they do not fill out the checklist form.
- Face Covering Requirement
  - Face Coverings (masks) are mandatory at all times for players and referees.
  - Bandanas, neck gaiter masks, or vented masks are not considered an acceptable face covering.
  - Should face coverings become incidentally removed, they must be put back in place ASAP.
  - Referees that observe players or spectators without a face covering will order them to cover their face (stopping the game, if necessary, prior to the reset of the play clock for the next play). After the first warning, referees can penalize a player for Illegal Participation.
  - Face coverings may be removed at halftime and/or while rehydrating/eating, only when proper social distancing is observed.
  - Face coverings during team practices / warm-ups are required.
  - All participants are expected to provide their own face coverings. The league will have a collection of supplemental, single-use masks for deployment in emergency situations.
- Field Setup / Sideline Behavior
  - Opposing Teams will be located on opposite sidelines of the field.
  - Fields will include a buffer zone to allow for referee movement along the sidelines.
  - Players are only allowed into this zone when they are entering or leaving the playing field.
  - Players should not share water/hydration bottles with anyone else.
  - Participants are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer to the field and apply frequently, particularly when entering and exiting the playing field.
- Equipment
  - The only shared equipment during the game shall consist of the football.
  - Each team is required to provide their own football for when their team is on offense.

- It is encouraged for teams to disinfect their football(s) while on the sidelines each time their respective team is on defense and after each possession.
- Flag belts will be distributed to individual players prior to the start of the first game.
- Players shall maintain ownership of their belt throughout the tournament/season.
- Players are NOT allowed to share/trade flag belts.
- Field equipment shall only be handled by the designated Operations team.
- Spectators
  - Each player is allowed a maximum of two spectators per game.
  - Spectators attending games must wear a face covering (see face covering requirement above) at all times and maintain social distance from other players and spectators.
  - Players watching other games in between their own games are expected to follow the above spectator protocols.
  - DCGFLL reserves the right to further limit the amount of spectators allowed at the field.
- Covid-19 Positive Test Result Protocols
  - All players are required to notify the board ASAP when testing positive for an active Covid-19 infection. The date the league member tested positive must be included in the notification to the board. All positive reports will remain anonymous.
  - The team of the player testing positive for COVID-19 and any team played against beforehand will be suspended from further play.