

April 24, 2021

Good morning NGCC Mini Soccer Parents

We are currently in discussion with the other CC's in the area on current health restrictions and how to safely have a spring sport season. This means enhanced guidelines/protocols and a delayed start date.

Normally we would start the season May 3rd, but with the new Provincial Health Orders (PHO) and the fact that the Variants of Concern (VOC) cases are rising, we have all decided to wait until the new PHO are announced on May 12th to make a final decision on the season. At that time, if we feel that we can SAFELY offer a 6-week season, we will aim to start May 17th.

Right now, the protocols that we are planning on implementing are as follows:

1. Only 1 parent/guardian will be allowed to accompany the player to the field.
2. Each child will have to have their own sanitizer and water bottle.
3. There will be no snack breaks or coming/staying on the field before/after the start/finish of the game. We need to make sure we are not gathering as best we can, so plan for 10 minutes before and after the game only.
4. Masks are to be worn by all coaches, parents and players who are 6 years and over (children 5 & under are encouraged to wear masks if they can).
5. Coaches will need to sanitize game equipment before and after games. NGCC will provide coaches with sanitizer.
6. Drills and activities before games will encourage social distancing except for incidental exchanges.
7. During games, participants sitting on the sidelines (if necessary) will have to sit at least 6 feet apart.
8. Players will not be allowed to touch the ball with their hands. If that occurs the ball will be removed and another one will be brought in.
9. We will not be able to hold a wind-up this year, but participants will receive an NGCC medal.

PLEASE NOTE – new orders may alter these protocols, but this is our plan at the present time.

PARENTS – If you are not comfortable with your child participating going forward with these probable protocols, please email Carmelle at info@norberry-glenlee.ca to arrange for a refund. We will not withhold the \$10 admin fee if you choose to do this now. This way, the convenors can tentatively have teams created prior to May 12th so that we are ready to go on the 17th. If things have not improved, at this point we would cancel the season and refund everyone their fees.

As always, we need volunteers to step up and coach, so if you have not indicated that already, please consider doing so!

Stay safe everyone!

NGCC Board and Mini Soccer Convenors