

## **REFEREE GAME PROTOCOLS TO FOLLOW FOR NYCSL GAMES**

Referees, here are the procedures we will be following for this season. They are color coded as follows: **GREEN** - MUST FOLLOW; **ORANGE** - OPTIONAL.

- Pre-Game Conference – crew meetings must be socially distanced
- social distance from your fellow referees as much as possible.
- **do not share water bottles. Bring your own drink.**
- **wear your mask during check in, pregame, and coin toss**
- wear gloves if you want to
- **Collect a roster with player photos, REFER TO PLAYER PASSES IF NEEDED**
- you may allow coach or team manager to hold the roster during player check-in
- Coin Toss – should ONLY involve the referee and ONE captain from each team. It should be held in the middle of the field and all individuals must be 6 feet apart.
- NO handshakes are permitted.
- wash hands and/or use sanitizer as frequently as you feel necessary
- if you feel you need to wear a mask & it does not affect your ability to ref the game, wear it
- Use of an electronic whistle is allowed. Make sure its tone can be heard all over the field.
- try not to handle the ball when possible
- instruct the teams to socially distance and avoid goal celebrations – Warn, then caution!
- Substitutions MUST be at the halfway line. Multiple players entering MUST be 6 feet apart while awaiting to enter the field of play.
- Goalkeepers may NOT spit on their gloves. If an official determines that this has happened, the gloves must be removed from play. They can wet them with water.
- THERE WILL BE NO POSTGAME HANDSHAKES, FIST BUMPS, HIGH FIVES, ELBOW TAPS.
- avoid shaking hands with players before and after games. **LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.**
- IF TEAMS ARE NOT FOLLOWING LOCAL HEALTH GUIDELINES, you may terminate the game, report it to your assignor via email immediately after the game and complete the required game report.
- Officials are responsible for game management, which does NOT include monitoring activities on the sidelines, such as social distancing, face coverings, handwashing, symptoms of illness and other such issues. **THESE ISSUES ARE TO BE MANAGED BY TEAM OFFICIALS!**

**Use COMMON SENSE!**