



CRFC Return to Play Protocol

Congaree Rapid FC has worked diligently in providing a safe Return to Play (RTP) Protocol in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have used information provided from SC Youth Soccer - <https://www.scysa.org/covid-19-return-to-play-recommendations/> in formulating our return to play policy.

In order for a safe return to play to be possible, we will need cooperation from all parties – coaches, players, parents, and families to adhere to these guidelines.

RETURN TO PLAY RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents

- Avoid carpooling. Only members of the same family should be in a vehicle together.
- Check child's temperature before coming to any training session.
- Ensure all equipment is sanitized before and after each training session.
- Ensure your child has plenty of water.
- Parents should have hand sanitizer available for their children before and after each session.
- Adhere to social distancing best practices. Parent shall remain in their cars during all activities. They may not congregate at or around the field. If they leave their car for any reason (e.g. to use a restroom) they must wear a facemask/covering and observe social distancing.
- Notify club/coach immediately if your child becomes ill for any reason.
- If parents feel the need to communicate with a coach then it is recommended via telecommunications or email.

Player

- Acclimate yourself to the weather conditions by being active in the summer heat prior to attending Tryouts/Evaluations.
- Bring a colored shirt (not sky blue) to each training session. These will be used in lieu of pinnies/vests.
- Bring your own soccer ball to each session. Make sure your name is labeled clearly.
- Bring your own water bottle to each session.
- Players recommended to wear masks prior to and immediately after training/evaluations.
- Players recommended to strictly observe social distancing when not in play (6-10ft).
- Players recommended to only go to their "station" when not engaged in play.
- Place equipment, bags, etc. at least 6-ft apart.
- Players recommended to wash or sanitize their hands prior to and immediately after training.
- Players recommended to wash their clothes and bath immediately up returning home.
- Players recommended to NOT share drinks, food, equipment or clothing at any time.
- Physical contact outside of play (e.g. high 5s, hugs, etc.) should be avoided at all times.
- If player is diagnosed with COVID-19 or resides with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 then the player is required to quarantine for 14 days.
- Player diagnosed with or living with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 is recommended to share that information with the coach so contact tracing may be used to limit possible exposure.



Club

- Distribute and post Return to Play Protocols.
- Be sensitive and accommodating to parents that may be uncomfortable with returning to play.
- Train and educate all staff on RTP Protocols.
- Provide adequate field space for social distancing.
- Ensure compliance with local DHEC and CDC guidelines.

Coach

- Follow all RTP Protocol.
- Respect players, parents and families by accommodating those that may not yet be comfortable with returning.
- Check players’ well-being prior to start of session and sending them home if they become ill.
- Ensure drills and exercises provide for adequate social distancing.
- Coach is the only person to place or pick up training equipment.



COVID-19 Impact on Youth Soccer

American soccer families are staying in the game while at home and expect a return to the fields this summer.



4 OUT OF 5 Youth Soccer Players Are Training at Home

81% responded that their kids are training at home

63% shared that their kids are connecting with their teammates digitally

29% reported that their kids are watching rebroadcasts of classic matches

29% stated that their kids are playing soccer video games

THE OUTLOOK FOR PARTICIPATION ONCE PLAY RESUMES IS POSITIVE

94% OF PARENTS

expect that it is somewhat to very likely that their children will continue playing soccer once youth soccer organizations and leagues resume play.



4 OUT OF 5

Soccer Parents Expect Play to Resume by August

61% believe youth soccer will resume in their area by July 2020

80% believe youth soccer will resume in their area by August 2020

93% believe youth soccer will resume in their area by September 2020