



# MSI Return to Play Guidelines, version 3.1

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## Addendum (published effective March 26, 2021)

*Note: The County Council continues to modify the Health Orders affecting Youth Sports in Montgomery County. We expect further revisions to policy prior to the weekend of April 9/10/11, 2021.*

- **NO SPECTATORS are allowed to attend any MSI practice or game activity.** Only rostered players and coaches may attend. All others must remain in the parking lot. *Per the “Note”, above, we anticipate some changes to this by the County Council that may result in modifications for the weekend of April 9/10/11, 2021.*
- **Masks MUST continue to be worn at all times by all persons** present at all times, including players while playing in the game, coaches on the sidelines, and referees.
- **All rostered players and coaches may attend games** (there no longer is a restriction on the number of players from your roster that may attend games). Limiting attendance to all rostered players and coaches and referees will ensure that MSI games and practices continue to adhere to gathering size limits.
- Teams must continue to vacate the field area immediately after games are played, to allow for the next game’s teams to come in.
- Game Rules Changes from the Return to Play Guidelines previously published:
  - Heading is now ALLOWED
  - Slide tackling is now ALLOWED (for those age groups that normally allow slide tackling)
  - Corner Kicks no longer have special spacing rules
  - Throw-in’s MAY be taken, but it is a player’s choice to utilize a Kick-in, instead
  - Goalies must continue to wear gloves, but are NOT required to wear long-sleeved shirts.
  - Defensive walls continue to be NOT ALLOWED (more than one person standing within 6 feet of each other)
  - Unnecessary physical contact continues to be NOT ALLOWED (no huddles, no handshake lines, no goal celebrations, etc.)