



Backyard Flag Football Association
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Backyard Flag Football Association COVID Guidelines for Spring Season

Health and safety are paramount to our entire organization.

- **Start Date: April 16, 2023**
- **End Date: June 11, 2023**
- In the event of any disruption to the Fall/Winter Schedule due to COVID restrictions/shutdowns by Allegheny County, Governor Wolf, Dr. Levine and/or the State of Pennsylvania, Backyard Flag Football will be unable make up any games or extend the season past January 9th due to field permit restrictions. No refunds will be issued as stated on our registration form.
- If any team is unable to field a minimum of 5 players for any game during the season because of players being quarantined due to COVID-19 or needing to self-quarantine due to exposure to the virus, unfortunately, that team will need to take a forfeit loss. We are extremely cognizant that the possibility of this occurring during the season is real. If we do not address this concern prior to the season starting, we could have 1 week where a team needs to quarantine for 2 weeks and so on, and the season would never play out.
- All equipment will be sanitized prior to the start of the season and after each game day.
- Social distancing measures will be implemented to ensure the safety of all involved.
- We ask all participants to wear either batting gloves or football gloves while on the field to eliminate hand-to-hand contact.
- We ask that any parent/spectator/coach that is showing any COVID-19 symptoms or that has had any known exposure to refrain from attending any games for 14 days.
- Players must show NO signs of COVID-19 in the past 14 days and no known exposure to the virus prior to game day.
- We ask parents to notify their respective coach and the league if their child becomes ill.
- We ask parents to direct players to never share drinks, snacks or equipment.
- Backyard Flag Football will comply with all Commonwealth of Pennsylvania/Allegheny County directives and requirements.
- **BACKYARD FLAG FOOTBALL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO POSTPONE OR CANCEL ANY GAME(S) DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL. IF THIS OCCURS, THE SEASON MAY BE SHORTENED.**

