

Sample Return to Play Coach Introduction Email

Dear Parents & Players,

Welcome back to a long awaited return to the soccer fields. I'm sure you are all anxious to get back outside and play soccer. My name is (your name) and I have the privilege of coaching your child. To get acquainted with you and your (son or daughter) I have scheduled a Zoom Meeting on (date) at (time). Please make every effort to attend the meeting so we can discuss safety concerns and how we plan to address them during soccer practices. We will also discuss the (your club's) return to play policies and procedures.

To ensure the health & safety of all athletes, I will take the following steps to provide a safe/clean training environment. Please familiarize yourself with these protocols and help me to enforce them by making sure you and your child are following the safety recommendations below.

- We will follow all state and local health protocols along with recommendations from US Soccer, US Youth Soccer & MA Youth Soccer.
- As part of my role I will check how all players are feeling upon arrival. If your child looks or is acting ill, they will not be permitted to participate. If you notice your child is not feeling well, please keep them home.
- We will refrain from any contact with the players. This means **NO** handshakes, high 5's, fist or elbow bumps. The only contact will be in case of injury; in which case I will follow all recommended steps to keep him/her safe.
- All equipment such as cones, discs and portable goals will be cleaned and sanitized prior to every soccer practice. If we utilize on site equipment, I will arrive early to sanitize it. I am the only person that will be handling any of the training equipment (cones, discs portable mini goals, etc).
- I will have my personal hand sanitizer & will use it regularly throughout training. To help maintain physical distance, and cleanliness, I will not share it with players. I will have disinfecting wipes to clean any equipment that may have been accidentally handled by players.
- I will have my personal protective equipment available and make sure my mouth and nose are properly covered before coming in close contact with any players

Zoom Meeting Agenda

1. Club/Town return to play protocols (where to find information)
2. Practice & game schedules (including arrival and departures)
3. Field set up with designated player and family areas
4. Player Equipment Needs
5. Player Sanitizing Needs (PPE's)
6. Parents role in ensuring a safe environment
7. Q & A from the parents

In the days leading up to our first practice, Please review the link below to help keep you up to date with the latest Covid 19 information as well as information with helping your child transition back into the game.

RESOURCES:

Please ensure you refer to the Player and Parent sections of the [Mass Youth Soccer Return to Play Guidelines - Click here to view PDF](#)

I am aware that these are unprecedented times and many may be concerned about returning to play. I assure you that I will take every measure to make a safe training environment for your child. If you have any hesitations, please reach out to me and we will create a personal return to play format for your child. I hope we all can remain positive and calm during our re-entry into the game of soccer.

Please reach out to me after our Zoom meeting to discuss any further questions or concerns.

Again, Welcome back and I look forward to getting the season underway.

Coach's Contact Information