



Purple Rain Soccer Club Protocol for Return to Play

Club Responsibilities:

- ⊖ Purple Rain Soccer Club (the Club) will create and distribute Return to Play protocols to its members. (this document)
- The Club will comply with the Shelby County Health Department testing and contact tracing procedures if notified that one of its coaches or players have tested positive for COVID-19. We will also comply with CDC and State of TN guidelines as outlined in the links below.
- The Club will train and educate all staff on protocols and requirements, including state and local regulations, CDC recommendations, and other necessary information.
- The Club is prepared to shut down and stop operations if necessary.
- The Club will provide adequate field space for social distancing.
- The Club will provide hand sanitizing stations.
- The Club will take the temperature of each player and coach before entering the fields.
- The Club will develop a relationship and a dialog with local health officials

State of TN Guidelines for Recreation

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/governorsoffice-documents/covid-19-assets/Pledge_Recreation.pdf

Shelby County Health Department Directive No. 4

<http://shelbytnhealth.com/DocumentCenter/View/1739/Health-Directive-No--4?bidId=>

TN Governor Executive Order 35

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/pub/execorders/exec-orders-lee35.pdf>

CDC Guidelines for Youth Sports

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>





Purple Rain Soccer Club Protocol for Return to Play

Practices will be conducted as follows:

- In groups of **LESS** than ten (10) persons (8 players plus a coach). The entire group on the field(s) cannot exceed 50.
- Such persons and groups maintain at least six (6) feet of separation from one another and **avoid physical contact**.

What will a practice look like?

- Practice will involve activities that support a player working with their ball.
- The players will be working within a given area that separates them and activity with the ball from others.
- The players will be working linearly between cones that are separated by the required distance. (Example: Coervers)
- The players can pass balls in groups, provided they are not picking up the ball and are separated by the required distance.
- Drills that involve distancing and no contact would be allowed.
- **The players will not be allowed to use scrimmage vests or bibs at this time.**

How many training groups are allowed per field?

- No more than 4 training groups per 11v11 field.
- No more than 2 training groups per 9v9 or 7v7 field.
- If training multiple groups per field, make sure each group has a different location to place bags and water. They should not congregate in the middle of the field or meet in the same place.
- Maintaining the practice areas will be important. Limiting the number of people at the park and maintaining social distancing in parking lots should also be considered.





Purple Rain Soccer Club Protocol for Return to Play

- Games are NOT permitted in this phase. 1v1, 2v2, 3v3, or 4v4 will not be permitted due to the contact.

Coach Responsibilities:

- Ensure the health and safety of the athletes.
- Inquire how the athletes are feeling and send them home should the coach believe they act or look ill.
- Follow all state and local health protocols.
- Ensure all athletes have their individual equipment (ball, water, bag, etc.)
- Coach is the only person to handle cones, disk, etc.
- Encourage all training outdoors and ensure social distancing per state or local health guidelines.
- **Wear a face mask** when not actively coaching and maintain social distance requirements from players based on state and local health requirements.
- Have fun, stay positive, and encourage players to train.
- **The players will not be allowed to use scrimmage vests or bibs at this time.**

Team Manager Responsibilities:

- Ensure a parent volunteer is at each practice to be a gatekeeper (setup sanitizer, take temperatures of players and coaches, manage flow of people to and from fields)
- Monitor Team Snap to ensure numbers for each practice are within guidelines





Purple Rain Soccer Club Protocol for Return to Play

Player Responsibilities:

- Wash hands thoroughly before and after training.
- **Bring and use hand sanitizer at every training.**
- **Wear mask before and immediately after all training.**
- **Do not touch or share anyone else's equipment**, water, snack, or bag.
- Practice social distancing, place bags and equipment at least 6 feet apart.
- Wash and sanitize all equipment before and after every training.
- No group celebrations, no high 5's, hugs, handshakes, etc.
- Be sure to take all trash and belongings off the fields

Parent Responsibilities:

- Ensure child is healthy, **check your child's temperature prior to any training session.**
- Limited or no carpooling.
- **Stay in car or adhere to social distance requirements**, based on state and local health requirements, when at training wear mask if outside your car.
- Ensure child's clothing is washed after every training session.
- **Ensure all equipment, cleats, ball, shin guards, etc. are sanitized before and after every training.**
- Notify the club immediately if your child becomes ill for any reason.
- Do not assist coach with equipment before or after training.
- Be sure your child has necessary sanitizer with them at every training.

