



**REMAIN**

~~RETURN TO PLAY~~



**FALL '20**



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## ***REMAIN To Play***

- Protocols to address questions, concerns received from membership covering everything from check-in procedures, # of spectators, where spectators are positioned, protocols oversight, et al.
- Guidelines incorporate appropriate government authority (CDC, NYS) and governing body (ENYYSA, US Soccer) protocols
- Additional requirements that we feel as a league body feel are necessary to ensure player safety, as well as to provide comfort levels to all participants (coaches, trainers, spectators & referees) as well as permitting facilities (i.e. municipalities, school districts).



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## Team Communication Prior To The Match

- ✓ **VISITING team coach contacts Home coach**, the week of the match to confirm location (and directions as needed), time and uniform colors. It is the **HOME coaches' responsibility** at that time to **communicate any specific COVID protocols required by that facility owner/operator**. This may include use of specific parking areas, facility entrance and/or exit to use, limitation of spectators\* (outside of LIJSL/ENYYSA and NY State protocols), etc. It is the **VISTING team's responsibility to acknowledge and abide by these protocols**.
- ✓ HOME team coach should receive contact from assigned center referee (CR) prior to the match (should be by Thursday). HOME team coach responsible to review, advise referee of specific facility protocols (IF 3-referee system, CR has responsibility to communicate with AR's)

**\*Recommended one (1) spectator permitted for each player with a Maximum of two (2) spectators per player in accordance with Reopening New York State Sports and Recreation mandatory physical distancing requirements**



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## At The Field

- ✓ Prior to exiting automobiles, or being dropped off, all participants should put on a face covering and maintain social distance following facility instructions as appropriate to access field area for the match
- ✓ If there is a match in progress on the field, teams should NOT enter playing field area or take a position on the touchlines (soccer sidelines) until AFTER the prior match is completed AND the teams, players, coaches and spectators have left
- ✓ **HOME team determines selection of touchlines**, coaches discuss & confirm at field before the prior match concludes
- ✓ In accordance with LIJSL protocols, **Teams will take positions on opposite touchlines**

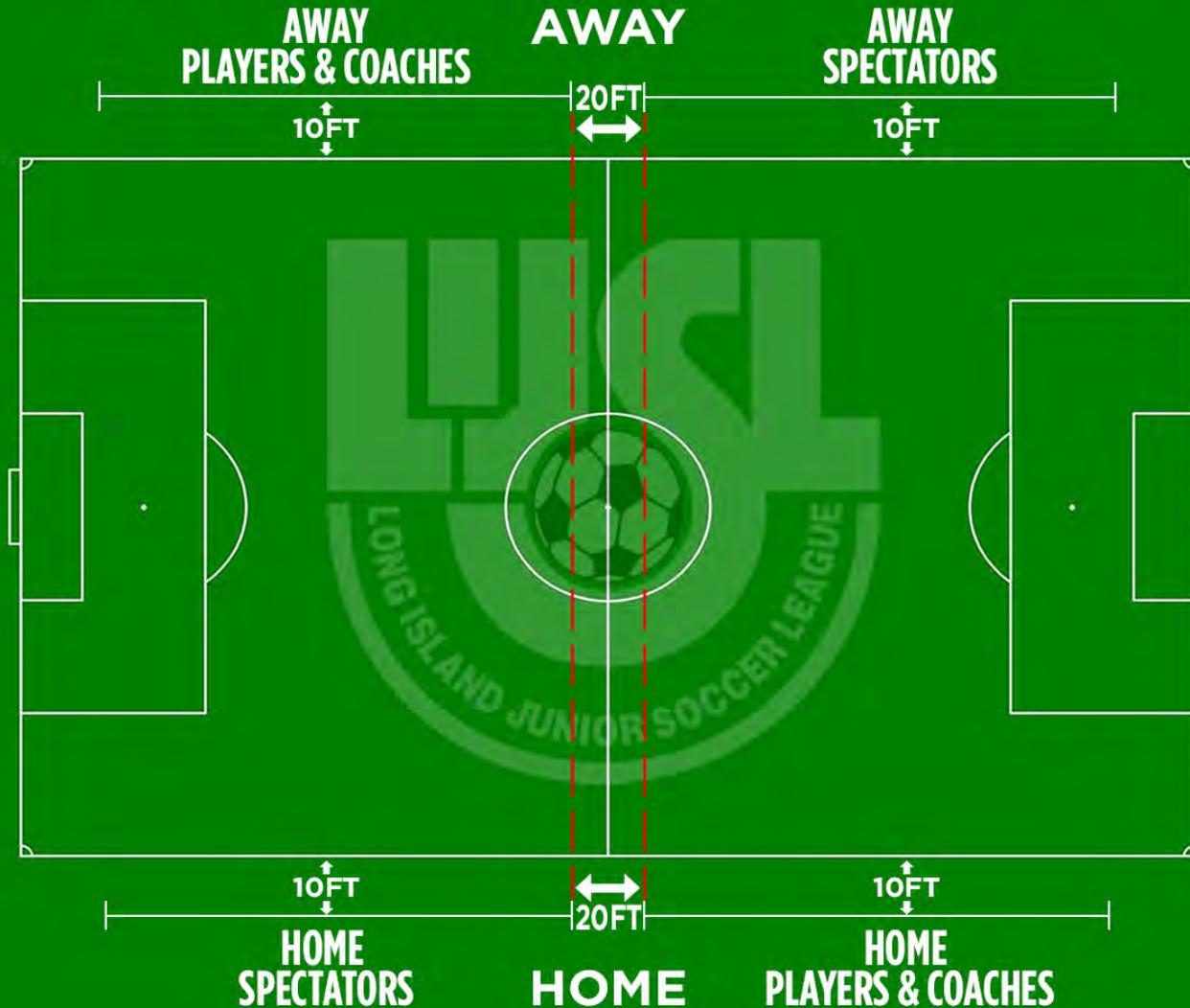


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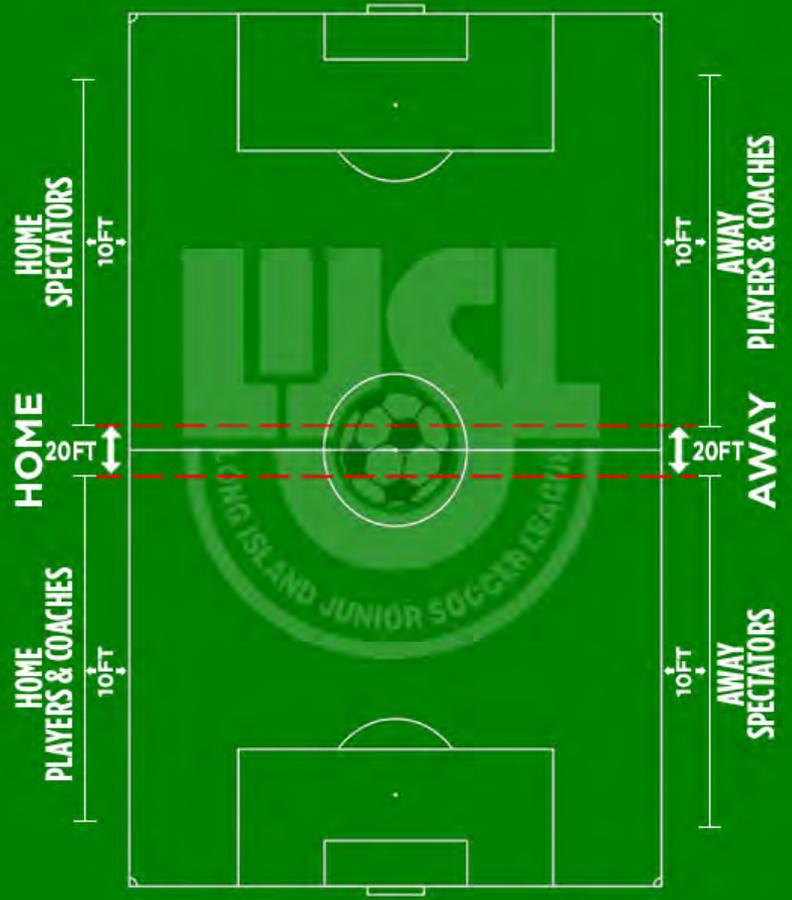
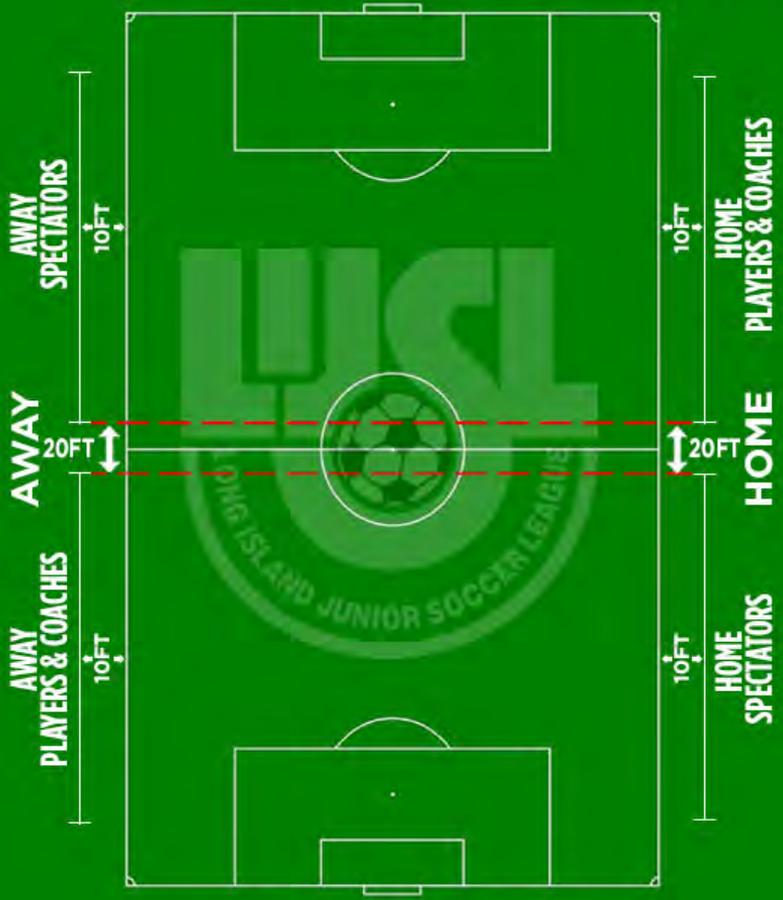
## At The Field

- ✓ **HOME team coaches, players AND spectators** on the **SAME** side
  - HOME team players and coaches take a position minimum of ten (10) feet from the touchline to the left of the midfield line.
  - If a 3-referee system is used, this will be behind AR1
  - HOME team spectators may take a position a minimum of ten (10) feet on the other side of midfield, and ten (10) feet off the touchline within Spectator Area.
- ✓ **VISITING team coaches, players AND spectators** on the **OPPOSITE** side
  - VISITING team players and coaches take a position minimum of ten (10) feet from the touchline to the left of the midfield line.
  - If a 3-referee system is used, this will be behind AR2
  - VISITING team spectators may take a position a minimum of ten (10) feet on the other side of midfield, and ten (10) feet off the touchline within Spectator Area.

# FALL 2020 SINGLE FIELD LAYOUT



# FALL 2020 DOUBLE FIELD LAYOUT





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## **At The Field**

- ✓ All players, coaches and spectators should maintain appropriate social distancing
- ✓ Referee(s) should maintain appropriate social distancing, and before the match position themselves and their equipment, in an appropriate area as feasible away from teams, spectators.
- ✓ All participants; players, coaches, spectators and referees are recommended to wear new or clean PPE upon arrival, departure and when not physically active for any match.
- ✓ This includes all coaches when not actively instructing and not a minimum of 6-feet physical distance from any other coach, player or referee



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## **Pre-Match, Check-In**

- ✓ Referee will identify himself or herself to the HOME team coach. HOME team coach will advise if there is a designated club *field marshal* or *safety officer* present. HOME coach to introduce or point out individual.
- ✓ IF NO field designated field marshal or safety officer present, HOME coach is the designated field marshal for that match.
- ✓ Upon request from referee, teams should be ready for check-in. All participants; players, coaches and referee(s) MUST wear face coverings for check-in.
- ✓ Players line-up minimum of ten (10) feet from referee, coach.
- ✓ Coach hands referee two (2) completed copies of their roster and appropriate share of referee fees. Fees should be in either sealed envelope(s) or a clear resealable bag(s), one for each referee.



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## Pre-Match, Check-In

- ✓ Coach will hold laminated passes (or phone with digital passes) and show to the referee when player steps forward.
- ✓ After acknowledged by referee, player will turn around, indicating jersey #, then return to the line (repeat until all players have checked in).
- ✓ All coaches as well as any trainer must also present themselves to referee in same manner with a valid pass.
- ✓ NO Coin Toss (Modification of Law 8)

VISITING team will choose the ball (kick off) or the goal to attack to begin the match

- ✓ HOME team to supply match ball(s), which are to be cleaned (disinfectant wipe), prior to being given to referee.
- ✓ U9-U12      Assigned 1-Referee System    NO Club Linesman      Eliminate sharing of AR FLAGS



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## In-Match Protocols

✓ All participants; Players, Coaches, Spectators and Referees follow;

- **Reopening New York State Sports and Recreation Summary Guidance**
- **US Soccer *Play On* Phase 3 Grassroots Soccer Recommendation Guide**
- **ENYYSA *Game Day Protocols***

This includes;

- ❖ Players, Coaches maintain minimum of 6 feet of physical distance from all others when on bench (players, coaches, etc.)
- ❖ When minimum of 6 feet of physical distance is not possible, wear face covering



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## **In-Match Protocols**

- ❖ Players subbed out of match should maintain minimum of 6 feet of physical distance, while recovering, before putting a face covering on
- ❖ Do not touch or share anyone else's equipment, water bottles, energy drinks, etc.
- ❖ No group celebrations, no high fives, chest bumps, hugs, handshakes etc.



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## In-Match Protocols

### ✓ Who Monitors

- Referees Monitor ON-Field protocols
- BOTH Coaches Monitor OFF-The-Field protocols
- Referee addresses issues of safety to Responsible Party (HOME team Field Marshal, Safety Officer or Coach)
- Issues of compliance with facility protocols fall to Responsible Party
- Failure of either Team, Home or Visitors may result in match being terminated, potential forfeit to offending Team as determined by League



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## **Post-Match**

- At completion of match, NO handshakes between players, coaches as well as referees
- Players & Coaches should acknowledge opposing teams and referee(s); clapping, thumbs-up
- Teams and spectator immediately gather personal belongings, equipment and with face coverings on, leave immediate field area. NO post-match discussions there.



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