



AYSO Area 1C Masking Policy

League Playoffs, All-Stars, Spring Cup

Dear AYSO Families:

The regions of Area 1C want to ensure all children, volunteers and spectators have a safe environment to play and watch our beautiful game of soccer. With the recent increase in COVID-19 cases (Omicron variant), it is a challenging task to say the least; however, we are working hard and long hours to make it as safe as possible.

As we begin the All-Star season, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) has released an updated Youth Sports guidelines which gives us instructions on how to safely proceed with this “high-risk” contact sport. All Area 1C Regions will be abiding by the following policies:

Scope and Application – Until further notice, this AYSO Area 1C Masking Policy shall apply when two or more teams play soccer games coordinated by AYSO Area 1C (the “Area”).

Active players – Facemasks or face coverings are required as practicable. Players shall wear masks when inactive such as during quarter breaks maintaining a 6-foot distance.

Bench players – Facemasks or face coverings are required, no exception

Referees and Assistant Referees – All referees are required to wear a facemask or face covering during practices or games except during match play. During match play, if a referee needs to engage with a player, coach, volunteer, or spectator and cannot maintain at least three (3) feet of physical distance, the referee shall wear a mask. As much as possible before, during, and after games, referees should maintain a physical distance between themselves and players, parents, and coaches.

Volunteers - All volunteers are required to wear a facemask or face covering at all AYSO events. As much as possible before, during and after games, referees and volunteers should maintain a physical distance between themselves and players, parents, and coaches.

Spectators – Spectators are required to wear masks at all times unless under the age of two. Enforcement – Enforcement on players, coaches and spectators is the coaches’ responsibility. Referees can remind and coax, but will not enforce.