

This year will prove to be like no other. Parents and players will be expected to behave in a manner that has never been challenged before. As a coach in the Beacon Soccer Club, you will be asked to participate in helping our parents and players to understand new protocols and expectations for this soccer season. We approach this season with trepidation but also with a lot of enthusiasm and excitement. Getting our players back onto the field is going to be a wonderful experience, but it must also be done in a safe and healthy manner.



State Association

Below are guidelines provided to all soccer programs from US Soccer and the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association. These guidelines might seem daunting as you first read them, but they are very manageable. A number of our travel teams have been practicing and playing all summer while following these new protocols.

Coach Expectations and Protocols:

- Always wear a face-mask (face covering), when not actively coaching, maintain social distance requirements from players based on state and local health requirements.
- Ensure the health and safety of all players.
- Inquire how the athletes are feeling, send them home should you believe they act or look ill.
 - Simply ask the team at the start of practice or game, “How is everyone feeling? Does anyone feel sick? Alright, lets have fun and play some soccer!”
- Follow all state and local health protocols.
- Ensure all athletes have their individual equipment (ball, water bottles, bag, etc.)
- Coach is the only person to handle all practice equipment. (cones, disk etc.)
- Coach to sanitize/clean all personal training equipment before and after each session (e.g. cones, discs, etc.)
- All training should be outdoors and ensure social distancing per state or local health guidelines.
- Have fun, stay positive – players and parents are looking to you to stay calm, supportive and caring during this time.
- The use of scrimmage vests or pinnies is not recommended at this time.