

# EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

## Game Day Protocols - Soccer

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### TESTING AND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

#### 1. Testing Prior to Competition

- a. PCR tests are required within 6 days of the competition for all student-athletes, coaches, and others in the team's inner circle (i.e. managers, trainers).

#### 2. Screening Prior to Entry

- a. Visiting teams are required to follow NAIA Gameday Screening Protocols and submit the COVID-19 Team Wellness Form. The form is to be submitted a minimum of 1 hour prior to arrival at the competition site. Visiting teams will also be screened by an EOU Athletic Trainer before entering the game venue.
- b. EOU student-athletes, coaches, support staff, and game management will complete their ATS forms prior to entering the game venue and will be screened by an Athletic Trainer.

- c. Officials will be screened by an Athletic Trainer before entering the game venue.

## **VISITING TEAM ACCOMMODATIONS**

### **1. Parking**

- a. Park bus/vans on the south end of Quinn Coliseum (G street)--parking spots will be marked by cones.
- b. Remain on bus/vans and call EOU Athletic Training Staff at (541) 962-5227.
- c. Athletic Trainer will provide entry into venue/building and conduct COVID screening.

### **2. Locker Room Access**

- a. Locker room will have restricted access to only the designated team.
- b. Showers will be provided.
- c. Towels will NOT be provided.

### **3. Athletic Training Facility**

- a. We will provide an EOU Athletic Trainer (if needed) and an area for your student-athletes to be taped (outside of the training room). We request that teams bring their own athletic training supplies.
- b. Access to the training room will be limited to in-game injuries and emergencies.
- c. Post-game ice will be provided in an ice chest in the locker room.

## **GAMEDAY OFFICIALS' ACCOMMODATIONS**

### **1. Screening**

- a. On gameday all officials will be required to be screened by the host institution prior to the game. This is being done for protection of both the officials and the participants.
- b. Remain in vehicle and call EOU Athletic Training Staff at (541) 962-5227 upon arrival to the facility.
- c. Athletic Trainer will provide entry into Community Stadium and conduct COVID screening.

### **2. Locker Room Access**

- a. No locker rooms will be provided prior to the game. Following CCC protocol, officials will arrive at the venue dressed in their uniforms.
- b. There will be a space in the press box available for use by game officials.
- c. Showers will be available immediately after the game upon request. No towels will be provided.

### **3. Other Expectations**

- a. Due to current State of Oregon restrictions for Union County, masks will be worn by officials for the entirety of the event.

- b. Officials will furnish their own water and water bottles.
- c. Officials will practice physical distancing during all activities.
- d. Officials will use a “whistle bag” (this device fits over the whistle and blocks all air/saliva/etc.) or an electronic whistle.
- e. Officials will NOT engage in handshakes, fist bumps, and elbow contact with one another, players, or coaches.

## **GAMEDAY ACCESS**

### **1. Access & Egress**

- a. Community Stadium will be open for pregame activity no more than 60 minutes prior to game time.
- b. Only student-athletes, coaching personnel, officials, medical staff, and essential game management personnel will be allowed access into the venue.
- c. Visiting teams will enter and exit Community Stadium at the side gate off of G Street.
- d. Home team will enter and exit off 6th Street at the main ticket booth.
- e. Physical distancing guidelines must be followed as individuals enter and exit the venue.
- f. While masked, teams will enter and exit the venue separately in order to maintain physical distancing. All teams will be asked to exit the Community Stadium within 30 minutes after the completion of the contest.

### **2. Spectators**

- a. Due to the State of Oregon and current CCC policies, spectators will not be permitted at any EOU competitions until further notice.
- b. EOU will be live streaming each match.

## **PROTOCOLS DURING COMPETITION**

### **1. Face Coverings**

- a. Due to current State of Oregon restrictions for Union County, masks will be worn by all personnel (players, coaches, officials, game management personnel) for the entirety of the event.
- b. Face shields may be worn, but only in addition to a mask and not in place of one.

### **2. Physical Distancing**

- a. To the greatest extent possible, everyone on the sideline shall adhere to physical distancing guidelines (at least six (6) feet apart).

### **3. On-field Operations**

- a. Pre-game introductions will take place with the starters at mid-field in a physically distanced way and will not include any physical contact (i.e. handshakes, fist bumps).
- b. Eliminate any coach to coach and/or coach to officials physical contact (e.g., handshake, fist bumps).
- c. There will be two ball shaggers provided to retrieve any balls that leave the field of play. There will be additional game balls placed around the field in designated spots.
- d. Goal celebrations must maintain physical distancing.
- e. There will be no postgame handshake line involving the two participating teams. Each team will line up halfway from the 18 yard line and center field line and give congratulatory waves to each other. Officials will stand in the center circle at the center line.

#### **ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS RELATED TO TEAM BENCHES, HYDRATION, CLEANING, AND FOOD**

##### **1. Hydration**

- a. Team members will only drink out of their own cup/personal water bottle.
- b. Each team will have its own water cooler next to the benches.

##### **2. Hand Sanitizer**

- a. Hand sanitizer will be made readily available for all persons that are in the venue.
- b. Everyone will be expected to use hand sanitizer to help reduce the spread of germs.

##### **3. Food**

- a. No gum allowed on the field or sidelines.
- b. All personnel and student-athletes will be encouraged not to bring food to the event. If a person must have food they will be encouraged to find a private space to consume the food.
- c. Post game meals are not permitted to be delivered or consumed inside the venue.