## PTTL Operational Plan Draft

OYSA and the Portland Timbers and Thorns League is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of all people. The purpose of this document is to provide athletes, parents, coaches, and soccer organizations with information they can use to assist them with league play protocols in the context of COVID-19. Our procedures, policies, and responsibilities rely upon rules and regulations set forth by public health authorities, which will be different across the state.

In addition to the information below, we ask that everyone also follow the Return to Play Guidelines listed on the OYSA website. These items are in addition to that information.

The information listed below is required by each of the stakeholders for participation in the PTTL. Any clubs or teams that fail to comply with these responsibilities risk forfeiting their game and/or being removed from the league.

## Introduction of Principles and Responsibilities

**League Responsibilities:**
- Communication Plan:
    - Publish all relevant materials around PTTL and materials including this operational plan on the OYSA website.
    - Virtual webinar with all club leadership about all league protocols, policies and expectations around game day.
    - Direct emails to clubs and coaches about all league protocols, policies, and expectations around game day. 3 emails prior to league starting, bi-monthly during the league.
    - Direct emails to players and parents about all league protocols, policies, and expectations around game day. 3 emails prior to league starting, bi-monthly during the league.
    - Direct emails to referees about all league protocols, policies, and expectations around game day.
    - Any cancelations or shutdowns will be communicated as quickly as possible through Affinity direct to all team admins and club leadership.
    - Designate a point of contact at each club for any Covid-19 cases.
- If someone is found to have Covid-19, the league will:
    - Notify all teams that the team with the case has played in the last 2 weeks.
    - Notify all teams that the team with the case and opposing teams will play for the next 2 weeks.
- Divide the Premier, D1 and D2 divisions into 2 leagues:
    - PTTL North that includes Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas, Hood River, Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, and Yamhill (Premier, D1, and D2 Divisions)
    - PTTL South that includes all other counties.
    - Move to DOC Placement within reason based on last year's results.
- Move the registration deadline to August 17th. Seeding meeting would be August 20th.
- Refund Policy: 100% refund if league is cancelled before first game, $57 per game not played after the start of the league.
- Game Modifications:
    - Slide-Tackling and Sliding (a) Slide-Tackling is NOT allowed. (i) For the purpose of this rule, slide-tackling is defined as: going to ground to make a play on the ball that engages a player currently in possession of the ball, or that results in contact with another player. (b) Sliding is allowed. (i) For the purpose of this rule, sliding is defined as: going to ground to make a play on the ball that does not engage a player currently in possession of the ball, and that does not make contact with another player.
    - No throw ins. Indirect free kick from the point the ball went out of play. Ball can only be played on the ground. Any ball played in the air will result in a kick in for the opposing team from the same point as the original kick in.
    - Halftime reduced to 5 minutes.
- Scheduling:
    - Schedule games in 2-hour blocks to maximize minimal contact between games.
    - Schedule games in 3 -weekend chunks. Begin work on next chunk after the first weekend of games of the previous chunk.

- o 1st set of schedules released September 1st
- o Stagger game times to ensure minimal contact is made for locations with multiple fields.
  - ▪ 2 fields – Every 30 minutes
  - ▪ 3 or more fields – Every 20 minutes
- o Schedule 1 game weekends for first 3 weeks to help prevent injuries.
- At the Field:
  - o Whenever possible, teams and their spectators will take one side of the field while the opposing team is on the opposite side of the field. Coaches/team managers are responsible for the behavior and compliance of physical distancing of their spectators. Click here for field map. Home team will dictate which side of the field teams take.
  - o Some field locations my not allow or restrict the number of spectators due to inability to physically distance. One parent/guardian per player.
  - o Clubs/teams must follow the rules of the field they are playing on.

## Referee Responsibilities:
- Wear a mask up to stepping on the field to start the game, during halftime, and immediately following the game.
- Maintain physical distancing at all times, prior, during, and after all games.
- Will not touch the ball with their hands.
- Referee will only take a roster from the coach, and have the coach read out the player names and then show the referee the card to compare the card to the player. Coach can also use Digital Player Passes instead of player cards.
- Enforce all game modifications made by the league to ensure the safety of the players.
- No handshakes, fist bumps, etc. after the game.

## Club Responsibilities:
- By registering your team to the league, the club and their teams, coaches, players, and parents agree to follow all league protocols, policies, and responsibilities.
- Create and distribute field maps on their website that have entrance and exits clearly marked.
- Provide OYSA with any rules that are specific to your fields to be shared with visiting teams.
- Post signs at their field that clearly mark the entrances and exits.
- All clubs responsible for providing their coaching staff/managers hand sanitizer.
- Home club responsible for bathroom sanitation – cleaned at start of the day, on the hour/after each use, and at the end of the day, if bathrooms are available and onsite.
- Home club responsible for field set-up and sanitization of all equipment at the beginning of the day, in between games.
- All clubs responsible for keeping attendance for which players are at every game.

- Have an effective communication plan in place, identify strategies for working with public health to notify adult leaders, youth and their families if the organization learns a participant or adult leader has developed COVID-19 and may have been infectious to others while at a youth activity, while maintaining confidentiality as per law.
- Have an action plan in place, in case of a positive test.
- Train and educate all staff to protocols and requirements, including state and local regulations, CDC recommendations and other necessary information. (See resources at the back of this document.)

- Be prepared to shut down and stop operations. Develop plans for temporary closure of outdoor activities to properly disinfect and ensure other adult leaders or youth are not infected.
- Provide adequate field space for social distancing.
- Develop a relationship and a dialog with health local officials.

**Coach Responsibilities:**

- Always wear a face mask, maintain physical distance requirements from players based on state and local health requirements.
- Use hand sanitizer before interacting with your team.
- Make sure that your team has left the field within 5 minutes of the game ending.
- Will make sure the home team provides 3 balls per half that have been sanitized. Game balls from 1st half can be sanitized by the home team at half time.

**Parent Responsibilities:**

- Only one parent or guardian is allowed per player.
- Drop player off no earlier than 30minutes prior to kickoff.
- Do not use your hands to return to ball to the field when the ball goes out of bounds.

**Player Responsibilities:**

- Cannot enter the field area until previous teams have left the field.
- Wear mask, before and immediately after all games and while on the bench, during halftime.