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Back to Play Plan of the Golden Horseshoe Touch Football Association (GHTFA)

The GHTFA proposes starting up play in all leagues under the following conditions. The City of Burlington (CoB) is in stage three. Outdoor football fields are available for our use as outlined in our original requests.

Venues:

There will be an entrance and exit for each field we have a permit for to ensure the entering of the field and exiting the field are separate locations. Teams will be assigned a bench with at least twenty yards apart on a side of the field, the subsequent game's teams will be assigned the bench on the opposite side of the field. The oncoming teams are not permitted to enter the bench area until the teams in playing the field have completed the game and removed their goal post pads and vacated their bench area. At the conclusion of the game the teams must vacate the bench and collect all debris to take with them as soon as possible removing their goal post pads and cones from their end zone.

Based on the venues and schedules the GHTFA may provide a specific plan for each venue in conjunction with the CoB.

Nelson Stadium:

Early games shall enter the field high school gate and proceed to their bench wear appropriate PPE. Late game participants shall enter the field complex from the ball diamond side parking lot only when the previous games participants have left the field complex. The field complex consists of the area inside the track around the perimeter of the field. At the end of the game the participants must exit the field complex as quickly as possible. The game officials shall identify when the participants may enter the benches within the field complex.

All participants while in the bench area must adhere to social distancing and or wear appropriate face coverings as recommended by public health officials.

At the captains meeting the team captain must provide the head official with a game card indicating the participants which are present. No participant may enter the field complex without first being added to the game card.

Participants:

All Players (Participants) must be on a team roster and the team must be registered with TFont and their insurance paid. All participants not on the field of play must wear appropriate face coverings when entering the field complex and while on the bench. No spectators are permitted in the field complex which includes the field of play, end zones and bench areas. Assigned in-game officials shall be added to both team score cards as the officials of record for the game.

Each team shall submit a roster to the head official prior to each game with participants present identified. If a player comes in late, they must wait to enter the field complex until they are added to the appropriate team's game card, then the player may enter the team bench area. Upon completion of the game the game card shall be updated with the game score and officials shall sign each team's game card and return the cards to the team captains. The team captains shall take photos of the two signed game cards and submit the game card photo to the GHTFA registrar for tracing if and when required.

If a participant is sick, they are not permitted to enter the field complex. If a participant is deemed to be sick while in the field complex potentially with Covid-19 they may be banned from the association by the executive committee. If a participant has tested positive for covid-19 they must notify the GHTFA as soon as possible for all potentially affected participants to be notified immediately that they should self-isolate and or get tested for Covid-19 as soon as possible. The GHTFA shall provide local public health officials with all required documentation when requested.

If a player feints covid-19, coughs on or in the direction of another player or official they will be ejected from the game and will be suspended pending disciplinary review.

Equipment:

The team must provide their own football. Gloves for all players are recommended while playing. Excessive contact is not permitted in touch football and will be penalized.

Rule Modification:

Players will not 'touch' the opposing players rather they will say "TAG" when they are close enough to the opposing player that they could actually make the TAG. Officials will then blow the whistle to signal that the play is over.

Policies:

It is the policy of the GHTFA to cooperate with the public health authorities when a request is received. The health and well-being of all participants in the GHTFA are the utmost priority and the executive of the GHTFA work to provide a safe environment for all participants to enjoy.

When notified of a positive Covid-19 test from a participant, the information shall be shared with all participants who were present and played in a game the participant was present for the prior two weeks. The GHTFA shall share all this information with the appropriate public health authority when requested.

All participants in the GHTFA Masters league must provide their contact information and an alternate or emergency contact on their registration the president of the GHTFA Master's League shall maintain the contact detail electronically with the GHTFA executive prior to the beginning of play to ensure that two or more executive have access to the list in case of an emergency.