

# **IWLCA**

*Tournament Series*



# **RETURN TO PLAY**

**IWLCA TOURNAMENT SERIES**

## ***SOUTHWEST CUP***

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome back! We look forward to hosting your team at one of our upcoming events. Please be sure to review this document in its entirety and share with players and parents prior to the start of the event and arriving at the venue. This document contains pertinent information regarding new safety measures, precautions, rules, and regulations that the IWLCA and Elite Tournaments have put in place to help mitigate risk and prevent the spread of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

During these ever-changing times, the IWLCA and Elite Tournaments remain committed to providing high-quality events for teams throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond. Coaches, players, and spectators alike should expect to see changes made to tournament rules, facility layouts, and more to ensure that the IWLCA and Elite Tournaments are remaining compliant with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state, and local regulations. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and flexibility in adhering to these new regulations, as they are put forth for the protection of everyone's health and safety.

Large gatherings (such as lacrosse tournaments) create an increased risk of exposure, infection, and spread of COVID-19 according to CDC and state and local health officials. While the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic cannot be completely eliminated, the IWLCA and Elite Tournaments are dedicated to the mitigation and reduction of risk in order to host and operate the safest event possible. **By arriving on-site at this event, attendees knowingly and freely accept these risks.** Please reference the "**COVID-19**" tab on the IWLCA Recruiting website for additional information and resources.

The information in this document is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. All content, including text, graphics, images and information, are provided for general informational purposes only. The knowledge and circumstances around COVID-19 are changing constantly and, as such, the IWLCA and Elite Tournaments make no representation and assume no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this information. Further, you should seek advice from medical professionals and/or public health officials if you have specific questions about your return to training and competition.

To learn more about the IWLCA Tournament Series please visit [iwlcarecruiting.com](http://iwlcarecruiting.com)

### ***SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19***

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), people who have contracted the Coronavirus (COVID-19) can show a variety of symptoms, or even be asymptomatic. Symptoms may appear within 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

*If you are experiencing ANY of the above symptoms, we ask you do not attend the tournament and seek medical attention.*

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## WHEN NOT TO ATTEND AN IWLCA RECRUITING EVENT

While we would love for everyone to be able to attend our events, the IWLCA and Elite Tournaments take the health and safety of players, coaches, spectators, staff, and other attendees very seriously. You should not attend the event if any of the items below are applicable to you. **You should not attend the event if any of the items below are applicable to you.**

- You have been exposed to COVID-19 within the past 14 days
- You are categorized as a high-risk individual (compromised immune system, respiratory issues, diabetic, etc.) unless fully vaccinated
- You are over the age of 65 and/or have underlying health risks unless fully vaccinated
- You have experienced any of the above symptoms of COVID-19 within the past 14 days
- You cannot follow or maintain proper social distancing guidelines
- You have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days

## FACE MASK/COVERING REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with expanded state mask requirements, the IWLCA and Elite Tournaments are implementing the following guidelines regarding the wearing of face masks/coverings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- **Staff:** Not Required
- **Coaches:** Not Required
- **Players:** Not Required
- **Spectators:** Not Required
- **Referees:** Not Required

## ARRIVAL TO VENUE

- All attendees should conduct a self-evaluation for COVID-19 symptoms and check their temperature before arriving on-site
- Teams can pick up arm bands for committed players at the designated Headquarters tent for each tournament prior to their first game. **Coaches can submit arm band needs [here](#) and may send team representatives to pick up on site.**
- College Coaches will be in attendance at each event. It is vital that spectators **stay clear** of marked college coach areas (including hospitality tents & sideline areas) to maintain social distancing.

## COLLEGE COACHES

- College Coaches will check-in with tournament representatives at each tournament upon arrival. Specific check-in procedures pre-event will be sent out to coaches directly.
- While on site, college coach hospitality will be provided at "Grab and Go" tents in the form of meals, snacks, and water. Maintain social distances while in these areas.
- Additionally, coaches will have marked sideline space around the 50-yard line on each field, where spectators are prohibited.
- In order to limit contacts, minimal seating will be provided on each field. It is recommended that coaches provide their own chairs when recruiting.

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# ***RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL***

## ***PLAYERS/COACHES***

- Coaches on sideline and players not in game should maintain adequate social distancing in team bench area
- No shared equipment or water bottles
- Team huddles maintaining social distancing are permitted.
- Teams must exit the field immediately after the game ends
- Spitting is prohibited on and off the field
- Coaches are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer for quick sanitation during, between, and after games
- Player equipment should be labeled to avoid confusion and contamination

## ***SPECTATORS***

- Tailgating is permitted
- Elite Tournaments reserves the right to remove spectators from the venue at any time
- Spectators are encouraged to bring their own personal hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant wipes.
- Spectators should have personal items labeled
- Lost and found items will not be kept.

## ***REFEREES***

- Officials will have access to the Grab and Go hospitality tent for food, snacks, and water. Due to COVID, we will not be holding our large hospitality tents to limit the gathering of large groups of people.
- Scorecards will be provided on each field in the field marshal binder. Each field marshal will receive coaches and officials verbal approval of score. At the end of each game, scorecards will be sent via text message to Elite Tournament Representatives to upload to TSI.
- No coin toss or stick check will be conducted pre-game.
- Officials are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and use between halves and games. Hand Sanitizer will also be available for use on site.

## ***VENDOR VILLAGE***

- Maintain social distancing in line and while shopping
- Use of credit cards suggested to limit contacts
- Customers are encouraged to sanitize before and after leaving each vendor tent

## ***LEAVING THE VENUE***

- Follow appropriate directional guidance
- Spectators and participants are strongly encouraged to sanitize their hands when leaving the venue.

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## ***CONFIRMED CASES***

- If you test positive or begin to show symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days of attending an Elite Tournaments event, notify the tournament director immediately.
- If a player or coach tests positive for COVID-19 during the event, all other players and coaches with their team will be required to get tested for COVID-19 before they will be allowed to play any matches. Confirmed negative results for each player and coach must be provided to tournament director before team will be allowed to play any matches.
- Failure to comply with the above regulation will result in removal from tournament without refund.
- State and local health departments will be notified of potential exposure.
- Names and identifying information regarding those with confirmed cases will not be released to the public.
- Work with local health department in identifying all potentially exposed individuals to help with contact tracing process.

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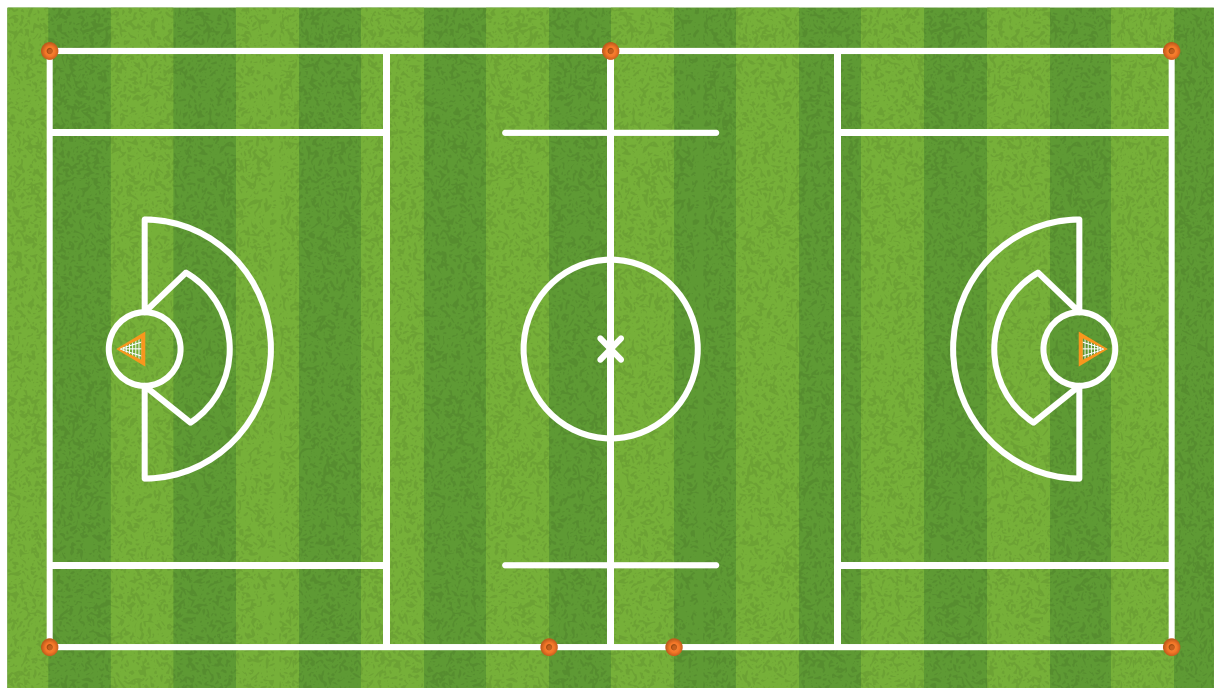
# SAMPLE FIELD SETUP

**Spectators**  
Maintain 6 ft Distance



College Coach Area

**Spectators**  
Maintain 6 ft Distance



**Team Bench**  
Maintain 6 ft Distance

Referee Area



**Team Bench**  
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