



Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association



Spectator Management Strategy

Introduction

The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association (NLSA) has made tremendous strides in the return of soccer in the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The NLSA would like to enable additional spectators to attend competitions at facilities that can accommodate more than 500 people. Citing the following Exception in the Guidance for Distanced Gatherings “Gatherings in large venues (including theatres and performing arts venues, community centers, other entertainment venues, and sports venues) with a capacity of 500 people or more and that have an operating plan approved by a Service NL Environmental Health Officer”, please find below an operating plan that will enable the NLSA to safely manage more spectators at soccer events.

General

- There must be separate entry and exit points at the facility.
- Signage on the risks of COVID-19, proper cough etiquette and hand hygiene must be posted, at a minimum, in any common entrance to an outdoor/indoor sport facility www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/files/Covid19-Prevention-Poster.pdf
- There must be at least 45 minutes between events where more than 300 people are expected attend a sporting event to ensure the facility is properly sanitized and to avoid clusters at entry and exit points.
- Facility must have adequate supplies of sanitizer and PPE. Hand sanitizing stations must be supplied and vandalism proof.
- Hand sanitizer (containing at least 60 percent alcohol) dispensers or personnel are provided in prominent places around the venue (including entry and exit points) and are regularly refilled. Soap dispensers in washrooms are regularly refilled
- Hand sanitizer stations must be vandalism proof
- Garbage bins are provided (and regularly emptied) around the venue for discarding trash, tissues and personal protective equipment which may otherwise become a public hazard.
- Public washrooms may open, but if washrooms are not monitored, cleaned and replenished with supplies at least twice daily when facilities are in use, they should remain closed.
- In the transaction of tickets and money, those involved in the transaction must be wearing masks. If masks are not being worn, there must be a barrier between people involved in the transaction of tickets and money.

Health and Safety

- Facility management will Ensure all staff are trained to observe COVID-19 safety protocols and have access to Proper PPE which includes gloves, masks (when required), and cleaning supplies:

This training includes:

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- The identification symptoms of COVID-19 (and that staff and volunteers) must stay home if they are unwell or symptomatic
- Preventive measures including frequent handwashing, cough and sneeze etiquette, and frequent
- cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces
- Proper sanitation of public/shared spaces

Record Keeping

- The Club must maintain cleaning log sheets and an inventory of cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, gloves and masks.
- Organizations must make a record of all spectators who attend a sport event. However, providing contact information is voluntary and individuals cannot be denied entry to an activity based on this choice. Records must be kept for 14 days to aid in contact tracing, should it be required.

Prior to Entry

- Spectators will be verbally asked if they meet any of the aforementioned criteria before entering a facility. Only participants that do not meet the above criteria and have no symptoms according to their symptom check will be allowed to participate
- Spectators must not enter a facility if in the past 14 days if they:
 - Travelled anywhere outside the “Atlantic Bubble” and returned to the Province
 - Have been unwell or had any flu-like symptoms;
 - Been assessed by the Department of Health for COVID-19 and are awaiting those results;
 - Have been in contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19;
 - Have had any respiratory symptom (even if mild); or
 - Are at a high risk form a health perspective including the elderly and those with pre-existing medical conditions
 - Those with even mild symptoms are strongly encouraged to leave the facility and consult with a Public Health Official
 - Have been advised to self-isolate for any other reason by Public Health

Once in the Facility

- Spectators must sit in one of at least two designated areas. Each designated area will have specific sections that ensure only people in the same bubble will be in proximity to one another. People will be asked to observe physical distancing



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- Spectators are advised to maintain physical distancing of two meters between household bubbles and spectator space should be clearly marked. Spectators must remain a minimum of two meters from the soccer field at all times during the actual game play, otherwise they will be considered as part of the on-field cohort.

- Exiting the facility will adhere to the following protocol and managed by facility employees/volunteers:
 - ie:
 - Section 1 – spectators have 5 minutes to leave the facility
 - Section 2 – after Section 1 has left, has 5 minutes to leave the facility
 - Section 3 – after section 2 has left, has 5 minutes to leave the facility etc

- Facility staff will be required to ensure the orderly entry and exit of spectators from the facility