

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) update:

As a preventative measure, Fairmount Sports Association will cancel our scheduled Evaluations on March 21st. We will also cancel our Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 4th. We will try our best to keep everyone up to date as the issue continues to change. Any Further cancelations or date changes will be sent out accordingly.

We will follow the City guidance on public gathering:

- Gatherings of 1,000 or more people are prohibited for 30 days, effective March 12, 2020.
- The City strongly recommends that events with an expected attendance between 250 and 1,000 people be cancelled, including sporting events and faith-based services.

We will continue to seek guidance from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, alongside other City agencies, to plan and keep everyone updated. Parks and Rec have promised to make sure the facility and bathrooms are well stocked with cleaning supplies, soap, paper towels, and handwashing signage.

In accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and other health authorities, Fairmount Sports Association is implementing some new, mandatory health and safety procedures as part of a proactive approach to preventing the spread of germs.

Throughout the Fairmount Sports Association, we are adopting these new measures effective immediately. We cannot stress enough how vital it is that all FSA participants adhere to these guidelines.

“No-Contact/No-Handshake” Policy:

FSA is immediately instituting a precautionary “no-contact, no-handshake policy” to be observed at every level of the organization until further notice. This includes all physical contact and extends to customary game-related activities, such as pre-game coaches’ handshakes, umpire-coach introductions, and post-game handshakes between members of opposing teams. Instead, staff, players and coaches should use verbal queues, such as saying “good game,” without shaking hands, high-fiving or fist-bumping.

Maintain Good Hygiene Practices:

All FSA volunteers, parents, and players should be aware of the coronavirus risk and take the necessary precautions to avoid exposure to germs. This includes maintaining good hygiene practices. We strongly recommend the following:

- Wash your hands often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol; this is suggested after any physical contact with another person or with a shared surface
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your mouth and nose – with a tissue, if possible – when coughing or sneezing, then properly discard the tissue in the trash

- Avoid close contact with anyone else who is coughing or sneezing or who is otherwise sick
- Clean or disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Advice from the CDC:

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has a specific Q&A regarding the virus in children:

Q: Are children more susceptible to the virus that causes COVID-19 compared with the general population and how can infection be prevented?

A: No, there is no evidence that children are more susceptible...

- see here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/children-faq.html>

We will provide updates related to these new measures or let you know about any additional precautions to take if and when they become necessary. We appreciate your cooperation in following these new procedures as we work together to maintain the highest health and safety standards as an organization.