

RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS FOR SOCCER IN ARKANSAS



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Return to Play Guidelines: Recommended Field Layout

In an effort to increase space to allow for social distancing, while maximizing the number of spectators at a match and minimizing the possibility of cross-region transmission of COVID-19, ASA recommends that, where possible, clubs follow the below field layout. Each team will occupy a technical area on opposite sides of the field at midfield, with their own spectators socially distanced on their team's sideline. This will not be possible at some field locations due to an assortment of potential reasons. Families should socially distance from one another by six feet. While field markings for spectators like the ones shown below may be helpful for spectators to determine correct social distancing, these additional field markings are not required and may impose unnecessary financial hardship on clubs. As such, these guidelines should be communicated to clubs, teams, coaches, players, and parents to ensure everyone is aware prior to arrival at the field.

