



August 20, 2020

Girls Classic Soccer community,

I want to take a moment to welcome you back to UT Dallas for the Fall season!

We have missed seeing your young athletes on our fields during this pandemic. While you were away we have taken measures to ensure you and your child are safe while still enjoying the opportunity to play soccer at UTD.

We spent eight weeks working on a plan to best meet the requirements of the CDC, state and local protocols for social distancing and protective measures for each individual. We met with The University of Texas System, City of Dallas, City of Plano, City of Richardson and City of Carrollton on their policies and procedures. We took their recommendations and created a protocol that we feel confident will keep us safe and open for business.

For those of you who were not in attendance of the pre-season tournament in mid-August please be reminded of the following rules and procedures. These steps are required to participate on the UTD Fields and those not in compliance will be asked to leave. I have met with GCL officials and administrators and they assure me they will help us meet these expectations.

- Each student athlete is required to wear a mask throughout the day. The exception is when they are playing on the field. Once off the field they will be given time to "catch their breath" but will be reminded to put mask on.
- Each participating team will be allowed one (1) spectator per person on their roster inside the soccer fields area. A Girls Classic League official will be at the entry point of each field to assure you have a mask and are abiding the spectator limitations.
- Parents will be required to have a mask on at all times. NO exceptions. A dotted line is located six feet away from the sidelines. All parents are asked to stay behind the dotted line and to space six feet away from the next parents(s)/guardian.
- Any other parent in attendance must also wear a mask at all times. They may either stay in your vehicle in the parking lot or may sit along the outside of the fence line. Again, maintain six feet of separation from other spectators.
- Please wait in your car until 10 minutes before your scheduled time to allow the fields to clear out and lessen congestion at the entry points.
- The bathrooms and concession areas will open along Fields 2-6. Please follow the floor signs and other signage to maintain social distancing. Know that there will be frequent cleaning and the facility could be shut down for short periods of time to allow proper cleaning and disinfecting.

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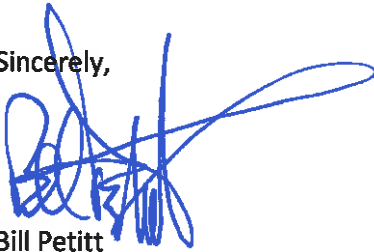
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- The concession stand will have packaged items and cold drinks available. We will not have hot coffee, but will take recommendations and, if the demand is there, we will begin serving cold coffee drinks. We recommend to bring credit cards to limit contact as much as possible. In the past we have asked for a \$5 minimum to use credit cards but we are waiving the rule to be able to limit contact during this time.

We have had individuals from the nearby neighborhoods complain that UTD even allow people to participate on our fields. The complaints have been sent to our administration and local media. I am sure had we not had these steps in place for the preseason event we would not be here this weekend. Please do not take these steps lightly. If you feel you just do not need to follow these steps then stay home. Please do not ruin this privilege for others.

Again, I am glad to see you back and hope you have a great season.

Sincerely,



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