

PRACTICES and GAMES

THE OLD WAY and THE NEW WAY

Coaches and Parents: We are going to have to make some changes! Please make sure to follow these guidelines.

The Old way – The team sits together on a team bench.

The NEW way – No team benches; each player should have an area a few feet away from others to sit when on break or waiting to go in.

The Old way – During water breaks at practice, everyone congregates in one area.

The NEW way – During water breaks at practice, players should be spaced out a few feet apart from each other.

The Old way – Everyone is handling soccer balls whenever.

The NEW way – Players should only be handling their own ball. Use kick-ins instead of throw-ins when there is a small-sided scrimmage.

The Old way – Team Cheers! High Fives! Post-game handshakes! Parent tunnels!

The NEW way – None of that! (Sorry).

The Old way – Pinnies were interchangeable and can be swapped mid-practice.

The NEW way – Same as with soccer balls. Each player should only use ONE pinnie during practice. Pinnies must be washed before re-used.

The Old way – Wear a mask? What?

The NEW way – Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Trainers should wear a mask whenever possible before and after practice/games. Players do NOT have to wear a mask (though they can if they prefer).

The Old way – Ending practices with a scrimmage against the team on the next field.

The NEW way – Don't, sorry.

The Old way – Before practice begins, and after practices end, players (and parents) spend time socializing or loitering.

The NEW way – Don't, sorry.

The Old way – During games and practices, it's first-come, first-served for the best viewing spot or shadiest tree.

The NEW way – Parents must maintain social distancing.

The Old way – Coaches didn't have to keep track of attendance.

The NEW way – Each team (a coach can deputize someone to do this) must log player attendance at every practice) and turn in to BYSC at the end of each month.

The Old way – Coaches didn't have to report illness.

The NEW way – Any report of COVID-19 positive test or quarantine for a player, or anyone who has recently attended practice, needs to be reported to our Safety Officer, Robyn Long, at 409.673.6473.