



Atlanta Youth Rugby

COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

Atlanta Youth Rugby (AYR) is committed to the safety of our coaches, volunteers, players, families and fans. We are closely monitoring announcements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to ensure that we are following their guidelines. We have created safety protocols to protect our coaches, players and families while we work together to provide critical services to our community. Please review the following precautions AYR has put in place and to which we ask all of our coaches, players, and families to adhere.

Before any practice/clinic/match/event:

No one should participate or attend any AYR event if he or she:

- is In an at-risk age group or
- has an underlying health concern or chronic medical condition or
- is experiencing respiratory illness symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, shortness of breath) or
- has been in close contact within the last 14 days with a person known to have COVID-19 or
- has within the last 14 days traveled from an area with widespread or ongoing community spread of COVID-19.

Onsite Protocol (to be monitored and implemented by AYR official on site):

- All coaches and players will submit to a temperature check upon arrival. Any coach or player with a temperature higher than 100.4 will be asked to return home.
- **All coaches are asked to wear a mask or face covering while coaching.** Please bring your own mask from home. If you need a single-use mask, please notify the AYR on-site staff lead.
- All coaches and players must wash hands before participating in any AYR event. When hand washing is not available, coaches and players must thoroughly cleanse hands with hand sanitizer.
- Social Distancing
 - AYR events are hosted at outdoor locations to minimize risk of exposure and make it possible to maintain 6 feet of distance when applicable. Parents are required to maintain appropriate social distancing when staying on-site and are encouraged to remain in vehicles when appropriate. In the event of rain, events will be cancelled rather than moved indoors.
- Athletes will be placed into small groups or “pods” and will remain in those groups for the entirety of events. Coaches will remain with their “pods” as to limit cross contamination from the different “pods”.
- Equipment will be sanitized before, during and after each event.
- Policies and procedures will be reviewed and updated as needed to reflect changing data, recommendations from CDC, and best practices observed from other organizations.



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COVID-19 Waiver & Release - All On-Field Participants

We are excited to have you back playing or coaching at AYR events. Your safety is our number one priority. Upon arrival we will ask you the following questions to ensure your safety and the safety of others:

- In the last two weeks have you been diagnosed with COVID-19? _____
- In the last 24 hours, without the aid of medication, have you had a temperature above 99.6? _____
- In the last two weeks, have you experienced any flu-like symptoms including the following: persistent cough, respiratory distress, chills, body aches, sore throat and/or headaches? _____
- In the last two weeks, have you experienced a loss of taste and/or smell? _____
- Please record your on-site temperature taken by a touchless thermometer _____

Coaches will be required to wear a face mask at all times while on site. If you do not have one, AYR will supply one for you. Hand sanitizer will also be provided to you before you begin your event.

To ensure your safety and the safety of others, AYR asks that you practice 6 feet social distancing at all times. Your safety is our number one priority.

Waiver and Release

I hereby for myself, my heirs, executor, administrators and assigns, release, discharge, and hold harmless the Atlanta Youth Rugby, Inc., all sponsors, coaches, organizers, promoters, directors, or persons connected with the Atlanta Youth Rugby, Inc., from any and all claims made for damages suffered by me or my child/children as a result of my or my athlete's participation in any Atlanta Youth Rugby event (practices, clinics, matches or special events).

I understand that participation involves certain risks, including, but not limited to serious injury and death. I and my athlete are voluntarily participating in AYR activities and agree to accept all risks of participation including injury or personal property damage even if caused by ordinary negligence or otherwise.

Coronavirus, COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as a means to prevent the spread of the virus. COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in AYR programs or events could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. Atlanta Youth Rugby in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in AYR programs or events.

I also hereby consent to and authorize the use and reproduction of any and all photographs/videos which may be taken of my athlete or me for AYR promotional purposes. I understand that I receive no reimbursement for allowing my or my athlete's photo/video.

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian (if AYR participant is under 18):

_____ **Date:** _____