



WHOA Official:

Thank you for taking the time to read this latest update from WAHA/WHOA regarding Covid-19 procedures. WAHA continually receives feedback from their membership, meeting on a regular basis to discuss feedback, and updating policy and procedure as necessary. On December 2, WAHA issues revised directives for all associations and teams. The directive addresses three major points:

1. WAHA has implemented a mask, spit guard/splash guard policy - all associations, player, coaches, officials are expected to follow this policy.
2. WAHA is rescinding its directive of November 28 requiring a match penalty for non-compliance.
3. WAHA requires officials to submit an Incident Report via the WHOA website detailing all non-compliant individuals.

Based on the above, WAHA/WHOA require all officials to do the following:

1. Prior to the game, advise the coaching staff of each team all players and coaches of the team must wear a face mask properly covering the mouth AND nose or a HECC approved spit guard/splash guard as designed.
2. If an individual claims a medical exemption for wearing a mask, the team, upon request of the official, must present written proof of the medical condition exempting the individual from wearing a mask.
3. Under no circumstances should a player or coach not wearing a mask be removed from the game solely for not wearing mask.
4. All individuals not wearing a mask must be reported using an Incident Report via the WHOA website (<https://secure.offserv.com/whoa/members/>). This includes any individual requesting a medical exemption regardless of whether the official viewed the written documentation or not.

It is imperative you follow procedures and file the appropriate report. WAHA has a defined policy in place for handling each and every report your file. Furthermore, WAHA will be reviewing aggregate data from all reports on December 20 as part of their decision making process for moving the season forward.

If you have any additional questions, please email info@wihoa.org.

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