

Spring 2021 Massachusetts COVID-19 Guidelines for Youth and Amateur Sports

City of Haverhill

All the below guidelines are always subject to change at any time. These guidelines are intended to be in addition to rules and regulations determined by individual Leagues and Organizations.

- The following types of activities are permitted: Non-contact Practices, Competitive Practices (intra-team games, contact drills, scrimmages), and Competitions (inter-team games). Tournaments are **not** currently allowed. All organized events must obtain a permit from the Haverhill Recreation Department.
- Facial coverings are required for all players, spectators, coaches, staff, referees, umpires and other officials at all times. This includes benches and sidelines. Frequent facial covering breaks are encouraged but all individuals must spread out by at least 10 feet in order to avoid incidental contact.
- Attendance must be kept for all events and rosters with contact information must be made available upon request.
- No spectators are allowed for activities involving participants over the age of 21. For those activities with participants under the age of 21, each participant is limited to 2 adults and the participant's siblings. This applies per field and/or playing surface. Spectator groups should maintain at least 6 feet of distance from the nearest group and wear masks at all times.
- Activity Organizers may mark off designated spectator areas after approval from the City of Haverhill.
- Participants should sanitize hands before and after all events.
- No shared food or drink.
- No social contact such as fist bumps, high fives, or group cheers in close proximity.
- All shared equipment must be sanitized between participants.
- No congregating or loitering in groups before or after activities.
- Players should arrive dressed to play and Activity Organizers should promote an "Arrive, Play, Leave" philosophy.
- Benches, bleachers, dugouts require participants to maintain 6 feet of distance in these areas. Do the varying size and scope of such areas across the City of Haverhill, signs have been posted at each area with occupancy limits.
- All out-of-state participants in activities taking place in this state are subject to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Travel Order (COVID-19 Order No. 45). Please refer to [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) for specifics and to see who is exempt.
- All items are subject to a "carry-in, carry-out" policy. Please take out whatever you bring in.