

Tryouts

All tryout participants and returning players should register online and digitally sign a team's liability waiver regarding Covid-19, if possible. The waiver should include legal language, to help protect an owner should one of the players or tryout participants contract the virus. Digital signatures are recommended to encourage touchless contact and reduce the possibility of virus transmission through shared clipboards, pens or tablets. If digital signatures are not feasible, then the team must have Clorox or alcohol wipes available to clean each item between each person's use and hand sanitizer should be readily available also. Teams must also check with their facility to see if the facility has any additional requirements and teams must also adhere to any state or local executive orders to stay in compliance.

Also, tryouts/practices should be closed to spectators to reduce potential exposure and team liability.

Liability Waiver enforceability varies from state to state and owners should become familiar with their own state guidelines. A separate waiver should be used during the season for all spectators to digitally sign before the games.

Players should also be encouraged to get a Covid test before the tryout date and bring proof to tryouts. When advertising tryout dates, teams should also mention that the test can take 5 to 10 days to return, so Players should plan accordingly.

Before the tryout starts, the Team Trainer or Sports Medicine Director should conduct a pre-participation check with each player. During this check, the Trainer/Director will perform the following tasks and notate for team records in case needed, for legal purposes, at future date:

1. Check the player's temperature with a touchless thermometer. Any reading above 99° will exclude the player from participating in the tryout.
2. Ask if Player has Covid testing paperwork and review for negative result, or if they have had antigen testing for antibodies check paperwork for results.
3. Each Player should be asked if they are currently or have experienced in the last 30 days, any of the following symptoms: fever, chills, and unexplained muscle pain, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, or sudden loss of taste or smell. Some uncommon symptoms that have been reported and should be asked about include rash, discoloration of extremities (toes, fingers), nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.
4. Ask if they have recently been exposed to anyone that has tested positive in the past 30 days or have been around large crowds or social gatherings.
5. Once the Trainer/Director is satisfied with the answers, they should review safety protocols (hand sanitizer use, don't share water bottles, towels, etc.) and clear the player to participate.

The Trainer/Sports Medicine Director can get a list of the participants and contact them the day before tryouts and note the answers to the above questions, so that on tryout day all that's left to do is the temperature check.

Break the tryout participants up in smaller groups to test skills, social distance when possible, and encourage hand washing and sanitation.

All Coaches, Staff and observers should have on masks or neck gaiters during the tryouts and practice social distancing.

The following sample Player waiver can be amended for practices and game use also. This waiver is provided as an example, and we encourage everyone to have their own legal counsel review and amend the agreement as necessary.

(Fresno Flaming-Sun Rays Foundation) Waiver of Liability Form
Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

(Fresno Flaming-Sun Rays Foundation) has put in place preventative measures in accordance with state, local and CDC guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, **(Fresno Flaming-Sun Rays Foundation)** cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, participating in **(Fresno Flaming-Sun Rays Foundation)** tryouts/practices may increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

I confirm that I am not presenting any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 listed here: Fever, chills, and unexplained muscle pain, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, or sudden loss of taste or smell. Some uncommon symptoms that have been reported and should be asked about include rash, discoloration of extremities (toes, fingers), nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

Player Initials: _____

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending this tryout and/or practices and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and/or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at this tryout or practice may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, organization employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and/or death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance at team tryouts or practices ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my family, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless **(Fresno Flaming-Sun Rays Foundation)**, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the organization, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any organization event or program.

Signature of Player

Date

Print Name of Player

Phone

Email _____

Team Representative

Date