



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Frequently Asked Questions for Youth and Adult Sports
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Full Contact Sports

1. Are full-contact sports allowed?

Yes, full contact sports are allowed effective March 30, 2021 if the organization does the following as required under Declaration of Emergency [Directive 042](#):

- a. Submit an Adult and Youth Sports COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan Checklist to COVID19Plans@dir.nv.gov. You must fill in all elements of the checklist directly on the form. Answers should be in red. Do not refer to page numbers in a separate plan. Refer to the [Nevada Guidance for Adult and Youth Sports](#) dated March 30, 2021 for all the required elements.
- b. Develop and implement a COVID-19 testing and mitigation plan prior to the commencement of competitions, games, matches or league play.
- c. Obtain a permit from the local jurisdiction that owns and maintains the fields.

2. Are there specific requirements for what must be included in the testing and mitigation plan for full-contact sports?

There are not specific requirements, but you are encouraged to work with your local health authority on developing a testing and mitigation plan.

Capacity Restrictions

1. What are the current capacity restrictions for tournaments and league play?

All allowed sport activities must abide by the limit on gatherings outlined in [Directive 037](#), which is currently limited to 250 people or 50 percent capacity, whichever is less.

2. Who is included in the maximum capacity?

The maximum capacity includes players and spectators, but excludes coaches and officials necessary to conduct the event.

3. Do the capacity restrictions apply to each field or to the entire facility?

The restrictions can apply to the entire facility, depending on how the field and spectator areas are arranged. For example, if there are two or more fields next to each other with common boundaries, they need to be considered as one area.

Tournaments

1. What is the definition of a tournament?

Per the [Nevada Guidance for Adult and Youth Sports](#) dated March 30, 2021, a "tournament" refers to a competition involving a relatively large number of competitors, all participating in a series of sport or game, and concentrated into a relatively short time interval.

2. **Can out-of-state teams come to Nevada for tournaments?** Yes
3. **Which sports are allowed for tournaments?**
Any sport may conduct tournaments but full-contact sports must have a testing and mitigation plan as required by [Directive 042](#).
4. **What dates for tournaments will be considered?**
The Department of Business and Industry will consider tournaments scheduled through June 30, 2021, as long as the plan is received by April 30, 2021. Pursuant to [Nevada's Roadmap to Recovery Transition Plan](#), the plan is to transition approval of tournaments to local authority beginning May 1, 2021.
5. **How do I apply to host a tournament?**
For each tournament, the sponsor must fill in all elements of the Adult and Youth Sports COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan Checklist directly on the form. Answers should be in red. Do not refer to page numbers in a separate plan. Refer to the [Nevada Guidance for Adult and Youth Sports](#) dated March 30, 2021 for all the required elements. Submit the checklist to COVID19Plans@dir.nv.gov. A permit is also needed from the local jurisdiction that owns and maintains the fields.

League Play

1. **Can leagues continue to submit plans for approval to the Department of Business and Industry?**
Yes, plans can continue to be submitted through April 30, 2021. Pursuant to [Nevada's Roadmap to Recovery Transition Plan](#), the plan is to transition approval of league play to local authority beginning May 1, 2021.
2. **Is the Adult and Youth Sports COVID-19 Preparedness & Safety Plan Checklist required?**
Yes, each league must fill in all elements of the checklist directly on the form. Answers should be in red. Do not refer to page numbers in a separate plan. Refer to the [Nevada Guidance for Adult and Youth Sports](#) dated March 30, 2021 for all the required elements. Submit the checklist to COVID19Plans@dir.nv.gov. A permit is also needed from the local jurisdiction that owns and maintains the fields.
3. **Can spectators stay in the parking lot?**
Yes, but they need to remain in their cars and cannot tailgate or create a gathering in the parking lot. The league is responsible for monitoring the parking area(s) to ensure that a gathering is not occurring.
4. **Do players need to wear face coverings while playing?**
No. Face covering requirements have not changed. See Directive 34 face covering requirements for players, coaches, officials, and spectators.
5. **Can leagues or clubs play teams outside their organization?**
No. This means that games and scrimmages may only occur within a specified league.
6. **If a league has an approved plan, can it add new fields or facilities?**
Adding fields or facilities needs to be approved by the Department of Business and Industry as well as the local jurisdiction. A revised plan must be submitted that includes maps of all fields that need to be used.

Running Events

1. May running events be approved?

Yes, running events may submit a plan to the Department of Business and Industry for approval.

2. Can running events be set up with different cohorts of the maximum number of people?

Yes, but the plan needs to include sufficient time between cohorts so that the cohorts will not intermingle. People from the first group need to be off site before the next group arrives at the finish line.

NIAA Sports

1. Does the Department of Business and Industry approve high school sports under the jurisdiction of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA)?

No. Refer to Section 6 of [Directive 38](#) for requirements.

Responsibilities of local jurisdictions

1. Ensure that leagues that rent fields and facilities have a plan approved by the Department of Business and Industry.
2. Monitor leagues to ensure they are following all elements of their plans and that gatherings are not occurring in parking lots.
3. Rescind permits for leagues that do not follow their approved plans.
4. Monitor parks with open areas that are not rented out to ensure sports teams that are practicing are following all the requirements in Directive 34 and Directive 37.
5. Ensure that parks and facilities are not being used for full contact sports prohibited by Directive 34.