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Statewide Reopening Guidance — Professional Sports, Semi-Professional/Minor League Sports and Collegiate Sports Limited Return to Play

Authority: Executive Order No. 20-66, ORS 433.441, ORS 433.443, ORS 431A.010

Enforcement: To the extent this guidance requires compliance with certain provisions, it is enforceable as specified in Executive Order No. 20-66, paragraph 10.

Applicability: This guidance applies statewide to professional sports teams and institutions, semi-professional/minor league teams and institutions and collegiate sports teams and institutions for practice, training and play.

Note: The Interim Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals applies to this Sector Guidance. Professional, Semi-Professional/Minor League Sports and collegiate sports teams and institutions may permit fully vaccinated individuals to enter without masks or face coverings in accordance with the Interim Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals.

Note: The Statewide Masks, Face Covering, Face Shields Guidance was revised on May 18, 2021, loosening some mask requirements. Professional, Semi-Professional/Minor League Sports and collegiate sports teams and institutions are not required to comply with mask, face covering, or face shield restrictions in this Sector Guidance to the extent they are more restrictive than the requirements in the revised Statewide Masks, Face Covering, Face Shields Guidance. For example, if this Sector Guidance refers to a requirement to wear a mask outdoors, the requirement has been superseded by the Statewide Masks, Face Covering, Face Shields Guidance and is no longer effective.

Professional and Semi-Professional/Minor League Sports:

Professional and Semi-Professional/Minor League Sports teams wishing to train and play in the State of Oregon shall submit protocols to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Governor’s office to ensure training, competition and play is in alignment with all public health guidance and county phase requirements. Training, competition and play cannot resume until protocols are reviewed and approved by the Governor’s Office and OHA.

Professional and Semi-Professional/Minor League Sports that are practiced and played within the State of Oregon are exempt from all other sports guidance issued and professional sports are expected to adhere to the standards developed by each of their leagues around practice, playing, contact tracing, testing, quarantine and any other applicable area of consideration, including protocols approved by OHA and Governor’s Office.
Collegiate Sports Institutions

Collegiate sports teams wishing to play in the State of Oregon must submit protocols to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Governor’s office to ensure training, competition and play aligns with all public health guidance and county phase requirements. Training, competition and play cannot resume until protocols are reviewed and approved by the Governor’s office and OHA.

Collegiate sports that are practiced and played within the State of Oregon are exempt from all other sports guidance issued. Collegiate sports teams are expected to adhere to the standards developed by each of their leagues around practice, playing, contact tracing, testing, quarantine and any other applicable area of consideration, including protocols approved by OHA and Governor’s Office.

Capacity Limits for Spectators

Teams and institutions that submit protocols that include plans for spectators must ensure that the plans clearly delineate the numbers of spectators from the numbers required for operations (e.g. players, coaches, other staff).

Indoor Sports

Professional, Semi-Professional/Minor League Sports and collegiate sports teams are required to:

- Ensure spectator capacity does not exceed the capacity limits for Indoor Entertainment Establishments based on the designated risk level of the county where the sporting event occurs.
- Comply with the Indoor Entertainment Establishments Guidance, as applicable, in spectator areas.
- Ensure spectators are in a designated area that is at least six (6) feet from the sports activities.
- Ensure that the designated spectator area has separate entrances, exits and restrooms from the sporting event participants (e.g. players and coaches).
- Assign a physical distancing monitor or monitors to ensure compliance with distancing requirements in spectator areas.

Players, coaches and officials do not count towards the spectator capacity limit.

Outdoor Sports

Professional, Semi-Professional/Minor League Sports and collegiate sports teams are required to:

- Ensure spectator capacity does not exceed the capacity limits for Outdoor Entertainment Establishments based on the designated risk level of the county where the sporting event occurs.
- Comply with the Outdoor Entertainment Establishments Guidance, as applicable, in spectator areas.
- Ensure spectators are in a designated area that is at least six (6) feet from the sports activities.
- Ensure that the designated spectator area has separate entrances, exits and restrooms from the sporting event participants (e.g. players and coaches).
• Assign a physical distancing monitor or monitors to ensure compliance with distancing requirements in spectator areas.

Players, coaches and officials do not count towards the spectator capacity limit.

**Additional Resources:**

• [Signs you can post](#)
• [Interim Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals](#)
• [Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance](#)

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