



AGENDA

IRVINE SPORTS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2021
7:00 PM

Webex Meeting

IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY MESSAGE REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN IRVINE SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS, AND RESULTING ORDERS AND DIRECTION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND THE ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, AS WELL AS THE CITY OF IRVINE EMERGENCY DECLARATION, THE PUBLIC WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PHYSICALLY ATTEND THE IRVINE SPORTS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING TO WHICH THIS AGENDA APPLIES.

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	AYSO Region 213*	Doug Birozy
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Baseball Club	Eric Spivey
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Dolphins Baseball Club	Charles Yoon
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Soccer Academy*	Frank Fortier
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Girls Softball Association*	Brian Tatro
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Knights Baseball Club	Dick Owens
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Pony Baseball*	Eric Gourley
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Ranch Little League*	John Grijalva
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Travel Softball*	Chris Dallas

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Irvine Youth Football*	Paul King
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Liverpool FC Int'l. Academy*	Dave Brown
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Northwood Little League*	Eddie Ollmann
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	OC Fury Youth Baseball	Ryan Wood
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Orange County United FC	Bart Hess
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Rox Baseball*	Michelle McNab
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Ryan Lemmon Foundation	Larry Michaels
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Simply Pure Baseball	Edward Park
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	So Cal Elite Sports, Basketball	Cary Lambeth
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Matt Leinart Flag Football*	Ryan Bertoni
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Strikers FC Irvine*	Don Ebert
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Southern California Youth Cricket Association*	Shantha Suraweera
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Pateadores Irvine*	Ben Forey
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Member-At-Large*	Phil Wang
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Member-At-Large*	Faruk Bhagani
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Member-At-Large*	Miriam Gelfand
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Member-At-Large*	Kenton Fibel
VICE CHAIR:	So Cal Elite Sports, Volleyball*	Cary Lambeth
CHAIR:	VACANT	

*Voting Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public may address the Board on items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, but which are not listed on the Agenda during Public Comments. However, no action may be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. Public Comments are scheduled for 30 minutes and are limited to 3 minutes per person.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR AND INDOOR YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL ADULT SPORTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Consideration and discussion of the California Department of Public Health guidelines for Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports.
2. Direct Irvine Sports Committee Vice Chair to provide recommendations from Irvine Sports Committee to the Community Service Commission for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Irvine Sports Committee regular meeting, April 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m., Quail Hill Community Center, Multipurpose Room, 39 Shady Canyon, Irvine, California.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

At 11:00 p.m., the Irvine Sports Committee will determine which of the remaining agenda items can be considered and acted upon prior to 12:00 midnight and will continue all other items on which additional time is required until a future Sports Committee meeting. All meetings are scheduled to terminate at 12:00 midnight.

STAFF REPORTS

If you have any questions regarding any item of business on the agenda for this meeting, or any of the staff reports or other documentation relating to any agenda item, please contact Irvine Sports Committee liaison at (949) 724-6615.

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Written Materials/Handouts:

Any member of the public who desires to submit documentation in hard copy form may do so prior to the meeting or at the time he/she addresses the Irvine Sports Committee. Please provide 15 copies of the information to be submitted and file with the Recording Secretary at the time of arrival to the meeting. This information will be disseminated to the Irvine Sports Committee at the time testimony is given.

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: It is the intention of the City of Irvine to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the City of Irvine will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact Irvine Sports Committee liaison at 949-724-6615 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible. Please advise us at the time if you will need accommodations to attend or participate in meetings on a regular basis.

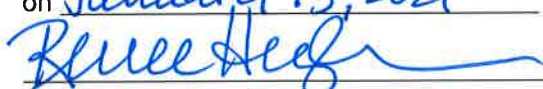
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MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular meetings of the Irvine Sports Committee are held on the second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. The Irvine Sports Committee Agenda is posted in the Police Department and on the City's web page at cityofirvine.org.

I hereby certify that the agenda for the Irvine Sports Committee meeting was posted at the main entrance of City Hall and in the posting book located in the Public Safety Lobby, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California, on January 13, 2021 by 6:45 pm as well as on the City's website.


Sports Committee Liaison

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

ITEM 1

**CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER FROM
THE IRVINE SPORTS COMMITTEE TO
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH**



REQUEST FOR IRVINE SPORTS COMMITTEE ACTION

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 14, 2021

TITLE: CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR
AND INDOOR YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL ADULT SPORTS

 FOR PAMELA BAIRD
Director of Community Services

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Consideration and discussion of the California Department of Public Health guidelines for Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports.
2. Direct Irvine Sports Committee Vice Chair to provide recommendations from Irvine Sports Committee to the Community Services Commission for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the regularly scheduled Irvine Sports Committee (Committee) meeting on January 12, 2021, the Committee requested to hold a Special Meeting to be held on January 14, 2021 to discuss the Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports guidelines issued by the California Department of Public Health

To conform with Brown Act requirements, a vote was taken among voting Committee members to address this request. The action was approved by a majority of the Committee Members for the Special Meeting to be held on January 14, 2021.

ANALYSIS

The California Department of Public Health released guidance for *Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports* on December 14, 2020. This guidance applies to all organized youth sports – including school and community sponsored programs, privately-organized clubs and leagues, and adult recreation sports.

The California Department of Public Health in its guidance entitled *Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports*, states the following:

- *Physical Conditioning, practice, skill-building, and training that can be conducted outdoors, with 6 feet of physical distancing, and within stable cohorts are authorized regardless of county tier status. Such activities may be conducted indoors consistent with restrictions by Tier in the Gym & Fitness Center Guidance Capacity.*
- *In counties under the Regional Stay at Home Order, only activities consistent with the bullet immediately above are permitted, regardless of the county's tier stats.*

The *Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreation Adult Sports* also classifies sports by their level of contact and transmission risk. This classification applies to competition or training/practice with others. It does not apply to individual conditioning or exercise. The California Department of Public Health has identified a grouping of sports that fall within each classification.

The resumption of competition or training and practices is tied to the Tier system (i.e. Purple, Red, Orange, Yellow) which results in some sports not resuming until Orange County is within their specified Tier. For example, baseball and softball may resume in the Red Tier, while soccer and football may resume in the Orange Tier. A complete list of the classifications, sports, and tiers can be found in Attachment 1.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Committee may choose not to bring this item forward to the Community Services Commission for its consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no budgetary impact.

REPORT PREPARED BY: Steven Stewart, Community Services Superintendent

ATTACHMENT

California Department of Public Health, Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports



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State of California—Health and Human
Services Agency
**California Department of
Public Health**



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor

December 14, 2020

TO: All Californians

SUBJECT: Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports

Summary

COVID-19 continues to pose a severe risk to communities and requires all people in California to follow recommended precautions and adapt the way they live and function in light of this ongoing risk. This guidance provides direction on outdoor and indoor youth and recreational adult sports activities to support a safe environment for these sports. The guidance applies to all organized youth sports — including school- and community-sponsored programs, and privately-organized clubs and leagues — and adult recreational sports (hereafter youth and adult sports). This guidance does not apply to collegiate or professional sports.

Sports Risk Profiles

In general, the more people from outside their household with whom a person interacts, the closer the physical interaction is, the greater the physical exertion is, and the longer the interaction lasts, particularly when indoors, the higher the risk that a person with COVID-19 infection may spread it to others.

Youth and adult sports include varied activities that have different levels of risk for transmission of COVID-19. Outdoor activities that allow for consistent wearing of face coverings and physical distancing are lower risk than indoor activities that involve close contact between sports participants and high exertion that increases spread of exhaled particles and limits the ability to wear face coverings consistently. The competition between different teams also increases mixing across groups and outside of communities, which also contributes to the potential for spread of COVID-19 disease.

Youth and adult sports are classified below by their level of contact and transmission risk. This classification applies to competition or training/practice with others. It does not apply to individual conditioning or exercise.

- **Low-Contact Sports**

- Individual or small group sports where contact within six feet of other participants can be avoided. Some of these sports have relatively low exertion rates that allow for consistent wearing of face coverings when within six feet of other people.

ATTACHMENT

- **Moderate-Contact Sports**

- Team sports that can be played with only incidental or intermittent close contact between participants.

- **High-Contact Sports**

- Team sports with frequent or sustained close contact (and in many cases, face-to-face contact) between participants and high probability that respiratory particles will be transmitted between participants. Indoor sports are higher risk than outdoor sports due to reduced ventilation.

For examples of different levels of sports by risk, see table below.

- **Factors Affecting the Risk of Transmission**

- Risk increases for indoor activities; indoor sports are higher risk than outdoor sports due to reduced ventilation.
- Risk increases when face coverings are not worn, and physical distancing is not maintained.
- Risk increases with increasing levels of contact between participants; closer contact (particularly face-to-face contact), and the frequency and total duration of close contact, increases the risk that respiratory particles will be transmitted between participants.
- Risk increases with greater exertion levels; greater exertion increases the rate of breathing and the quantity of air that is inhaled and exhaled with every breath.
- Risk increases with mixing of cohorts and groups, particularly when from different communities (during or outside of sports play); mixing with more people increases the risk that an infectious person will be present.

General Guidance for Youth and Adult Sports Participants, Coaches, and Support Staff

Face Coverings

- Participants in youth and adults sports should wear face coverings when participating in the activity, even with heavy exertion as tolerated, both indoors and outdoors (unless the face covering could become a hazard), and face coverings must be worn when not participating in the activity (e.g., on the sidelines).¹
- Observers must wear face coverings indoors, and comply with the CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings, which broadly requires the use of face coverings for both members of the public and workers in all public and workplace settings.

Physical Distancing

- Participants in youth and adult sports should maintain at least six feet of distance from others to the maximum extent possible, including when on the sidelines. Coaches should avoid contact with participants, and facilitate physical distancing between participants to the maximum extent possible (e.g., staggered starts instead of mass starts for races).
- When observing, individuals must stay at least 6 feet from non-household members.

Hygiene and Equipment Sanitation

- Shared equipment should be cleaned and disinfected before use by another person, group, or team.
- When equipment is shared during an activity, participants should perform hand hygiene (wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer) before play, during breaks, at half time, and after the conclusion of the activity.
 - Balls or other objects or equipment can be touched by multiple players and used during practice and play if the above hand hygiene practices are followed.
- Drink bottles must not be shared, and other personal items and equipment should not be shared.

Cohorting

- Athletes and coaches should cohort by team, and refrain from participating with more than one team over the same season or time period (notwithstanding competitions permitted as outlined below).

Observers

- For youth sports (age 18 years and under), immediate household members may observe practices and games as needed for age-appropriate supervision, but observers should be limited to ensure physical distance can be maintained, reduce potential crowding, and maintain indoor and outdoor capacity limits allowed by Tiers.
- Observers must stay at least 6 feet from non-household members and wear face coverings.

Indoor Venues

- Limit indoor sports venue capacity for athletes, coaches, and observers to CDPH Gym & Fitness Center Guidance Capacity (25% in Tier 3 [Orange/Moderate], and 50% in Tier 4 [Yellow/Minimal]).
- Ventilation in indoor sports venues should be increased to the maximum extent possible.

Additional Recommendations

- For adult sports, spectators are not permitted at this time.
- Local health departments and school districts may have stricter rules and should be consulted to confirm what is allowed.

Permitted Youth and Recreational Adult Sports by County Tier

- Physical conditioning, practice, skill-building, and training that can be conducted outdoors, with 6 feet of physical distancing, and within stable cohorts are authorized regardless of county tier status. Such activities may be conducted indoors consistent with restrictions by Tier in the Gym & Fitness Center Guidance Capacity.
- In counties under the Regional Stay at Home Order, only activities consistent with the bullet immediately above are permitted, regardless of the county's tier status.
- The Table below provides information on which categories of competitions are permitted in each Tier.

- The Table is not exhaustive, but provides examples of sports with different levels of contact so that the level of risk and appropriate Tier can be assessed for other sports.

Inter-Team Competitions

- As transmission rates are increasing significantly in California, communities across California must act with caution and state agencies will carefully monitor epidemiological trends.
- Youth should limit their sport activities to their own households in counties under the Regional Stay at Home Order.
- Inter-team competitions (i.e., between two teams) will not be allowed in California until January 25, 2021, at the earliest, based on the guidelines outlined in this document. The return-to-competition date will be reassessed by January 4, 2021 based on California disease transmission trends and is subject to change at any time given the level of COVID-19 transmission in California.
- Teams must not participate in out-of-state tournaments; several multistate outbreaks have been reported in CA residents and around the nation.
- Inter-team competitions, meets, races, or similar events are authorized only if (a) both teams are located in the same county and the sport is authorized in the Table below; or (b) teams are located in immediately bordering counties and the sport is authorized in both counties in the Table below.
- The county-based authorizations outlined in the Table below applies to the locations/counties in which the teams, schools, clubs, leagues, and similar organizations are functionally based (e.g., where the players reside, where facilities are located, etc.).
- Any tournaments or events that involve more than two teams are not currently permitted in California. Exceptions may be made, with authorization from the local health department, for the following sports where individual competitors from multiple teams are routine: track and field; cross-country; golf; skiing/snowboarding; tennis; and swimming/diving.

Returning to sports after infection (1)

- Children and teens with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend practices or competition. They should consult their physician for testing and notify their coach, athletic trainer and/or school administrator of their symptoms.
- Youths recovering from COVID-19 will have different paths to return to sports based on the severity of their illness. Those who are asymptomatic or have mild symptoms should not exercise until cleared by a physician. See the American Academy of Pediatrics Interim Guidance on Return to Sports for additional guidance for more serious infections.

Table: Youth and Adult Recreational Sports* Permitted by Current Tier of County

Widespread Tier (Purple)	Substantial Tier (Red)	Moderate Tier (Orange)	Minimal Tier (Yellow)
1†	2†	3†	4†

Outdoor low-contact sports	Outdoor moderate-contact sports	Outdoor high-contact sports	Indoor moderate-contact sports
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery • Badminton • Biking • Bocce • Corn hole • Cross country • Dance (no contact) • Disc golf • Golf • Ice and roller skating (no contact) • Lawn bowling • Martial arts (no contact) • Physical training programs (e.g., yoga, Zumba, Tai chi) • Pickleball (singles) • Rowing/crew (with 1 person) • Running • Shuffleboard • Skeet shooting • Skiing and snowboarding • Snowshoeing • Swimming and diving • Tennis • Track and field • Walking and hiking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball • Cheerleading • Dodgeball • Field hockey • Gymnastics • Kickball • Lacrosse (girls/women) • Pickleball (doubles) • Softball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball • Football • Ice hockey • Lacrosse (boys/men) • Rugby • Rowing/crew (with 2 or more people) • Soccer • Volleyball • Water polo <p style="text-align: center;">Indoor low-contact sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badminton • Curling • Dance (no contact) • Gymnastics • Ice skating (individual) • Physical training • Pickleball (singles) • Swimming and diving • Tennis • Track and field • Volleyball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheerleading • Dance (intermittent contact) • Dodgeball • Kickball • Pickleball (doubles) • Racquetball • Squash <p style="text-align: center;">Indoor high-contact sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball • Boxing • Ice hockey • Ice skating (pairs) • Martial arts • Roller derby • Soccer • Water polo • Wrestling

*This Table is not exhaustive, but provides examples of sports with different levels of contact so that the level of risk and appropriate Tier can be assessed for other sports.

†All sports permitted in lower tiers, are also permitted in higher tiers.

¹<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-interim-guidance-return-to-sports/>

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