Louisiana YOUTH FOOTBALL™

GAME DAY EXPERIENCE

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

2022

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Dear Volunteers, Parents and Families,

As mentioned in previous written communications and in-person meetings, our priority over the past years were to enforce guidelines and procedures that would help us accomplish our ultimate goal of providing our participants a season with safety at the highest level of attention. We know the following will provide just that for all involved. In the following guidelines and procedures, you will find regulatory steps to be followed by every participant, from our administrative staff to the passionate fan. We know these steps are not so different from previous successful years of our program, but we wanted to reiterate our game day experience guidelines were built to definitely meet those challenges of the current times and state of our communities.

We continue taking these extra steps to support the safety of your children, your family, and our volunteers. Our goal is to minimize disruption, while at the same time keeping you, your family and our volunteers healthy and well. These are extraordinary times and we promise to be here for all of our participants. As always, “Membership Has Its’ Privileges”.

We promise to make your Game Day Experience a safe one. If everyone does their part, we will continue to provide one of the greatest youth football experiences in the country. We Are Louisiana Youth Football. We Built 4 This!

Sincerely,

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Our first and foremost goal is the SAFETY of all of our participants.

PURPOSE

These guidelines and procedures provide the guidance for student-athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and other people who will be participating in our Season XVIII – 2022 events. Louisiana Youth Football does not sanction any activities that do not adhere to these guidelines.

With observance of the current & upcoming guidelines provided by the CDC, the State of Louisiana, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), USA Football, and our facilities partner, BREC, we will continue updating our participants on the guidance for Louisiana Youth Sports Network (Louisiana Youth Football, Louisiana Youth Coaches' Alliance, Louisiana Youth Sports Officials, Louisiana Youth Cheerleading, Louisiana Youth Dance, Louisiana Youth Volleyball, and other programs) throughout the remainder of year 2022 as necessary. These guidelines will continue to take in account all the available safety measures to provide the most viable environment to conduct the safest programs possible.

There are NO EXCEPTIONS to these guidelines and procedures. Any violations of these guidelines and procedures will result in your expulsion from the stadium by law enforcement agents.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Louisiana Youth Football promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. Fans will conduct themselves with good sportsmanship to reflect the high standards of honor and dignity that characterize Louisiana Youth Football. Anyone associated with an athletic program or event should reflect respect, fairness, civility, responsibility, and courtesy to others. Profanity, vulgar cheers, intimidating actions, intoxication, belligerent or abusive behavior will not be tolerated. Fans attending Louisiana Youth Football events are expected to stay off the playing field, including after the game, and will not throw objects onto the field.

Positive support of the players, coaches, officials is strongly encouraged. Louisiana Youth Football expects positive behavior exhibited towards each other at every event. Please treat others with courtesy and respect. It is your responsibility to cheer your team on. You do this by performing cheers that UPLIFT your team & fans, NOT BELITTLE the other team & fans.

Any violation of this Code Of Conduct subjects you to removal from the venue, by Law Enforcement Agents.

Thank you for your cooperation.

GAME DAY EXPERIENCE – FANS (PUBLIC ATTENDEES)

- All stadiums will have designated Entry and Exit Gates for Fans, Student-Athletes, and Officials to ensure the flow of participants and increase safety. ***See Appendix I for Stadium Layouts.***
- Fans will Enter and Exit through the gate designated by their team's game status (Home/Away). See Appendix I for Stadium Layouts.
- There will be no entry or exit through the traditional middle Main gates at any stadium.
- Fans seating will be prohibited between the 40 yards lines at all stadiums.
- Fans seating will be prohibited in the first three (3) rows nearest the field at all stadiums to create a safety barrier for fans and field participants.
- Fans will be allowed seating in areas designated by their team's game status (Home/Away) only. Fans will not be allowed seating in any prohibited areas or opposing team's Fan seating section. ***See Appendix I for Stadium Layouts.***
- ALL attendees will be required to remain in the designated seating area except for visiting the restrooms or exiting the stadium. Freely roaming the stadium is prohibited. All minors must be accompanied by an adult.
- All restroom will follow the established social distancing protocols of six (6) feet separation. Restrooms will have a maximum capacity of five (5) at any time.
- NO food or drinks will be allowed inside any stadium.
- Fans will NOT be allowed on the field for any reason.
- No megaphones or speakers are allowed in the stands.

GAME DAY EXPERIENCE – STUDENT-ATHLETES (TEAMS/SQUADS)

- ALL participating Student-Athletes (Teams/Squads) will be required to Enter and Exit the stadium through their designated gate as a team and/or squad. NO individual entry will be allowed. Make sure you meet with your team and/or squad before your designated game time to ensure proper entry into the stadium. ***See Appendix I for Stadium Layouts***.
- The traditional pre-game check-in will occur with limited exposure. The check-in will require one (1) coach from the Home and Away teams.
- Helmet shields are strongly suggested for ALL football Student-Athletes. Shields must be securely attached to the helmet and meet NOCSAE standards. Shields will be allowed to be tinted.

- Cheer Student-Athletes Specifics:
    - Cheerleaders will be allowed on the field.
    - Cheer Squads (Student-Athletes) will be located on their team's sideline near their fan's seating area only. Cheer squads will be restricted to the area between the 10-yard line and 20-yard line.

GAME DAY EXPERIENCE – COACHES

- ALL participating Coaches will be required to Enter and Exit the stadium through their designated gate with their team and/or squad. NO individual entry will be allowed. Make sure you meet with your team and/or squad before your designated game time to ensure proper entry into the stadium. ***See Appendix I for Stadium Layouts***.
- ALL participating Coaches will be required to check-in and receive their respective teams wristband for the day.
- The sideline coaches' box will be extended from the 25-yard lines to the 15-yard lines to assist with meeting social distancing standards of six (6) feet apart.

GAME DAY EXPERIENCE – OFFICIALS / ADMINISTRATION STAFF

- ALL participating Officials / Administration Staff will be required to Enter and Exit the stadium through their designated gate. ***See Appendix I for Stadium Layouts***.
- ALL Chain Crews will consist of Officials or Adults (Visiting Team Supplied) only. NO kids shall be allowed on the field nor as part of the chain crew.
- ALL Officials / Administration Staff shall maintain social distancing while working in the Press Box area. Other than the assigned Law Enforcement Agent, no more than three (3) Officials / Administration Staff will be allowed in the Press Box. NO Fans will be allowed in the Press Box. Coaches video recording games will NOT be allowed in the Press Box.

GAME DAY EXPERIENCE – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS

- At least one (1) Law Enforcement Agent will be stationed at each gate in the stadium throughout the day of events. ***See Appendix I for Stadium Layouts***.
- The Law Enforcement Agents assigned to the gates will regulate the flow of traffic by attendees to Enter and Exit the stadium through their designated gate. ***See Appendix I for Stadium Layouts***.

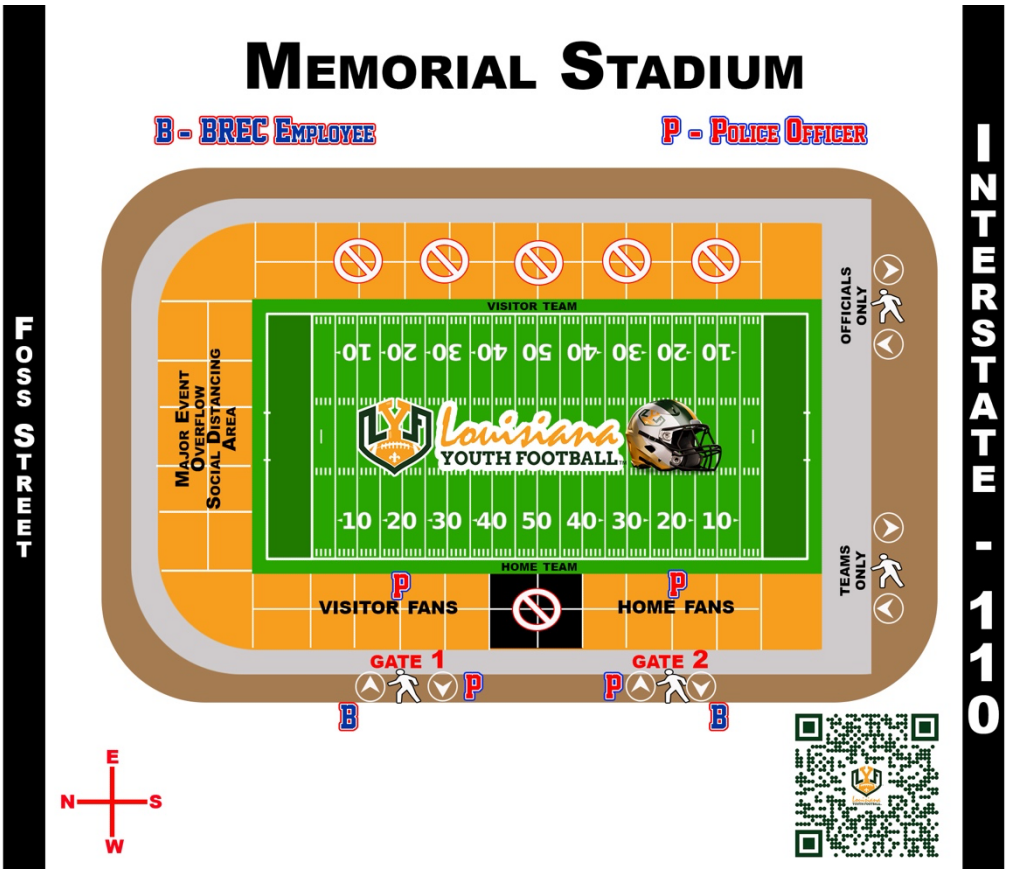
- Two (2) Law Enforcement Agents will be assigned to the inside of the stadium. Each will be responsible for maintaining distancing by attendees on their respective side of the stadium (Home/Visitor).

- One (1) Law Enforcement Agent may be assigned to the Press Box to maintain skyline visibility of both sides of the stadium.

APPENDIX I

Stadium Layouts

Memorial Stadium



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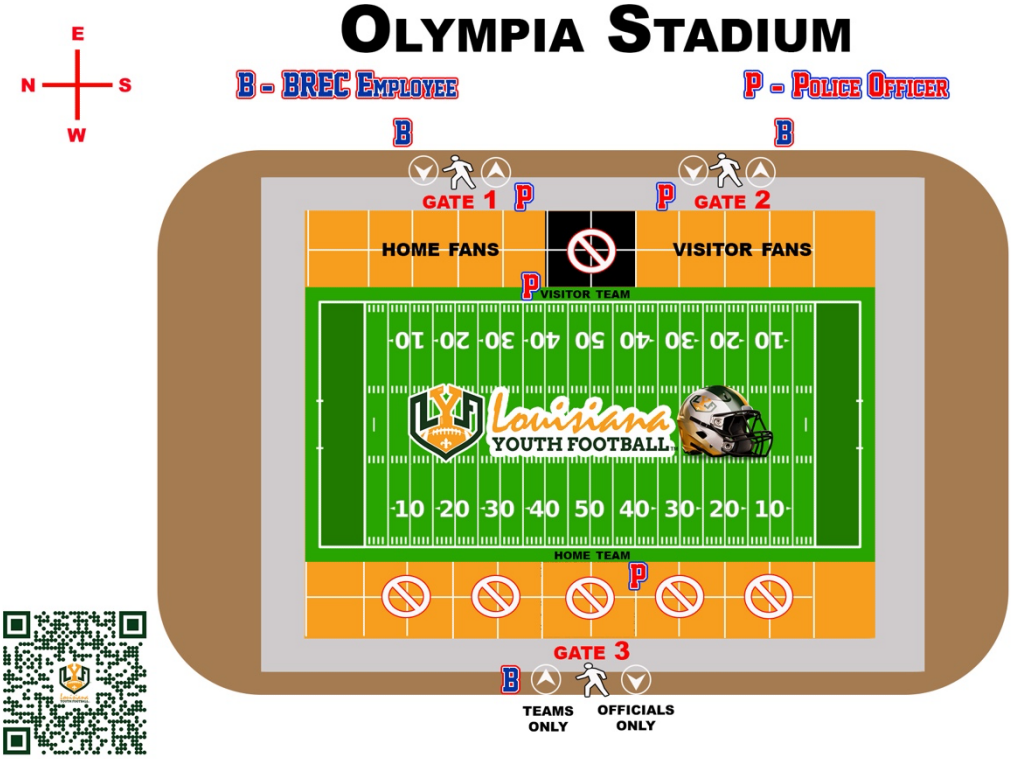

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