

Due to concerns surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and other health authorities, ISA is implementing some new, mandatory health and safety procedures as part of a proactive approach to preventing the spread of germs.

ISA's primary concern is the health and welfare of players, officials and their families.

Therefore, ISA is adopting these new measures effective immediately. We cannot stress enough how vital it is that all ISA Directors, Umpires, Staff, Workers and Participants adhere to these guidelines.

"No-Handshake/Contact" Policy

ISA is immediately instituting a precautionary "no-contact, no-handshake policy" to be observed at every level of the organization until further notice. This includes all physical contact and extends to customary game-related activities, such as umpire-coach introductions, and post-game handshakes between members of opposing teams. Instead, staff, players and coaches should verbally "good game," without shaking hands, high-fiving or fist-bumping, etc.

Maintain Good Hygiene Practices

All ISA Directors, Umpires and Staff workers and participants in ISA-sanctioned events should be aware of the coronavirus risk and take the necessary precautions to avoid exposure to germs. This includes maintaining good hygiene practices. We strongly recommend the following:

- Wash your hands often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol; this is suggested after any physical contact with another person or with a shared surface.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose – with a tissue, if possible – when coughing or sneezing, then properly discard the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid close contact with anyone else who is coughing or sneezing or who is otherwise sick
- Clean or disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

We appreciate your cooperation in following these new procedures as we work together to maintain the highest health and safety standards.

Below is a link that you can visit for updated info on the COVID-19 from the CDC...

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

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