



Toronto Ultimate Club

COVID-19 Return to Play Rules

We will be following the USAU 11th Edition Rules with the following changes (updating to the USAU 2020 rules will happen at some point in the future. Contact is not required to call a dangerous play, but also, please stop well shy of making dangerous plays).

1. Condensed Rules Summary:

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 - a. Silent first 5 stalls
 - b. Minimum 1 metre mark
 - c. Pre-arrival & On-field symptom check
 - d. Mandatory attendance for contact tracing
 - e. Equipment sanitizing guides and schedules
 - f. No handshakes or huddles
 - g. Roster limits of 12, with 4 teams per location (Cohorts under 50 people)
2. Safety over competitiveness
3. No pressure to participate

2. Game Rule Changes:

1. Members are reminded that Ultimate is a non-contact sport and risk of contact should be avoided at all times.
2. **Marking:**
 - a. **Silent Stalls:** The marker must announce when they start the count by stating “stalling”. Effort should be made to make this announcement and any subsequent stall counts away from the thrower’s face, and just loud enough that the thrower can hear (not shouting).
 - i. **The mark will then count stalls 1-5 silently (in their head).** The marker will announce once they reach Stall 6 and will continue to count aloud until Stall 10.
 - b. **Disc-space:** The mark must provide 1 metre in disc-space (approx. 3 discs wide). Players are encouraged to mark even further away.
3. **Masks:** Masks are not mandatory, but they are certainly welcome and encouraged. In our sessions so far, we have found that many players will wear a mask to arrive, and to warm up, but as the intensity picks up, they remove their mask.
4. **Spirit Timeout:** Similar to an injury call, any player at any time can call a Spirit Timeout to stop play if they are no longer comfortable playing due to players not



respecting the new rule adaptations for Stage 3. This timeout must only be called with Spirit of the Game in mind. Captains are encouraged to discuss the issue(s) at hand and resolve them amicably. If teams are unable to come to a resolution, the game ends immediately without a score. Captains must email the league to discuss the incident. Recurrent issues with players/teams not respecting the new adaptations for Stage 3, may be subject to disciplinary sanctions.

5. **Disc Swap:** At half-time, teams must swap out the disc used for the first half with a newly sanitized disc. Teams are encouraged to swap out discs or re-sanitize discs often.
6. **Default Suspensions:** For summer 2020, TUC will not be enforcing the default suspensions policy. Teams are encouraged to communicate with each other prior to the game to discuss alternative arrangements.
7. **Equipment:**
 - a. Each team captain must bring 1 sanitized regulation playing disc.
 - b. The home team captain is responsible for bringing sanitized cones and setting up the field.
 - c. Participants must not share general equipment, such as water bottles, jerseys, or gloves.
 - d. Participants should not bring communal supplies (e.g., snacks).

3. League Rule Changes:

1. Teams will consist of no more than 12 participants. Teams will be grouped into divisions of 4 based on skill level and geography.
2. Divisions will remain consistent (i.e. same group of participants) during Stage 3.
3. Teams will not be allowed to bring spare players outside of its league. If teams are missing players, they are encouraged to play a shorter bench, small game size (4v4), or borrow players from the opposing team.
4. If a player is permanently injured, they can be replaced by a full-time substitute
5. Teams should avoid physical celebrations like post-game high fives and group activities in close proximity, such as spirit circles and team huddles.

4. Sideline and Spectators:

1. Spectators may not enter the ultimate field (110x40 yards).
2. When parents bring their child to the league game or training session, they should always maintain a 2 metre distance from others.
3. Parents should watch from outside the ultimate field (e.g. unused adjacent field away from sideline) or relax in the parking lot.
4. If a field shares a sideline with another field, neither group should use the communal sideline.



5. If opposing teams must share one sideline, they should not “walk the sideline” and stay on their half of the field.

5. Health Checks & Sanitizing

1. Captains and coaches must take weekly attendance by using Zuluru's/Javelin attendance tracker. Captains can review and modify their team's attendance after the game.
2. Captains and coaches will perform brief health checks before starting each group training.
3. All participants and coaches will be required to sanitize their hands before each league game or group training. It is recommended to sanitize during and after training as well. Participants should refrain from touching their face while playing.
4. **If you or a family member contracts COVID-19, inform TUC by email (wellness@tuc.org) or telephone (416-461-0882).**

6. Resources

1. Ultimate Canada Return to Play Guidelines
2. [Toronto Ultimate Club Safe Return to Play - COVID-19 Guidelines - Working Document](#)
3. [Government of Ontario. July 13, 2020. A Framework for Reopening our Province - Stage 3.](#)