

NIRSA Championship Series – 2021 Covid-19 Safety Guidelines

Based on recommendations by the American College Health Association (ACHA) the 2021 NIRSA Championship Series will use the following guidelines during the 2021 fall tournaments for **players, coaches, staff, volunteers, officials, and spectators**. Tournament Hosts may include additional COVID-19 safety protocol required by local/state public health department that aren't included in these guidelines since there is continually changing COVID-19 situations across the US.

- Require EITHER proof of full vaccination (2 weeks after final dose) OR a negative (nucleic acid RT-PCR) test result from a test taken within 72 hours of the first day of competition.
 - NIRSA and tournament hosts will not be providing or paying for tests.
 - Players should consult student health services for vaccination sites and local testing locations.
- Complete a daily health pledge/screen at the tournament to include: have not tested positive or exposed to anyone testing positive in last 14 days; have not experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 48 hours (e.g., a fever of 100.4F or higher, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking muscle pain/achiness, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, nasal congestion, runny nose, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue or any other symptoms associated with COVID-19 identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) in the past 48 hours; have not traveled to any international territory identified by federal or applicable state or local governments as being subject to travel or quarantine advisories due to COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

Each team shall be responsible for completing the **NIRSA Championship Series Safety Guidelines Form** that will include:

Acknowledging the outlined vaccination/testing and daily health screen requirements of all tournament participants including team members, coaches, spectators, and tournament personnel.

Acknowledging that medical personnel (athletic trainers) on site for the events do not have capability for case investigation or contact tracing on site.

Informing appropriate University personnel of the team's traveling party (members), dates and method of travel, and safety precautions undertaken to maximize the health & wellbeing of participants and attendees.

Acquiring contact information including phone number and email address for University personnel and providing similar contact information for the tournament host, for each to utilize in case of an emergency.

A copy of the completed NIRSA Championship Series Safety Guidelines Form shall be left with appropriate University personnel. An additional copy shall be brought to the tournament site to be provided to tournament staff upon request.

- Participants, officials, staff, volunteers and spectators should wear mask during use of all mass transit (airplanes/airports, buses, trams, etc) traveling to the tournament.

- In order to protect the health and safety of all participants and staff, any deviation from the required steps and health behaviors will result in immediate removal from the competition and the venue.
- Any individual who is ill with symptoms consistent with or suggestive of COVID-19 at the time of the event should not come to the venue or attempt to participate in the event.