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Practices

What does a modified pod practice and/or conditioning look like for your group?

We're small enough to continue practice in our normal size group. If we grow large enough, we can split it up into two different days or split our field in two. We will create a plan of distance playing. This would include throwing and running drills while trying to maintain some distance between people. If contact does occur, we would ask or suggest that the people who had contact re-sanitize before resuming play. Another, area we are looking into is highly recommending face shields or coverings onto anyone who plays defense and is forced to be in close proximity to other players.

• Does your club have a direct relationship with a national umbrella organization? If so, what's your competition schedule projected to be this fall? Do they have any expectations for your operations that must be included in your planning?

We will be required to participate in at least one event by February. US Quidditch is also adhering to ADH guidelines and guidelines much like the University of Arkansas.

• What infrastructure will your organization put in place in order to meet the expectation that all in-person activities track attendance?

The club's Secretary will keep track of each person that attends practice and ensure that it is kept within guidelines.

Recruitment & Retention (enter your club's plan in the blank space below)

• What initiatives are essential to your organization's ability to pursue your mission?

We will continue to put up posters, do sidewalk chalk, do digital recruitment, and recruit in any way that allows us to do so without coming into contact with others. These will all have our contact information on them. We'll also try to participate in University activities that allow us to adhere to ADH guidelines.

• After reviewing the Safety Guidelines& Requirements, how will your club adjust recruitment and retention efforts?

We will follow through with the recruitment steps mentioned above. We are almost always able to retain members until they graduate as long as we're able to practice.

• What new risks might be associated with the way you typically conduct your operations? And how will you consider mitigating these risks? (Specific plans will be required for all in-person events/activities as they are scheduled).

Since Quidditch is a contact sport, it requires us to come in contact with one another. We also have to share equipment. We will recommend sports face masks to all members, and we will require everyone to wear sports gloves. We will sanitize all equipment with

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either sanitizing wipes or a sanitary spray before and after practice. We'll also take frequent breaks to wash hands and to give anyone wearing a mask to take a break. Once breaks are finished, we will ask all people in attendance to wash hands and sanitize with wipes or hand sanitizer. We also have enough room on our field that members will be able to social distance during breaks or when not actively participating in the sport. We will also ask everyone to bring their own water and not share. We will not provide water or drinks to help maintain sanitary environment.

• With reduced in-person experiences, how will your organization build and enhance connection and relationships between members?

We will hold Zoom get-togethers with online games that will allow us to continue spending time together outside of practice and to get to know each other.

• If your organization takes new members in the fall semester, how will you on-board these newest members AND build a sense of community with reduced in-person experiences?

We will have socially distanced ice breaker sessions before practice for any new members. We will also hold the Zoom get togethers mentioned above.

• How do you plan to communicate with members of your organization about the steps you will be taking to reduce risks?

We will write our plans down to put in the club GroupMe, as well as inform everyone at practice.

• How will you create expectations for membership responsibility and hold members (and officers) accountable if they don't adhere to your guidelines AND university guidelines while participating in club activities?

We'll ask them once to adhere to the guidelines that they will have already been informed of. After that, it's zero tolerance. We want to be able to conduct activities, and it wouldn't be fair to anyone to allow one member to bring an end to that.

• Are there organization requirements (from your bylaws) that you need to temporarily adjust/suspend for operations under pandemic conditions? (attendance, service hours, etc.)

Student who have chosen to participate in person will be expected to do so as often as they have said unless they choose to go remote. (i.e. not be sporadic/unreliable). Practice, meeting attendance, and games are the only attendance requirements we have. Once we are allowed to participate in competition, members will be expected to attend unless they have stated that they would optout of all competition due to COVID.