

Safe Play: Back to the Hardwood

Youth Basketball COVID-19 Return to Competition Safety Guidelines

Mandatory

Recommended Best Practices

FACILITIES

- Maximum of 250 people per area at any given time slot during competition—areas defined by distinct separation having it's own entry/exit
- Whenever possible, everyone should enter and exit through designated areas that are different from each other.
- All participants and spectators (players, coaches, officials, staff, spectators and game personnel) will be required to wear face coverings.
- Team personnel and officials are allowed to remove face coverings once on the court.
- Spectators must bring their own chair. Please ensure that the chair will not damage the floor.

- Leave some open court space in the facility to make it easier for spectators to practice social distance from another person.
- Operator should consider moving concessions stands outdoors (if possible) and to only sell pre-packaged items.
- Operator should have sanitizer and disinfectant available throughout the venue.
- As a general rule, follow the guidelines outlined by the hosting facility in terms of capacity and other social distancing measures.

ARRIVING AND LEAVING THE FACILITY

- **All attendees must maintain six feet distance, whenever possible from anyone outside their household**
- Participants should enter and leave the facility in a timely fashion and not congregate outside or inside facility. Following competition, they must leave facility immediately.
- Team meetings may not occur in the facility.

- Ridesharing should be kept at a minimum.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing, when soap and water is not available, is strongly recommended when arriving to and leaving the venue.
- Host should consider staggering game start times or clearing out the facility after each set of games.

GAMES

- **On-court competition will remain the same.**
- No handshake lines after games
- Game ball sanitized before, during and at the completion of the game.
- Each team is responsible for bringing hand sanitizing products.
- Huddles during pre-game, halftime, and timeouts should be properly distanced.
- Each team must sanitize the bench area before, during and after each game.
- Bench seating must allow for social distancing to take place.

- Each team is responsible for bringing hand sanitizing products to games.
- Hand Sanitizing is strongly recommended before, during and after games.
- Any bench personnel should wear face coverings.
- When contact takes place during a game, players and officials should resume physical distance as soon as possible following a play.

COACHES

- **Repeatedly remind players not to touch their faces.**
- Maximum of 3 coaches allowed on the bench for each team.
- Must conduct a daily symptom assessment and stay home if experiencing symptoms.
- No touch rule – coaches must refrain from high fives, handshake line, and any other physical contact with fellow coaches, opposing coaches, players, referees, and spectators.
- Coaches must wear face coverings while not actively participating on the court.

- Each team is responsible for bringing hand sanitizing products and use of sanitizer before, during and after competition is recommended.

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ATHLETES

- **Outside of your game-time, must maintain six feet distance, whenever possible, from any person outside of your household.**
- No sharing of food or drinks.
- Players must refrain from high fives, handshake line, and (outside of game-play) avoid any other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, referees, and spectators.
- Athletes must wear face coverings while not actively participating on the court.

- Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper sanitation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.
- Hand sanitizing is strongly recommended when you come off the floor during games

PARENTS, SPECTATORS & GAME PERSONNEL

- **Must maintain six feet distance from any other person, outside of your household.**
- Face coverings are required for the entire duration that you are inside the facility.
- Spectators must stand or bring their own chair while maintaining six feet distance. Please ensure that the chair will not damage the floor.
- Must conduct a daily symptom assessment and stay home if experiencing symptoms.

- Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is strongly recommended during the games.

OFFICIALS

- **All officials must maintain six feet distance, whenever possible, from another person**
- Must conduct a daily symptom assessment and stay home if experiencing symptoms.
- Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with any other person.
- No touch rule – referees must refrain from physical contact with coaches, players, and spectators.
- Officials must wear face coverings while not actively participating on the court.

- Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is strongly recommended during the games.

COMMUNICATION AND CONFIRMED CASES

- Each team must keep an accurate log of opponents including opposing coaches contact information. In the case of someone getting infected this document will be necessary for Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to perform contact tracing.
- Organizers must post these guidelines at their facilities, where applicable, and disseminate them to all coaches, officials, players, and parents.
- Organizers must contact the MDH about any suspected case of COVID-19 or known exposure.

- These guidelines should be communicated to all organizers for dissemination to coaches, officials, and parents and posted at facilities.
- Facility operators should post signage promoting physical distancing including directing foot traffic and outline spectator areas.
- Organizers should regularly communicate to their coaches, referees, players, and parents that they should stay home should they be experiencing any symptoms.

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Symptoms & Screening Assessment

Questions

- Do you have temperature of 100.4 (F) or higher?
- Do you have a new or worsening cough today?
- Do you have any of these other symptoms?
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

Requirements

- Conduct a screening assessment prior to arriving at the facility.
- If you answered “Yes” to having any of the symptoms listed, you must stay home.

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