

Returning to Basketball during COVID - 19

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Basketball Rules Considerations

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Team Benches - Site Administration

- Social distancing is imperative.
 - a. Limit the # of bench personnel to ensure 6 feet is maintained.
 - b. Additional chairs or rows can be added to ensure this spacing.
 - c. Limit contact between players at the table when substituting.
 - d. If space permits, both team benches can be opposite scorer's table. Players can stand at the division line opposite the scorers table to sub or use the endline to get to the table to sub.
 - e. ALL players, coaches, bench personnel, and table personnel MUST wear a mask covering the nose and mouth throughout the duration of the game, except during a mask break. Ask players/coaches to wear their mask properly. Notify the site administrator of further non-compliance and then your interpreter after the game.

Scorer's Table - Site Administration

- The home team is responsible for sanitizing table before the game.
- The table should be placed sufficiently away from sideline to allow space for substitutes.
- LIMIT the number of seats at the scorers table to allow for proper social distancing (i.e., Official Scorer and Official Timer).
- Other table personnel can be placed nearby and check scoring during dead ball situations (i.e., time outs and intermissions).
- ALL table personnel MUST wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth throughout the game.

Pre - Game Protocols

- Plan to arrive $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before game time. If you plan to arrive earlier, notify the school.
- Captain/Coaches meeting
 - a. Conduct the meeting at the center circle and limit attendees to the Referee and the Head coaches.
 - b. Each coach shall stand at the center circle on OPPOSITE sides of the division line.
 - c. All parties shall remain 6 feet OR more apart.
- No pre-game handshakes during introductions.
- The game and each overtime begins with a jump ball.
 - a. If both coaches agree to flip a coin instead of a jump ball to start the game/overtime, flip the coin.

Mask Breaks

- Breaks are 1 minute in length.
 - a. Stop play during the first dead ball **at or after** the 4 minute mark of EACH period.
 - b. Players/coaches must be at least 6 feet apart during these breaks.
 - c. Breaks are NOT to be used as instructional/coaching time (please remind the head coach at the coaches/captains meeting). If there is non-compliance, tell the team it is a mask break and not a timeout. If there is continued non-compliance, go to site administrator and notify your interpreter after the game. **USE COMMON SENSE.**
 - d. No restrictions on the color of mask used (Black recommended for officials).
- Officials have the discretion to stop the game at ANY time to address non-compliance and/or issues in adhering to the mask/face covering rule.
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- If any official needs a mask break to catch his/her breath, wait until the next dead ball.

Equipment and Accessories

- Game Ball

- a. The game ball must be sanitized before the game and provided to the officials.

(we recommend the use of two game balls)

- b. The game ball must NOT be used during warm-ups.

- c. The host school must ensure that the game ball is sanitized during time-outs and intermissions.

- d. Sanitizer should be provided by the host school at the scorer's table.

Officials Uniform and Equipment

- Long-sleeved t-shirts (BLACK recommended) are permissible.
- Gloves are permissible.
- Do NOT wear a pre-game jacket.
- Officials should come to the contest DRESSED and prepared to work (sneakers can be carried in a bag).
- Officials will NOT have access to a locker room or any private room for pre-game, halftime or post-game discussions, changing or showers.
- Electronic whistles are permissible but not recommended (check the tone/sound before the game if you use one).
- Officials MUST wear a mask/face covering to enter gym and for duration of time in the building other than the mask break.
- If you plan on wearing a gaiter, be prepared with a mask for those schools that prohibit gaiters.

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Other Considerations - Throw ins

- Officials **MAY** stand 6 feet or greater away from the player making the throw-in and bounce the ball to that player on **ALL** throw-ins.
- Officials may **NOT** bounce the ball to a player across the basket line for a throw-in.

Other Considerations - Free Throw Administration

- The LEAD official SHALL stand on the endline and bounce the ball to the free throw shooter.

Other Considerations - Time outs

- Coaches and teams are **STRONGLY** encouraged to separate players during timeouts. The court itself can be used to space out players.
- 30 second time out:
 - a. players must stand in the bench area and can extend into the free throw lane.
- 60 second time out:
 - b. players can be standing or sitting anywhere in the bench area and can extend into the free throw lane.

Halftime/Postgame Protocols

- At halftime, find a place away from people so that you can talk. It can be outside the gym in a hallway, if necessary.
- Leave the confines of the court at the end of the game with your belongings as quickly as you can.
- Teams are NOT permitted to shake hands at the end of the game.
- Officials will NOT be permitted to enter a locker room or any other private room for post-game discussions, changing and/or showers.

When in doubt, err
on the side of caution
to keep yourself and
others SAFE

Pertinent Information

- The CIAC is requesting that the governor classify officials and coaches in group 1B for vaccines.
- Comply with any request to complete simple Covid-19 screening questions. Most likely we all will get a temperature screening upon arrival.
- **DO NOT SIGN WAIVERS OR LIABILITY FORMS.**
- It is recommended that you self-assess regularly for safety purposes.
- If you test positive for Covid-19, contact your assignor immediately. Further protocol from there should follow health department guidelines.

What questions do you have?

