

National Travel Basketball Association (NTBA)

Guidelines for Tournament Play – Summer 2020

NTBA recognizes the value of team sports as it provides positive impacts to individuals both on and off the court. NTBA also recognizes the need for additional safety and health precautions needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The guidelines listed below are intended to balance the benefits of team sports with the needs for public health and safety. We need the full support and cooperation from all participants and their families regarding these guidelines as well as the policies set forth at each facility, and in each municipality, in order to help keep everyone safe. Failure to do so may result in your removal from the facility and/or event.

General Guidelines for Anyone Attending the Event

- NTBA strongly encourages everyone to wash hands as directed by the CDC and SCDHEC (or use proper hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol) before entering, during, and after leaving the facility.
- NTBA strongly encourages everyone to always practice good hygiene and follow the CDC guidelines.
- Parents (or coaches, as the case may be) should pre-screen their players before leaving home, hotel or residence each day. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If any player has a fever of 100.4 or higher, he/she should stay home, and the parent should: (i) contact their pediatrician; and (ii) contact their coach. The coach should then immediately communicate any such concern to the NTBA tournament director to discuss whether or not the team can safely return to participation in the tournament.
- NTBA strongly encourages all attendees to check their temperature prior to arriving at the facility. If you have an elevated temperature or exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 as set forth above, then you should not attend. Anyone that becomes ill at the facility will be asked to leave. Anyone that does not feel well should not attend any games or enter the facilities.
- The facility will not knowingly admit visitors who are currently displaying known COVID-19 symptoms, have been ill in the last 24 hours, or have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Spectators must adhere to current social distancing guidelines as set forth by the state, county or municipal governments, or the facility as the case may be.
- Spectators will need to pay close attention to any new enter and exit doors at each facility to allow for proper social distancing.
- Immediately after each game everyone must exit the facility so that the facility can be cleaned and sanitized before the next set of teams and spectators are allowed in for the next game.

- Masks are currently recommended as a safety precaution by the CDC. NTBA recommends that all spectators bring masks and wear them in public spaces in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

General Guidelines for Players and Coaches

- In addition to the standard NTBA Parent Waiver/Consent Form, all players must submit a fully executed COVID-19 Assumption of Risk form as directed upon the team's registration and check-in procedures.
- Players will need to bring their own personal water bottles as team water coolers and water fountains at the facilities will be not be allowed for use.
- Postgame handshakes will be removed.
- Players and Coaches, immediately after each game, should wash their hands or use proper hand sanitizer per CDC guidelines and then exit the facility immediately so that it can be cleaned and sanitized before the next team scheduled to play can enter. The facility will manage entrances and exits in a manner to encourage healthy social distancing.
- Mouthpieces are discouraged to decrease the exposure of saliva. If a player opts to wear a mouthpiece, coaches are expected to ensure that the player keeps it in their mouth for the duration of the game, to the extent practical.
- Assistant coaches and players are encouraged to wear cloth face mask on the bench when not playing.
- Players will be allowed to wear cloth face mask while playing if they choose.
- Coaches will be allowed to wear cloth face mask while coaching if they choose.
- Any post game team meeting with coaches and players will need to take place outside of the facility.
- Teams should bring a maximum of two basketballs in the facility for use. Make sure one of them is a quality game ball with the NFHS stamp of approval on it.
- NTBA will have a contact-free player check-in this year. ALL teams MUST register and get verified through National Sports ID (NSID) before arriving to Nationals. Links to register with NSID can be found on our website.

Other Procedures

- NTBA reserves the right to ask anyone to leave the facility.
- NTBA will have a designated Coronavirus Monitor appointed to advise players, coaches and spectators if proper social distancing and safety measure are not observed.
- Facilities are using the CDC, state, and local recommendations for cleaning. They have increased the frequency of cleaning of restrooms, food preparation and consumption spaces, and frequently touching countertops and doors with sanitizing solution.
- Additional hand sanitizing stations have been placed around the facility for your use.
- NTBA and each facility reserves the right to administer screening questions to any guest in order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- NTBA, along with the facility, is limiting both the number of teams playing in our events and the number of spectators allowed to watch in order to help with social distancing and other health procedures.
- Additional signage will be posted throughout each facility to help remind everyone of the new policies.
- NTBA will sanitize the basketball during halftime, before each game, and during other downtimes within each game.
- The facility will be deep cleaned and sanitized by the facility operator after each day of competition.
- Please do not arrive early for you game as you will not be allowed to enter the building in order for our staff the clean and sanitize the facility once everyone has cleared the building from the game prior. We expect you will be able to enter approximately 10-15 minutes before your game start time so please do not arrive any earlier than 20 minutes prior to your scheduled game time.
- All spectators must pay for admissions via credit card for a cashless payment system in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by passing cash back and forth to different people.

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