

## COVID-19 Youth Basketball Safety Precautions

Per guidance by our insurance company, CDC, NCDHHS and COVID-19 NFHS/NCHSAA Guidelines, the YMCA of Greater Charlotte will proceed with youth basketball under the following revised Covid-19 guidelines.

### Health Screening:

- All players and spectators will be temperature checked and asked to complete health screen form upon entry of facility.
- All coaches and officials will be temperature checked and will acknowledge health screen questions at membership desk.
- All coaches and officials must complete trainings including workplace guidelines and Covid-19 training.
- No one should attend practice or a game if not feeling well, has a fever, currently under a Quarantine, or has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days. (Follow our health screen form)
- Personal health and safety are the responsibility of all players, volunteers and spectators.
- If a positive COVID-19 test is reported to the YMCA, teams impacted will be notified, while keeping the individual's identity confidential.

### Face Coverings:

- Players do not need to wear facial coverings when actively involved in the game. They should be worn all other times, applies to players in grades K and up.
- Parents/Guardians must wear face coverings and sit socially distanced when watching games, and they should not be in attendance for practices. Consider limiting how many can come to a game - see below under facility.
- Coaches should wear face covering during games and practices and maintain social distance protocols.

### Officials:

- Face coverings must be worn at all times when not actively involved in the game. Should be worn when entering the building, upon arrival, leaving the locker room and during the entire pre-game activities. In addition, should be worn at halftime if/when returning to the floor through all halftime activities.
- Officials may wear a mask and /or gloves during competition, but will not be required by the NCHSAA. If a mask is worn, must be solid black or white, no logos...or, a medical cloth mask (blue/white). Gloves may be solid black, white, beige or clear.
- All officials do not have to match if masks / gloves are worn.
- Whistle Guards - The NCHSAA may require these if an official does not wear a mask.
- Officials may bounce the ball (stand 6 or greater from any player making a throw-in) on all throw-ins.
- Officials will bounce the ball to the free thrower from the end line, not from within the lane area.
- No pre-game or post-game handshakes will include players-to-officials, and officials-to-coaches.
- Eliminating the jump ball and awarding the visiting team first possession.
- Overtimes will start with a coin toss. These measures are to adhere to social distancing concerns.

- Pre-game Ceremonies/Announcements
- Officials will stand at the division line across from the benches during pregame introductions.
- Officials may bounce the ball (stand 6 or greater from any player making a throw-in) on all throw-ins.
- Officials will bounce the ball to the free thrower from the end line, not from within the lane area.

#### Facility:

- Chairs and bleachers will be marked specifically for social distancing and cleaned after each game.
- Basketball gym capacity will vary per location. We encourage only one spectator per athlete – we will continue to evaluate additional spectators as the season progresses.
- If locations allow, there will be specific entrance and exit locations.
- Facility restrooms will follow YMCA disinfection protocol on game day.
- There will be hand sanitizer provided at each field for players to use. It is recommended that each child wash their hands and/or sanitize prior to attending practices or games.

#### Players:

- Players should bring their own water bottles and not share water bottles and drink containers.
- Gum will not be allowed.
- Limited number of warm up basketballs will be provided & cleaned at each location.
- Individual players are discouraged from bringing their personal ball to games.
  - Game Balls will be cleaned at the end of each quarter, half time and after each game by Y Staff.
- Avoid having large group team meetings before or after the game. When meeting, practice social distancing.
- After the game, there will not be any handshakes, congratulation lines, or parent tunnels.
  - We encourage teams to be creative with fun ways to say “good game.”
- Post-Game snacks/drinks will be suspended until further notice.
- Uniforms should be washed as soon as possible after the game.
- To ensure participant health and safety, as well as enjoyment of our facilities and programs, we will continue to review and update these guidelines regularly to remain in line with federal, state and local guidelines.

Reference: COVID-19 NFHS/NCHSAA Guidelines, CDC, NCDHHS