



Protocols for Elementary School and Parish-Based Athletic Programs – Basketball

The following protocols are required to be implemented to the greatest degree possible by all Archdiocese of Milwaukee elementary school or parish-based basketball programs choosing to participate in any and all Archdiocese of Milwaukee approved athletic leagues during the 2020-2021 school year.

Failure to comply with these protocols may result in an individual team or entire school/parish-based program being disqualified from competition for the remainder of the 2020-2021 season.

- I. **COVID-19 Coordinator:**
 - a. Each program must designate a COVID Coordinator responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns.
 - b. All parents, players, coaches, and appropriate staff members should know who this is person is and how to contact him/her.
 - c. Train coaches, parents, and players on all safety protocols. Conduct training virtually or ensure social distancing is maintained during training.
 - d. Responsible for collecting and maintaining contact tracing form for every practice and game for all teams.
 - e. All coaches and players (with parent supervision) should screen themselves before attending each and every practice and game.
 - f. Any coach or player showing symptoms should not attend a practice or game.
 - g. A record must be kept of all individuals present at every team activity.

- II. **Student-players:** A student-player must be attending school or religious education in-person to be eligible to practice or play.
 - a. A student-player on quarantine may not practice or play during his/her quarantine period.

- III. **Facilities:**
 - a. All facilities must have an adequate air circulation/filter system.
 - b. COVID-19 signage should be posted in easily seen areas that promotes the implemented safety protocols.
 - c. There should be a designated entrance and a separate designated exit to the facility.
 - d. Sanitizing stations should be provided and clearly identified. Only approved sanitizer may be used.
 - e. Locker rooms should not be available for use.
 - f. A plan should be developed to allow for the use of restrooms that controls the number of individuals in the restroom at any one time and allows for proper social distancing.
 - g. Water fountains and similar should not be utilized.
 - i. A water refill station, if used, must be cleaned/disinfected frequently.
 - h. All basketballs and any other equipment used during a practice or game should be cleaned/disinfected prior to use, frequently during use, and after use.
 - i. ***The facility must be properly cleaned/disinfected after each practice session or game. This means all coaches, players, and other individuals present must vacate the facility***

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immediately – including areas outside of the gym – to allow for cleaning/disinfecting to occur.

IV. Practice-Specific:

- a. Coaches must wear masks at all times.
- b. Players must wear masks when
 - i. Entering and leaving the facility
 - ii. Receiving instruction for his/her coach
 - iii. Not participating in a drill or scrimmage
 - iv. Participating in an activity that requires little-to-no exertion
- c. Coaches must socially distance as much as is practical
- d. Players must socially distance as much as is practical
- e. Each player must bring his/her own water bottle.
 - i. Water bottles may not be shared.
- f. The facility must be properly cleaned/disinfected after each practice session. This means all coaches, players, and other individuals present must vacate the facility immediately – including areas outside of the gym – to allow for cleaning/disinfecting to occur.***
- g. Practice times must be staggered (20 – 30 minutes between practices) to allow for sufficient cleaning/disinfecting.

V. Game-Specific:

- a. Facilities still need to have a designated gym supervisor.
- b. Coaches and teams should not arrive more than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.
 - i. They may not enter the gym if the previous game is still in progress.
 - ii. Consideration must be given to keeping coaches and teams properly socially distanced in the even the previous game is still in progress when they arrive.
- c. Coaches must wear masks at all times.
- d. Players must wear masks when
 - i. Entering and leaving the facility
 - ii. Sitting on the bench
- e. Team bench areas must allow for proper social distancing.
- f. Only the official scorer and official timer may sit at the scorer's table. They must be masked at all times and at least six feet apart.
- g. Games officials must have an area where they can go between games that allows for the facility to be cleaned/disinfected and for them to be socially distanced.
- h. The facility must be properly cleaned/disinfected after each game. This means all coaches, players, and other individuals present must vacate the facility immediately – including areas outside of the gym – to allow for cleaning/disinfecting to occur.***
- i. Game times must be staggered (20 – 30 minutes between games) to allow for sufficient cleaning/disinfecting.

VI. Spectators: at this time we are recommending that no spectators be allowed in for games.

- a. If spectators were to be allowed:
 - i. Facility capacity would need to be determined – how many would be able to fit and maintain social distancing for all.
 - ii. Each player family would be eligible for two game tickets, unless facility capacity does not allow for that many.

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- iii. A ticket distribution system would need to be established.
 - 1. Tickets handed out prior to the game
 - 2. Tickets collected at the door
 - 3. Name of person attending recorded – for contact tracing requirements
 - iv. If admission were to be charged – how would this be collected?
 - v. All spectators must wear masks at all times.
- VII. **Concessions:** at this time we are recommending no concessions be allowed.
- a. If concessions were to be allowed:
 - i. Only pre-packaged items would be allowed.
 - ii. All concession stand personnel must wear masks at all times.
 - iii. A 'traffic flow' pattern must be developed to maintain social distancing requirements.

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