



## **2020-21 BASKETBALL GUIDELINES & COVID-19 MODIFICATIONS**

### **Foundational Statement**

The following guidelines and modifications were created to allow for the safe participation of student-athletes during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The following guidelines follow best practices and recommendations from the CIF, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), and will continue to remain within the scope of all state public health orders. The suggested NFHS modifications are recommendations only and not to be considered mandatory rule changes.

### **General Guidelines**

- Masks are recommended to be worn at all times by all individuals participating in the activity, even with heavy exertion as tolerated.
- Social distancing measures shall be in place at all times other than when engaged in competition.

### **Event Limitations**

- 28 games permitted during the season.
- Adhere to local county guidelines.

### **Pre-Game Conference**

- Limit attendees to the referee and the head coach from each team with each coach standing on the center circle on each side of the division line.
- All individuals maintain a social distance of 6-feet or greater at the center circle.
- Suspend handshakes prior to and following the Pregame Conference.

### **Team Benches**

- Limit the number of bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6-feet or greater.
- Place team benches opposite the spectator seating whenever possible.
- Additional chairs or rows may be added to allow bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6-feet or greater.
- Personnel not in the game should adhere to any required local/state face covering requirements.

### **Substitution Procedures**

- Maintain social distancing of 6-feet between the second referee and the player and limit contact between players when substituting.

### **Officials' Table**

- The host should sanitize the table before the game and at half-time.
- Place officials table sufficiently away from the sideline to allow for additional space for substitutes.
- Limit to essential personnel which includes home team scorer and shot clock timer with a distance of 6-feet between individuals.
- Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not deemed essential personnel and will need to find an alternative location.
- Table personnel should adhere to any required local/state face covering requirements.

### **Pre/Post-Game Ceremony**

- Replace handshakes before and after the match with a social distance acknowledgment of the team's choosing.

### **Basketball Sanitation**

- Ball given to officials in the locker room, where it is sanitized as recommended by the ball manufacturer and not used for warm-ups. Game ball should be cleaned at the end of each quarter.

### **Equipment & Accessories**

- Permissible face coverings are required to be worn at all times by all attendees present.
- Gloves are permissible.
- Players shall utilize their own equipment bin for all personal gear on the sideline.

### **Water Bottles & Hydration Stations**

- Team members shall not share water bottles.
- Hydration stations may be utilized but shall be touched only by a single appointed monitor.

### **Officials' Uniform & Equipment**

- By state association adoption, long-sleeved shirts are permissible. (5-1-3)
- Officials should not be required to wear jackets during pre-game court/player observation.
- Electronic whistles are permissible (supplies are limited). Choose a whistle whose tone will carry inside. Check the market for choices. Permissible face coverings are permissible.
- Gloves are permissible.

### **State Championships**

- Qualifying teams reduced to eight (8) per division.
- All games played at host school sites.
- Championship shall be single elimination.
- Awards ceremonies will be limited to ensure safe social distancing and to minimize mass gatherings.

