

# COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for Games and Events

## Grand Rapids Area Basketball Association

GRABA is committed to providing a safe and healthy facility for all our athletes, coaches, board members, referees, and spectators. To ensure we have a safe and healthy facility, GRABA has developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for games and events. Athletes, coaches, board members, referees, and spectators are all responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our facilities and communities, and that requires full cooperation among our participants. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of all persons in our facilities.

The COVID-19 Preparedness Plan is administered by the GRABA COVID Compliance Coordinator, who maintains the overall authority and responsibility for the plan. However, board members are equally responsible for supporting, implementing, complying with and providing recommendations to further improve all aspects of this COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. GRABA's board members have our full support in enforcing the provisions of this plan.

Our athletes, coaches and referees are our most important assets. GRABA is serious about safety and health and protecting all members of our organization. Involvement is essential in developing and implementing a successful COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. We have involved our board members in this process by: reviewing requirements from ISD 318, the state of MN, and all other resources available to us.

GRABA's COVID-19 Preparedness Plan follows the industry guidance developed by the state of Minnesota, available at the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>), which is based upon Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines for COVID-19, Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MNOSHA) statutes, rules and standards, and Minnesota's relevant and current executive orders. It addresses:

- ensuring sick athletes, coaches, referees, and spectators stay home and prompt identification and isolation of sick persons;
- social distancing:
  - must be at least six-feet apart; including on the sidelines, team meetings and before/after games
  - athletes must be at least twelve-feet apart from spectators
- hygiene and source controls, including face coverings;
- facility building and ventilation protocol;
- facility cleaning and disinfection protocol;
- drop-off, pick-up and delivery practices and protocol; and
- communications and training practices and protocol.

GRABA has reviewed and incorporated the industry guidance applicable to our organization provided by the state of Minnesota for the development of this plan, including the following industry guidance: youth sports.

We are in compliance with requirements laid out in the following MDH sports practice and games guidance: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sportsguide.pdf>.

The following guidelines are developed from the MSHSL guidelines for boys and girls basketball:

## General Guidelines

- All student-athletes, coaches and personnel must be provided with a copy of this plan.
- All student athletes must follow the identified protocols for athletes and coaches who have tested positive , are experiencing symptoms or have had exposure.
- Pods must be no larger that 25. Pods include athletes and managers but do not include coaches
- On-site coordinators and coaches are responsible for ensuring that their teams maintain physical distancing, masking and other requirements.
- Whenever possible, locker rooms will not be used
- Masks/Face Coverings are required at all times by players, coaches, referees and spectators
- A record must be kept of all student athletes at start and end of practice and games to allow for contact tracing
- All players will be asked to stay home if they are experiencing any symptoms of being sick. Coaches will help us monitor by asking all players how they feel before each practice and game.
- The COVID Compliance Coordinator, or their representative, will be responsible for ensuring compliance with maks/face coverings, social distancing and occupant capacity during events.
- The COVID Compliance Coordinator will be the point person for any cases or outbreaks in the team/association. The COVID Compliance Coordinator will report COVID-19 cases to MDH, and work with LPH, MDH, and school health professionals to ensure close contacts are quickly identified and that isolation and quarantine are followed, as well as prompt communication with parents and athletes.

## Competition

- Seating for student-athletes, coaches and workers must be physically distanced
- Benches and chairs must be set up to provide 6 feet between athletes and coaches
- Scorer's table must be limited to essential personnel
- If spectator's are permitted, they must not have access to the student-athletes and must be restricted to areas outside the competition area.
- Team benches / seating areas must be isolated from spectators
- Teams must provide their own basketballs and keep them separate from other teams
- Handshakes, fist bumps or hugs are not allowed
- Officials are not expected to monitor physical distancings: each person is responsible to provide space between themselves and others
- Coaches must provide directions to their student-athletes regarding social distancing and other safety protocols
- Before, during and after competition, student-athletes, coaches and other personnel should wash their hands
- Occupant capacity must be limited to no greater than 25%, not to exceed 150 patrons for the entire venue. Indoor gyms may only be divided into multiple compartments, sections, or similar areas that

result in greater than 150 patrons for the entire venue. To ensure compliance, only 2 spectators will be allowed per student-athlete

- The maximum number of active participants is 15 people per court. When intermixing of groups is necessary, we will make every effort to limit the number of groups that intermix and keep records of staff, volunteers, and participants that intermix