



NWBA COVID-19 Event Protocols

2021 NWBA Toyota Women's Wheelchair Basketball National Championships

Location: University of Texas – Arlington

Host: Lady Movin' Mavs

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[*These Protocols are Subject to Change](#)

Disclaimer

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Introduction

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of our athletes, coaches, officials, parents, fans, and staff. This document was arranged as an effort to ensure the safety of our 2021 Toyota National Championship Series. The protocols that are going to be practiced during NWBA events rely upon rules and regulations set forth by public health authorities such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). This document was carefully crafted with the most current and accurate information available to the NWBA and will be updated as new and valuable information becomes accessible. It is vitally important that all attending any NWBA event follows these obligations

to help in our effort of bringing a safe and secure National Championship Series during these unprecedented times.

Vulnerable Populations

- It should be known that there is no way of eliminating the risk of fatal infection due to COVID-19 until a cure is found or a vaccine is developed and can be effectively distributed.
- We suggest that vulnerable populations and people with risk factors such as: above the age of 65, asthma, chronic lung disease, serious heart conditions, immune suppression, severe obesity, diabetes, liver disease, living in a nursing home or long-term care facility, should avoid local, state, and national NWBA events if not fully vaccinated.

Testing

- Daily symptom and temperature checks will be done upon admission to the facility.
- All referee's, team members, team officials/staff/score table officials and volunteers will need to have either a negative test dated within 72 hours of check-in or proof of completed vaccination. Both PCR and Antigen tests will be accepted.

Infection Mitigation Procedures

It is confirmed that all associated with the NWBA, LOC, and host venue will comply with all procedures enforced as part of this document to ensure an event where safety is the top priority. There will be two spectators allowed per individual on each team (athletes and non-athletes). As advised by CDC, if you have experienced signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, recent loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea) in the 14 days prior to the event, please do not attend. Furthermore, if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or been in contact with someone who tested positive in the 14 days prior to the event, please do not attend. It is suggested that individuals get tested before the event and then try to minimize contact with others leading up to the tournament.

All of the following procedures must be adhered by all event attendees, including but not limited to individuals that have received a COVID-19 vaccination.

I. Gameplay

- Players should refrain from pre-and post-game handshakes and fist bumps. To show sportsmanship, players may offer a wave to each other.
- The game basketball will be sanitized before the game, during every timeout, between quarters and at halftime, or allow the use of a second ball that has been sanitized.
- The field of play will be limited to staff, medical personnel, officials, athletes who are actively competing, courtside volunteers, and coaches.
- Players should not linger around the court after a game.

II. Masks & Social Distancing

- Masks required at all times by all individuals, including athletes/individuals on site while on the court during competition.
- Athletes on benches or sidelines must be wearing masks.
- Officials must be wearing masks while officiating, electronic whistles are recommended but not required.
- All individuals may remove their masks only when eating and must put them back on immediately after.
- Spectators and athletes should practice social distancing (maintaining 6 feet of distance from those outside of their family unit/team) at gates upon entrance and in all situations when inside the facility.

III. Responsibilities of Attendees

- Do not share food or utensils.
- Avoid touching face and nose area.
- Avoid physical contact with others.
- Limit shouting, cheering, or singing – find other ways to show support during competition such as clapping.
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, proceed to wash hands or use sanitizer immediately after.
- If an individual begins to experience symptoms of COVID-19 during the event they should inform a staff member so contact tracing can begin, and then leave immediately and contact their healthcare provider or local medical resources to arrange a test.

IV. Responsibilities of the Host

- Ensure event entrance is separate from the general public.
- Provide hand sanitizer near areas that are used more often (main hallways, doorways, water fountains) and facial tissue with adjacent trash.
- Establish frequent cleaning/disinfecting schedules for janitorial staff (courts, restrooms, sitting areas, bleachers, door handles, sink handles, railings).
- Ensure there is ample medical attention on site throughout the entirety of the tournament.
- Confirm all necessary medical equipment is obtained and on site.
- Adhere to local guidelines regarding the maximum number of people allowed to gather.
- Will provide livestreaming services to help limit the number of individuals attending the event in-person.

Additional Resources

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>
- <https://www.teamusa.org/coronavirus>
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- <https://www.nwba.org/covid19>

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