

LENAPE VALLEY BASKETBALL

WINTER BASKETBALL COVID HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

In accordance with guidelines set by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”), and the Bucks County Health Department, the Community Basketball Programs defined as CENTRAL BUCKS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL (“CBAA BASKETBALL”), LENAPE VALLEY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (“LVBA”) and WARRINGTON WARWICK BOYS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (“WWBBA”) will return to play with the following safety and action plan. Compliance with the Community Basketball Program Health and Safety policies and guidelines is mandatory for all participants, coaches, referees, volunteers, and parents. Any non-compliance with these guidelines will result in suspension or debarment from the applicable Community Basketball Program. There is a **zero tolerance** policy on non-compliance with the guidelines and ignorance of the plan is not an excuse.

This Community Basketball policy and guideline related to return to play is effective as of December 21, 2020. The policy will be updated/amended from time to time as required to comply with State and Local Guidelines as well as Central Bucks School District (“CBSD”).

1) Communication & Education

- A. All players and parents will receive communication of our safety and action plan before the start of the season.
 - a. Prior to the start of a season, the Community COVID policy/guideline will be emailed to all basketball participants as well as posted on each organizations Website (www.cbaasports.org), (www.lvbasketball.org), and (www.wwbba.com)
- B. We ask that all participants (coaches, referees, players, and parents) follow the behaviors listed below to reduce the spread of COVID-19 to include but not limited to hand hygiene(frequent washing of hands or use of hand sanitizer), taking of temperature, wearing face masks, social distancing (6ft), sanitizing equipment, properly covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when not feeling well or when displaying signs of COVID 19.
 - a. This policy also provides coach-specific guidance which will be distributed to all coaches prior to the start of the various community organizations Basketball League/Season.
- C. For practices only the coaches and players will be permitted to enter the facility.
- D. For games, only the players, coaches, volunteers and referees will be permitted to enter the facility. The maximum number of participants by category are as follows:
 - a. Players – 10 players for each team (exception will be granted on case by case basis)
 - b. Coaches – 2 coaches per team
 - c. Referee – 2 referees per game
 - d. Volunteers – 1 scorekeeper and 1 bookkeeper per game.

2) Coach, Player, Referee, and Volunteer Mandatory Pre/Post-Game requirements

- A. Each coach, participant, referee, or any other volunteer entering a Central Bucks School District facility (regardless of community basketball organization participating in) will be required to perform the following actions prior to the start of every game:
 - a. Have you had close unprotected contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19? (“close is defined as < 6 feet; unprotected means that proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) guidelines were NOT followed (gloves, mask, eye shield, gown, etc.))
 - b. Confirmation that I have not experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g. fever, cough or unexplained shortness of breath) in the last 72 hours
 - c. I have checked my temperature today and it is less than 100.4°F.

- d. In the last 14 days, I have NOT: (a) been advised to quarantine by a medical professional or public health official; or (b) returned from any international travel or any inter-state travel that requires me to quarantine upon return
- B. **Anyone demonstrating cold-like symptoms will not be allowed on the basketball courts and will be asked to immediately leave the facility. Please do not bring a participant to the courts if they are sick or displaying COVID like symptoms.**
 - C. As part of the COVID pre-screening process, parents will need to take the participants temperature and enter the reading into the COVID pre-screen questionnaire. If a participant registers a temperature of at least **100.4 degrees**, then the participant **will not** be allowed to enter the facility and must depart the facility immediately.
 - D. Each participant will be required to use hand sanitizer when entering and exiting the basketball courts. Each community basketball organization will have hand sanitizer available at the scorer's table. Each player must check in and use the hand sanitizer upon arrival.
 - E. No coach or participant will be allowed to bring a basketball inside the CBSD facility/gym/basketball courts. Unless an exception is granted for practices or skills and drills activities. Each community organization will provide sanitized game basketballs for warm-ups and games. Each community organization provided basketballs will be sanitized during and after games.
 - F. Each community basketball organization is requiring and in accordance with Pennsylvania State Health Guidelines **that all players, coaches, and volunteers wear face masks at all times (unless a medical exemption is provided to the head of your organization)**. This includes for players and referees during game play. Exceptions will be granted on a case by case basis with written doctors excuse which must be provided to the applicable community organization leadership prior to the start of the season.
 - a. Each community basketball organization will keep extra face mask at the scorer's table. We do encourage parents to send an additional face mask with the participant in case of breakage.
 - G. At the end of a game, players will show a **contactless** sign of sportsmanship that will be agreed ahead of the game by the coaches. No high-fives, fist bumps, or any other form of contact will be allowed.
 - H. **Teams are not to enter the gyms until the previously scheduled game is completed and those teams exited the facility. We have scheduled 1hr and 15min for each game.**
 - I. Each participant must remove/dispose of any item brought onto the court (i.e. water bottle, towels, etc). **Coaches must ensure the courts are clean for the next team.**
 - J. Participants must not share water bottles nor chew gum after entering the basketball courts.

3) Spectator attendance rules and protocols:

- A. No spectators will be allowed into the gyms for games or practices.
- B. If a player is injured during the course of the game, then the coach will contact the parent and ask them to enter the facility. The parent must wear a face mask at all times while inside the CBSD or Private gym facility.

4) Coaches Guidance

- C. Ensure health and safety of all players/participants
- D. Ensure players check in and show the prescreening clearance to the scorer's table.
- E. Ensure volunteers understand their responsibility while at the scorer's table.
- F. Coaches must wear face masks at all times.
- G. Ensure players are wearing face mask at all time and in proper form.
- H. Before start of game make sure all players are feeling well enough to participate
- I. Coaches must ensure bench area and court are clean with no trash remaining after game completion.
- J. Coaches must monitor players for any COVID symptoms while on sideline.
- K. Coaches should ensure all players use hand sanitizer before and after the game

- L. Coaches should ensure that their teams enter and exit the courts at the designated areas. Post game meetings should be held to a minimum as all participants should go directly to their automobiles and not congregate in the courts in the school hallways.
- M. At all times follow CDC Guidelines and Pennsylvania State Health and Safety Guidelines as well as the Bucks County Health and Safety Guidelines.

5) Identification of COVID exposure

- A. Parents of participants need to immediately notify their respective community basketball program if the participant or someone in the participant's home has been around anyone that is presumptive positive or has tested positive for COVID. Required information at time of notification will include: i) Head coach name
 - a. Age/Grade division
 - b. Date of presumptive positive or test positive for COVID
 - c. Attendance at games
 - d. Known participants who encountered an individual prior, during, and/or after a game.
 - e. Alternatively, if no games were played, but presumptive or positive test for COVID occurs, we ask that you notify the Head of the Basketball Program with names of other potential players/participants and coaches who have been in contact with the infected participant or family members.
- B. The impacted community basketball organization will notify families and participants who are known to have been at the facility at the same time as the exposed or infected individual. We will follow CDC guidelines and HIPAA regulations on confidentiality of all participants. i) Participants who have come into contact with a presumptive positive or positive COVID person will not be allowed to participate in game play or practices for 14 days and/or until a doctor's note is provided, clearing the participant to play.
- C. The impacted community basketball organization will also notify CBSD and the Bucks County Health Department of any communicated known COVID infections.

6) COVID Point of Contact

- A. For CBAA Basketball COVID-related policy questions and concerns, the individual name below will serve as the point of contact. Chris Slack - chris.slack@cbaasports.org | mobile ph: 571-276-1978 (please only contact for Health & Safety concerns).
- B. For LVBB Basketball COVID related-policy questions and concerns, the individual name below will serve as the point of contact. (1) Todd Smith - smith419@comcast.net
- C. For WWBBA Basketball COVID related-policy questions and concerns, the individual named below will serve as the point of contact. (1) Tom Moore - tmoore1335@comcast.net