

PLAYBALL BASKETBALL

PROTOCOLS AT STADIUMS DURING COVID-19

Overview

This document on Playball's Return to Sport within a Coronavirus environment is based on the Basketball Victoria (BV) [Return to Sport Guidelines](#) from Friday 22 May.

Playballs aim by following BV's guideline is to avoid any transference of Covid-19 infection throughout Playball related Training & competition whether run by Playball or by teams away from the Playball organised events.

Reactivation Levels

Playball will be implementing the Reactivation Level as dictated by Basketball Victoria for Competition as shown in the table below.

GENERAL COMPETITION	RED-10	ORANGE-20	ORANGE-50	GREEN-100
Indoor Competitions	Max 4 players per team	Max 7 players per team	Max 10 players per team	As per competition rules
Outdoor Competitions	Max 4 players per team	Max 7 players per team	Max 10 players per team	As per competition rules
Basketballs in stadiums	Max 2 per team	Max 2 per team	Max 2 per team	Unrestricted
Break between games	Min 20 minutes	Min 20 minutes	Min 20 minutes	Unrestricted
Coaches / Team Manager	Max 1 per team	Max 1 per team	Max 3 per team	Unrestricted
Referee Supervisors/ BSO	Max 1 per 4 courts	Max 1 per 4 courts	Max 1 per 2 courts	Unrestricted
Participant Arrival Time	Max 10-minute prior	Max 10-minute prior	Max 20-minute prior	Unrestricted
Participant Departure Time	Straight after game	Straight after game	Straight after game	Unrestricted
Referees	Max 1 per game	Max 2 per game	Max 2 per game	Unrestricted
Score Table / Stats Officials	1 person	1 per team	1 per team	Unrestricted
Shaking of hands / High Fives	Banned	Banned	Banned	Allowed
Spectators / Parents / Guardians	No spectators / parents / guardians	No spectators / parents / guardians	Domestic: 1 per player. Attendees must adhere to social distancing rules.	Spectators permitted up to 100 people per court. Social Distancing Rules must be adhered to.
Total Participants (ex-court Super)	12	20	50	100

GENERAL COMPETITION	RED-10	ORANGE-20	ORANGE-50	GREEN-100
Bench seating	Remove where possible	Player Benches only	Player Benches only	Unrestricted
Changerooms	Closed	Closed	Closed	Allowed
Court cleaning	Daily	Daily	Daily	As Required
COVID-19 Signage on Entry	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Designated ENTRY & EXIT point	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Unrestricted
General seating areas	Remove where possible	Remove where possible	Max 24 seats per court, spaced in accordance with social distancing rules	Unrestricted. Patrons must adhere to social distancing rules
Hand sanitiser on Entry	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Recommended
Hand sanitiser on Score bench	Mandatory Players must utilise this at all breaks and substitutions	Mandatory Players must utilise this at all breaks and substitutions	Mandatory Players must utilise this at all breaks and substitutions	Recommended
Public water fountains	Closed	Closed	Closed	Allowed
Referee rooms	Closed	Closed	Closed	Allowed
Sanitise Score Bench, Scoreboard Controller and Basketballs	Before and after game	Before and after game	Before and after game	Recommended
Social distancing in areas with lines	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations
Toilets	Cleaned daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned Daily

Record of attendance / Contact Tracing

Both Playball & Basketball Victoria maintain a separate database of Teams, Team Players, parents including Team Managers and Coaches. For each contact the Guardian/parents email & mobile phone number is maintained. Basketball Victoria's record is via Player Registrations with [Play-HQ](#). For Playball, records are maintained via the Playball [Web-Portal](#). Both Playball & Basketball Victoria can contact all Team members attending a venue on any night seamlessly.

No cross-over of attendance between games

'Group A' refers to the team playing or having just played and 'Group B' refers to the team arriving or waiting to play in the next game. All efforts should be made to minimise the contact and impact of Group A on Group B. Teams must immediately vacate a court on completion of a game and teams may only enter the stadium at the assigned time and the court when it has been vacated.

Arrival

Participants and officials cannot enter the court area earlier than the designated time of their game and only when it has been vacated. If a game is running late, teams from the next game must not enter the court area until it has been vacated. This guideline is designed to control the number of people in a stadium at any one time. Participants must enter via the designated ENTRY & exit through the designated EXIT to reduce the risk of transmission from Group A to Group B.

Hand Sanitiser

Within the Playball equipment bag will be two Hand Sanitiser bottles. One to be placed at the stadium entry and one on the score table.

Basketballs in stadiums

Basketballs provided by the venue should be sanitised prior to use each day and in between each game. Excluding balls provided by a venue, teams are limited to a maximum of **two additional balls** in the stadium at any time. Any basketball brought into a stadium are to be sanitised prior to use at the stadium using a single use, disposable anti-bacteria wipe.

Biosafety Officer (BSO)

A BSO is appointed at each venue to ensure compliance with COVID-19 Return to Sport Guidelines. The BSO will ensure teams quickly vacate the court on completion of a game, ensure a team cannot enter the court until it is vacant and undertake a head count prior to a game. The game must not commence until this is completed.

Breaks between games and/or training/development sessions

Scheduling of games will have a minimum of a 20-minute differential between the scheduled length of the game and the time allocation for the following game. e.g. A game that is scheduled to run for 35 minutes including any breaks in play, must have a 55-minutes allocated time slot. This guideline is designed to allow time for Group A to depart the stadium prior to Group B arriving and for staff to complete sanitization requirements.

Capacity Control

Members should, at all times throughout the pandemic, maintain strict counting of capacity within the stadium and on each court to ensure that limits are not exceeded. This is to be completed and recorded by the BSO on the Game Day Checklist. It must be clear at all times who the BSO is as they may be required to ask people to leave the venue.

Child Safety

At ORANGE 20 level, the Team Manager & Coach is responsible for the safety of their team of children within the stadium. On arrival and departure, parents can accompany their children up to the exterior of the stadium but only two parents per team may enter.

Contact Risk Mitigation

Participants are encouraged to shower at home with soap prior to and immediately following all activity. Participants are encouraged to arrive at the venue ready to participate. This mitigation will be supported with significant hand hygiene strategies at venues. The normal blood rules will apply.

Hand hygiene during training or competition

To reduce the risk of infection during activity when there will be some incidental contact; hand sanitisers will be required on the score benches. Participants will be required to use hand sanitisers at every break in the game, including timeouts, and when substituting in and out of the game. Team Managers, will be encouraged to bring their own hand sanitiser for their team in addition to the Playball supplied stock.

Non-Essential Services

Changerooms, water fountains, general seating areas to remain closed to the general public in accordance with the relevant reactivation level. Participants should arrive at a stadium ready to compete. Rooms may be used for storage of person items if required, however players or officials should enter and leave rooms immediately and only one person should be in the room at a time.

Referees & other officials

Members should observe the number of officials permitted as per the guidelines. Members should take care to consider the crossover of officials between playing groups. The guidelines have been implemented to reduce contact between playing groups. Basketball Victoria recommends if officials are to officiate multiple games in the same evening that consistent groupings of officials are applied (i.e. officials stay on the one court). Furthermore, if the referee is aware, or is informed that, the court is not complying with the Return to Sport Guidelines, they should bring it to the attention of the BSO to remedy, and the game should be stopped, if necessary, until the situation has been corrected. Referees are directed to:

- Only use the whistle when necessary (e.g. do not blow whistle to signal end of time-out or at other times the game is already stopped)
- Do not officiate when feeling unwell
- Use hand sanitiser at every break in the game (time-outs, between quarters, substitutions)
- Blow whistle facing away from players

Sanitisation

Playball Bio-safety Officer to sanitise score board controllers, score benches, bench seating if fixed, and any other essential equipment that may have been used by Group A, prior to use by Group B, to reduce the risk of transmission from one group to another. Within the Playball equipment bag will be two Hand Sanitiser bottles. One to be placed at the stadium entry and the other on the score-table for officials.

Seating Areas

In any area where seating is required it should be set according to social distancing guidelines.

Stadium Entry Signage

Playball will supply Referee/BSO signage to use at entries of stadiums. This will include government recommendations on the entry conditions during the pandemic including, but not limited to, references to personal health and at-risk members of the community.

Toilets & Change Rooms

It is important that whenever people are present at a facility that toilet facilities should be available for use. Prior to stadium departure, the Playball BSO is to wipe down with disposable single-use wipe all high touch areas within the bathroom including tap handles and toilet flush buttons.

Towels and Drink Bottles

Participants should bring a personal towel and drink bottle to their games and not share these with others.

Uniform Hire

For the safety of staff and volunteers, it is recommended that members refrain from providing hire uniforms during the COVID-19 pandemic period or if lent out to a team, uniforms are required to be washed prior to being lent out again – compensation will be provided to referees for this expense.

BIOSAFETY OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION

Basketball Victoria provides the following position description for the role of Biosafety Officer. Members are reminded that the nominated person may perform multiple duties on the same night, provided they can adequately monitor the compliance of the venue with the Return to Sport Guidelines.

Position Description

Basketball Victoria (BV) is committed to the safe return to sport of all participants following the COVID-19 pandemic. To monitor and manage the reactivation of the sport, Basketball Victoria has committed to the Victorian Government that all venues will have a nominated Biosafety Officer (BSO) wherever the venue is in use. The following Position Description outlines the duties of this role.

Who

- The BSO may hold multiple duties at the same time provided, they can prioritise the responsibilities of the BSO role when required;
- The BSO must be clearly identifiable within a venue at any time, by wearing a High Vis Vest or similar.

Purpose

- To monitor and report on a venue's compliance to Basketball Victoria's Return to Sport Guidelines (RTS Guidelines);
- To record the number of people within a venue at a time;
- To minimise the risk of person to person transmission of COVID-19 within a venue;
- To provide necessary information to the Association or Club in the event of a positive COVID-19 test from one of the participants;

Duties

- will monitor no more than four (4) courts at a time;
- will complete the venue checklist prior to the commencement of training or games;
- will complete the venue checklist and record the number of participants within the venue during each allocated training or game timeslot;
- will ensure that equipment is sanitised in accordance with the RTS Guidelines;
- when required, will ask patrons to separate, or leave the venue to comply with the RTS Guidelines;
- will return a signed checklist at the end of their shift.
- will report any participant refusing to follow reasonable requests to Playball Management

Signage available

COVID-19 INFORMATION

GAME OFFICIALS INFORMATION

What you need to know

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All Basketball Victoria members are responsible for working to stop the spread of the virus. The following guidelines are designed to assist in understanding ways that you can help.

What can you do to slow the spread

-  Prepare & dress for your game at home
-  Shower at home before & after your game
-  Wash or Sanitised your hands before & after your game
-  Wash or Sanitised score table equipment before & after use
-  Enter and Exit within 10 minutes of your game
-  Where possible maintain a 1.5m gap from others

Do not enter the stadium if you exhibit any of these symptoms

-  Fever
-  Cough
-  Fatigue
-  Sore throat
-  Shortness of breath

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PLAYER & TEAM INFORMATION

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Preparing for your game or training

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3 STEPS TO SANITISE YOUR BASKETBALL

STEP 1  **WIPE THE SURFACE OF YOUR BALL USING A SINGLE USE ANTI-BACTERIAL WIPE**

STEP 2  **DISPOSE OF THE WIPE IN THE NEAREST BIN**


STEP 3  **WASH YOUR HANDS**

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Record Keeping by Bio-Safety Officer

Bio-Safety Officer check list to be signed at the end of each shift, phone photo taken and emailed to info@playballbasketball.com prior to departure.



CURRENT LEVEL
RED-10

COVID-19 BIOSAFETY OFFICER CHECKLIST

Association: _____

Venue Details: _____

BO Name: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Start Time: _____

End Time: _____

Venue Preparation Checklist

Requirement	General	Court	Court	Court	Court
Court Surface Sanitised	Daily				
Hand Sanitiser at Entry	Mandatory				
Hand Sanitiser on Score benches	Mandatory				
General Seating Removed	Where possible				
Bench seating removed	Where possible				
Score bench 1 seat only	Mandatory				
Water Fountains Closed	Mandatory				
Social distancing markers	Mandatory				
Changerooms closed	Mandatory				
Designated Entry & Exits marked	Mandatory				
COVID-19 Signage Visible at Entry	Mandatory				
Referee Room Closed	Mandatory				
Vending Machines Off	Mandatory				


Notes, reports or observations during shift

Biosafety Officer acknowledgement

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

NOTE: Members should retain signed checklists for a minimum of 21 days post event.

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CURRENT LEVEL
RED-10

COVID-19 BIOSAFETY OFFICER CHECKLIST

GAME 1	Requirements	Court	Court	Court	Court
Total number of people attending	<10 per court				
Balls sanitised	Prior to use				
Laptop & Scoreboard controller sanitised	Before and after game				
Score bench and Team benches sanitised	Before and after game				
Team departed within 10 minutes	Max 10 minutes				
GAME 2		Court	Court	Court	Court
Total number of people attending	<10 per court				
Teams entered after previous teams departed	When court is clear				
Balls sanitised	Prior to use				
Laptop & Scoreboard controller sanitised	Before and after game				
Score bench and Team benches sanitised	Before and after game				
Team departed within 10 minutes	Max 10 minutes				
GAME 3		Court	Court	Court	Court
Total number of people attending	<10 per court				
Teams entered after previous teams departed	When court is clear				
Balls sanitised	Prior to use				
Laptop & Scoreboard controller sanitised	Before and after game				
Score bench and Team benches sanitised	Before and after game				
Team departed within 10 minutes	Max 10 minutes				
GAME 4		Court	Court	Court	Court
Total number of people attending	<10 per court				
Teams entered after previous teams departed	When court is clear				
Balls sanitised	Prior to use				
Laptop & Scoreboard controller sanitised	Before and after game				
Score bench and Team benches sanitised	Before and after game				
Team departed within 10 minutes	Max 10 minutes				
GAME 5		Court	Court	Court	Court
Total number of people attending	<10 per court				
Teams entered after previous teams departed	When court is clear				
Balls sanitised	Prior to use				
Laptop & Scoreboard controller sanitised	Before and after game				
Score bench and Team benches sanitised	Before and after game				
Team departed within 10 minutes	Max 10 minutes				
GAME 6		Court	Court	Court	Court
Total number of people attending	<10 per court				
Teams entered after previous teams departed	When court is clear				
Balls sanitised	Prior to use				
Laptop & Scoreboard controller sanitised	Before and after game				
Score bench and Team benches sanitised	Before and after game				
Team departed within 10 minutes	Max 10 minutes				
GAME 7		Court	Court	Court	Court
Total number of people attending	<10 per court				
Teams entered after previous teams departed	When court is clear				
Balls sanitised	Prior to use				
Laptop & Scoreboard controller sanitised	Before and after game				
Score bench and Team benches sanitised	Before and after game				
Team departed within 10 minutes	Max 10 minutes				

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