

ACAA Basketball Covid Guidelines

Guidelines for basketball must reflect the five items that constitute the “standard of care.” They are...

1. Sanitized facility
2. Hand washing - stations should be available
3. Six-foot social distancing, or
4. Wear mask
5. Families, or those living in the same household may sit together

Each school can decide if they want fans or not want fans. BUT you cannot allow ONLY your fans. Your policy must be fair! Fifty-fifty or no fans.

Establish your numerical capacity for your gym seating by doing the six-foot spacing required by the CDC and the ADPH. For instance, this may be 100 people, less or more. Since our gyms are not generally large you might have to establish a “holding” area so fans, particular parents, of the particular team playing can see their kids play. This would require clearing the gym to make room for the next game fans (parents).

Make sure your fans and the leadership at the school you are playing KNOWS your rules as established by following the aforementioned guidelines. You may have to prioritize, i.e., parents, students, staff, etc.

You may have cheerleaders IF you follow the guidelines. Number in the stands, socially distancing, mask, etc. Use common sense. Again, you can't allow your cheerleaders to participate and not allow your guest to bring their cheerleaders.

Locker rooms should be sanitized after each game. For instance, after the junior high girls, but before the senior high girls. Assign/create a gym sanitizing team.

Officials will need a place to assemble before games, between games, and at half times. Make sure they have refreshments and hand sanitizer available.

IMPORTANT! Call your officials association and discuss game policy with them. Make sure you understand the Covid rules they are subject to by the AHSAA. In some cases, they are requiring ONLY the use of Wilson balls. Also, games may start without a tip-off. Cooperate with them in every way possible. Balls that bounce in the stands are returned to game action ONLY after they have been sanitized.

Score table management MUST be understood and in line with Covid rules. Mask if social distancing cannot be achieved.

Assembling areas such as foyers, concessions, hallways should be governed by Covid rules. Post signs reminding everyone of the rules. Consider per person limits.

Reiterate to coaches, players, team personnel, cheerleaders, etc., that they must not play, participate, in any way if they have Covid symptoms. Follow your protocol for checking. WE DO NOT WANT TO SPREAD COVID. We want to play a season without interruption.