



# RETURN TO SPORT GUIDELINES

COVID-19 RECOVERY



## **BASKETBALL VICTORIA HAS DEVELOPED RETURN TO SPORT GUIDELINES SPECIFIC TO BASKETBALL ASSOCIATIONS AND PROVIDERS WITHIN VICTORIA IN CONJUNCTION WITH BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA.**

The guidelines are designed to provide our 161 associations and over 500 clubs (herein referred to as 'members') with the framework for reactivating our sport in a safe and suitable manner.

In formulating these guidelines, Basketball Victoria aims to provide our members with clarity about what and how basketball activities can resume depending upon the different levels of restriction likely to be imposed by state and federal governments during the remainder of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clubs and associations must also work with other stakeholders such as venue owners and managers (e.g. local councils and schools) who may have their own requirements for use of their facilities.

These guidelines are developed with the primary intention of restricting the number of people within stadiums at any one time to reduce the chances of person-to-person transmission of COVID-19. The guidelines differ according to the number of courts per stadium and the level of restrictions imposed by the state and federal governments. They should be viewed as the minimum requirements for a return to sport and, it should be noted that, Basketball Victoria encourages all members to minimise attendance of non-participating persons where possible.

### **THE PRINCIPLES OF THESE GUIDELINES ARE:**

- Participant health and safety
- Compliance with Government COVID-19 restrictions
- Alignment with AIS Guidelines
- Consistency with the Rules of Basketball

There are five reactivation levels specific to the return of individual activities. These levels are coded to reflect the maximum number of participants allowed, with RED-0 signifying the highest level of restriction as provided by Government Restrictions, the classification of the AIS and Basketball Australia. It is possible that, with the winding back of government restrictions, reactivation levels will be altered to be consistent with the advice from government at the time. Basketball Victoria will list the current reactivation level for each type of activity on our website for members to reference as needed.

These guidelines have been shared with the state government, and as such, may be used as a guide by government agencies to determine our sport's compliance with restrictions. In addition, Basketball Victoria will have designated venue audit staff attending venues throughout the state to ensure members are adhering to the principles of the guidelines. These staff will attend venues in an adhoc manner and will complete a venue audit whilst in attendance.

Members will be required to nominate a Biosafety Officer (BSO) whenever their venue is in use for training or games. This person may perform other duties at the same time, such as Referee, Referee Supervisor or Court Supervisor, Door Keeper or Cashier depending on the size of the venue and the general operations of the stadium. The BSO must not be responsible for more than four (4) courts at any one time. The BSO must complete a venue checklist for each shift and return it to management to be retained for a minimum of 21 days.

***As there is a chance of future cases on COVID-19 throughout sport, we ask that Basketball Victoria be informed of any issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic affecting your club or association, especially any new cases of infection.***

**RED-0**

No group activities

**RED-10**

Activities or gathering of a maximum of 10 people per court

**ORANGE-20**

Activities or gathering of a maximum of 20 people per court

**ORANGE-50**

Activities or gathering of a maximum of 50 people per court

**GREEN-100**

Activities or gathering of a maximum of 100 people per court

## THE LEVELS OF REACTIVATION WILL BE APPLIED TO BASKETBALL ACTIVITIES IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

### TRAINING

Including but not limited to, training for domestic or elite team, both indoor and outdoor

### COMPETITION

Including but not limited to, domestic, recreational, schools and elite competitions played, both indoor and outdoor

### DEVELOPMENT

Including but not limited to, Aussie Hoops, Junior Development Programs and Camps

#### RED-0

This level will require members and teams to stop training and games and to avoid gatherings with people not from the same household. At this level, participants should not be sharing any equipment and all efforts should be made to sanitise equipment before, during and after use. Individuals may continue to train and exercise outside of stadiums provided they adhere to the relevant state and federal government restrictions.

#### RED-10

**From this point onwards, members will be required to appoint a Biosafety Officer whenever their venue is in use for training or games. Some basketball activities may resume, up to gathering of a maximum of 10 people per court plus required coach/team manager.** This restriction will focus heavily on training. All competition would need to take place without spectators. Members should consider competition age groups that are most suitable for participation at this time due to the restriction on the attendance of parents and/or guardians. Where minors are involved, noting that there will be greater responsibility on coaches and team managers, members are reminded to consider the suitable child protection requirements for the age group, noting that parents will determine if they are comfortable with their child participating. This level will enable teams to resume training in small groups, whereby the number of participants does not exceed 10, **plus** required coach/team manager.

#### ORANGE-20

This level should allow for a controlled return to 5x5 basketball competition or training. The number of players per team may need to be reduced to accommodate a maximum gathering of 20 people depending on whether government restrictions will include coach/es, and official/s in the total number per court. Members should consider competition age groups that are most suitable for participation at this time. This may include consideration of how participants travel to and from games and relevant child protection requirements for the age group as all competition may need to take place without spectators.

#### ORANGE-50

This level allows for a controlled number of spectators to return to stadiums to watch games with the maximum number of 50 people per court including coaches, officials, players and spectators. This level should allow for teams to compete in competitions with full size rosters specific to the competition in which they are playing. Members may need to consider additional staffing requirements to monitor and manage the number of patrons within a stadium at this level over and above the requirement of a BSO.

#### GREEN-100

Activities or gathering of a maximum of 100 people are permitted at this level. Social Distancing rules will still apply which is likely to restrict the total number of spectators permitted per court.

## THIS DOCUMENT PROVIDES MEMBERS WITH SEVERAL RESOURCES AND GUIDELINES INCLUDED AS APPENDICES.

### These include:

- Biosafety Officer Position Description
- Game Day Checklist
- Player and Team Information
- Game Official Information
- Australian Government Public Health Warning and Specific Government Restrictions governing the basketball competitions
  - The number of individuals that can be present at each court
  - Teams must immediately vacate the court and the venue on completion of the competition
  - A game cannot commence until the BSO has completed a head count
  - Individuals who are over 65 years of age or have a chronic medical condition are recommended not to enter the venue
  - An individual who is acutely unwell, has a viral illness or symptoms (listed) of a viral illness are not permitted to enter the venue
- 'How to' guide on the sanitisation of equipment

## INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM

The reactivation levels will pose some additional management requirements on members. Basketball Victoria encourages members to plan accordingly to ensure a smooth transition back to sport during the COVID-19 pandemic based on the size and operations of each venue. It is impossible to set out definitive guidelines for each venue. Members need to consider the specific circumstances of each venue that they use.

Basketball Victoria requires the use of separate ENTRY and EXIT doors and recommend the use of electronic door counters to monitor stadium occupancy (e.g. Apps such as Tally). A venue where there is only one entry/exit may need to start on a smaller scale than a venue where people can enter through one door and exit from another (e.g. Fire Exit). These guidelines require defined gaps between games and activities to minimise the risk of participants from different games/activities crossing paths.

Basketball Victoria recognises that Indoor Sports Stadiums (Basketball Stadiums) are large scale venues with significantly more open space per person than regular indoor spaces. A basketball court, including 2m run off, is 608m<sup>2</sup> and 4560m<sup>3</sup> (volume). Our Return to Sport Guidelines calculate venue access based on the maximum number of people per court at each level of the reactivation strategy.

Basketball Victoria limits the number of spectators during our GREEN-100 level to 40 per court based on a standard court. This is equivalent to 1 person every 1.5m along the 2 baselines and 1 sideline, leaving the remaining sideline clear for participants. Stadiums that do not have clear space on these three sides of their courts will need to impose further reductions.

During the GREEN-100 level, competitions would be able to have a number of spectators to fulfil a total of 100 people on a court where the venue has sufficient seating to permit, whilst allowing safe social distancing.

# MAXIMUM VENUE CAPACITY TABLE

Courts	RED-0			RED-10			ORANGE-20			ORANGE-50			GREEN-100 (DOMESTIC & JNR ELITE)			GREEN-100 (SENIOR ELITE)		
	PAX	Tot m2	m2 P.P.	PAX	Tot m2	m2 P.P.	PAX	Tot m2	m2 P.P.	PAX	Tot m2	m2 P.P.	PAX	Tot m2	m2 P.P.	PAX	Tot m2	m2 P.P.
1	0	608	N.A.	10	608	61	20	608	30	50	608	12	72	608	8	100	608	6
2	0	1216	N.A.	20	1216	61	40	1216	30	100	1216	12	144	1216	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
3	0	1824	N.A.	30	1824	61	60	1824	30	150	1824	12	216	1824	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
4	0	2432	N.A.	40	2432	61	80	2432	30	200	2432	12	288	2432	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
5	0	3040	N.A.	50	3040	61	100	3040	30	250	3040	12	360	3040	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
6	0	3648	N.A.	60	3648	61	120	3648	30	300	3648	12	432	3648	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
7	0	4256	N.A.	70	4256	61	140	4256	30	350	4256	12	504	4256	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
8	0	4864	N.A.	80	4864	61	160	4864	30	400	4864	12	576	4864	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
9	0	5472	N.A.	90	5472	61	180	5472	30	450	5472	12	648	5472	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
10	0	6080	N.A.	100	6080	61	200	6080	30	500	6080	12	720	6080	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
11	0	6688	N.A.	110	6688	61	220	6688	30	550	6688	12	792	6688	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
12	0	7296	N.A.	120	7296	61	240	7296	30	600	7296	12	864	7296	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
13	0	7904	N.A.	130	7904	61	260	7904	30	650	7904	12	936	7904	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
14	0	8512	N.A.	140	8512	61	280	8512	30	700	8512	12	1008	8512	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
15	0	9120	N.A.	150	9120	61	300	9120	30	750	9120	12	1080	9120	8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

**PAX** Total number of people within the venue including participants and spectators where allowed.

**Tot m2** Total square meters within the venue based on the total number of courts in the venue. This number is court area only and does not include additional communal areas such as foyers, thoroughfares, toilets etc.

**m2 P.P.** This is the average area available to each individual based on Total Square Meters divided by the Total number of people in the venue.

# TRAINING - INDOOR

Indoor training is determined as planned or unplanned sessions performed by athletes whether with or without a coach. This policy is designed to limit the transmission of COVID-19 from athlete to athlete and to ensure the environment remains safe. Members are encouraged to establish effective procedures that will ensure adherence to these guidelines especially when training is scheduled to be conducted outside normal business hours. This will include the appointment of a BSO to monitor venues during training days/times.

**Note: Greater restrictions are placed on unplanned or casual sessions as contact tracing is harder to manage. It is vital to containing potential outbreaks that accurate records are maintained for at least 21 days.**

INDOOR TRAINING ACTIVITY	RED-0	RED-10	ORANGE-20	ORANGE-50	GREEN-100
Group Training (Domestic & Rep)	Banned	Max 10 players per court	Max 20 players per court	Max 20 players per court	Unrestricted
Casual Shoot Around	Banned	Max 10 players per court. Participants name and phone number must be recorded	Max 12 players per court. Participants name and phone number must be recorded	Max 12 players per court. Participants name and phone number must be recorded	Participants name and phone number must be recorded
Basketballs in stadiums	Not Applicable	Players to supply their own balls. All balls to be sanitised at venue prior to use	Players to supply their own balls. All balls to be sanitised at venue prior to use	Players to supply their own balls. All balls to be sanitised at venue prior to use	Players to supply their own balls. All balls to be sanitised at venue prior to use
Training length	Not Applicable	Max 40 minutes	Max 40 minutes	Max 60 minutes	Unrestricted
Break between sessions	Not Applicable	Min 20 minutes	Min 20 minutes	Min 20 minutes	Unrestricted
Coaches / Team Manager / Team Officials/ BSO	Coaches use online forums to conduct sessions and remain connected with athletes.	Max 2	Max 2 per team	Max 3 per team	Unrestricted
Participant Arrival Time	Not Applicable	Max 10-minute prior	Max 10-minute prior	Maximum 10-minute prior	Unrestricted
Sessions (suggested)	Not Applicable	1 session per week per team	1 session per week per team	1 session per week per team	As required
Structured Non-Contact Drills	Not Applicable	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Scrimmage	Not Applicable	Banned	Banned	Permitted	Unrestricted
Shaking of hands / High Fives	Not Applicable	Banned	Banned	Banned	Allowed
Spectators	Not Applicable	No Spectators	No Spectators	Max 1 per player	Unrestricted
<b>Total (exc. Court Super)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>44</b>	

INDOOR TRAINING VENUE	RED-0	RED-10	ORANGE-20	ORANGE-50	GREEN-100
Bench seating	Venue closed	Remove where possible	Player Benches only	Player Benches only	Unrestricted
Canteens	Venue closed	Follow Social Distancing	Follow Social Distancing	Follow Social Distancing	Unrestricted
Cash handling	Venue closed	Avoid where possible	Avoid where possible	Avoid where possible	Allowed
Changerooms	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Allowed
Court cleaning	Venue closed	Daily	Daily	Daily	As Required
COVID-19 Health Signage on Entry	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Designated ENTRY & EXIT point	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Unrestricted
General seating areas	Venue closed	Remove where possible	Remove where possible	Patrons must adhere to social distancing rules	Unrestricted
Hand sanitiser on Entry	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Recommended
Hand sanitiser on Score bench	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Recommended
Infrared temperature testing	Venue closed	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Not Required
Public water fountains	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Allowed
Retail/merch stores	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Follow Social Distancing	Unrestricted
Sanitise Score bench	Venue closed	Before and after session	Before and after session	Before and after session	Recommended
Sanitise Scoreboard control	Venue closed	Before and after session	Before and after session	Before and after session	Recommended
Social distancing	Venue closed	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations
Toilets	Venue closed	Cleaned Daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned Daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned Daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned Daily
Vending Machines	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Cleaned Daily

# TRAINING - OUTDOOR

Outdoor training is determined as planned or unplanned sessions performed by athletes whether with or without a coach. This policy is designed to limit the transmission of COVID-19 from athlete to athlete and to ensure the environment remains safe. Members are encouraged to establish effective procedures that will ensure adherence to these guidelines for organised outdoor sessions. This may include supplying each team manager with hand sanitiser and sanitising wipes to provide to participants. Members are also encouraged to communicate with the wider basketball community in their area on the safe use of outdoor facilities for unplanned sessions.

OUTDOOR TRAINING ACTIVITY		RED-0	RED-10	ORANGE-20	ORANGE-50	GREEN-100
Group Training (Domestic & Rep)		Banned	Max 10 players per court	Max 20 players per court	Max 20 players per court	Unrestricted
Basketballs for training		Not Applicable	Players to supply their own balls. All balls to be sanitised prior to use	Players to supply their own balls. All balls to be sanitised prior to use	Players to supply their own balls. All balls to be sanitised at venue prior to use	Players to supply their own balls. All balls to be sanitised at venue prior to use
Training length		Not Applicable	Max 60 minutes	Max 60 minutes	Max 60 minutes	Unrestricted
Break between sessions		Not Applicable	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Min 20 minutes	Unrestricted
Coaches / Team Manager / Team Officials		Not Applicable	Max 2	Max 2 per team	Max 4 per team	Unrestricted
Participant Arrival Time		Not Applicable	Max 10-minute prior maintain social distancing from previous group if applicable	Max 10-minute prior maintain social distancing from previous group if applicable	Maximum 10-minute prior	Unrestricted
Structured Non-Contact Drills		Not Applicable	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Scrimmage		Not Applicable	Banned	Banned	Permitted	Permitted
Shaking of hands / High Fives		Not Applicable	Banned	Banned	Banned	Allowed
Spectators		Not Applicable	Follow social distancing rules away from the training group	Follow social distancing rules away from the training group	Follow social distancing rules away from the training group	Follow social distancing rules away from the training group
<b>Total (exc. Court Super)</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>VENUE</b>	Hand sanitiser on Entry	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Recommended
	Public water fountains	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Allowed
	Social distancing	Venue closed	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations



# COMPETITION - GENERAL

General competition is classified as 5 on 5, 3 on 3, Domestic and Elite Competitions of all age groups, both indoor and outdoor. General competition guidelines are relevant when the general participant attends a stadium for the purpose of playing in a single game. Members may need to consider which types of competitions or age groups are suitable during different reactivation levels. Teams may only enter the stadium at the scheduled time of their competition and must immediately leave the court and stadium when their competition has been completed. A head count must be made by the BSO prior to each game commencing

GENERAL COMPETITION GAME	RED-0	RED-10	ORANGE-20	ORANGE-50	GREEN-100
Indoor Competitions	Banned	Max 4 players per team	Max 7 players per team	Max 10 per team	As per competition rules
Outdoor Competitions	Banned	Max 4 players per team	Max 7 players per team	Max 10 per team	As per competition rules
Basketballs in stadiums	Banned	Max 2 per team	Max 2 per team	Max 2 per team	Unrestricted
Break between games	Not Applicable	Min 20 minutes	Min 20 minutes	Min 20 minutes	Unrestricted
Coaches / Team Manager / Team Officials	See RED-0 Training	Max 1 per team	Max 1 per team	Max 3 per team	Unrestricted
Court / Referee Supervisors/ BSO	Not Applicable	Max 1 per 4 courts	Max 1 per 4 courts	Max 1 per 2 courts	Unrestricted
Participant Arrival Time	Not Applicable	Max 10-minute prior	Max 10-minute prior	Max 20-minute prior	Unrestricted
Participant Departure Time	Not Applicable	Max 10-minute post	Max 10-minute post	Max 10-minute post	Unrestricted
Referees	Not Applicable	Max 1 per game	Max 2 per game	Max 2 per game	Unrestricted
Score Table / Stats Officials	Not Applicable	1 person	1 per team	1 per team	Unrestricted
Shaking of hands / High Fives	Not Applicable	Banned	Banned	Banned	Allowed
Spectators / Parents / Guardians	Not Applicable	No spectators / parents / guardians	No spectators / parents / guardians	1 per player. Attendees must adhere to social distancing rules.	Spectators permitted up to a limit of 100 people in total for the court. Social Distancing Rules must be adhered to.
<b>Total Participants (exc. Court Super)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>50</b>	

GENERAL COMPETITION VENUE	RED-0	RED-10	ORANGE-20	ORANGE-50	GREEN-100
Bench seating	Venue closed	Remove where possible	Player Benches only	Player Benches only	Unrestricted
Canteens	Venue closed	Closed	Follow Social Distancing	As per Gov Regulations	Unrestricted
Cash handling	Venue closed	Not Applicable	Avoid where possible	Avoid where possible	Allowed
Cashiers / Customer Service	Venue closed	Max 2 person	Max 2 person	Max 1 person 4 courts	Unrestricted
Changerooms	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Permitted 1 person per 4m2	Allowed
Court cleaning	Venue closed	Daily	Daily	Daily	As Required
COVID-19 Health Signage on Entry	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Designated ENTRY & EXIT point	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Unrestricted
General seating areas	Venue closed	Remove where possible	Remove where possible	Patrons must adhere to social distancing rules	Unrestricted. Patrons must adhere to social distancing rules
Hand sanitiser on Entry	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Recommended
Hand sanitiser on Score bench	Venue closed	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
Infrared temperature testing	Venue closed	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Not Required
Public water fountains	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Allowed
Referee rooms	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Permitted 1 person per 4m2	Allowed
Retail/merch stores	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Follow Social Distancing	Unrestricted
Sanitise Laptop, Tablets, Score Bench, Scoreboard Controller and Basketballs	Venue closed	Before and after game	Before and after game	Before and after game	Recommended
Social distancing in areas with lines	Venue closed	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations
Toilets	Venue closed	Cleaned daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned Daily
Vending Machines	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Cleaned Daily	Cleaned Daily

# COMPETITION - DAYTIME & TOURNAMENTS

Daytime Competitions & Tournaments include but are not limited to events run by members or schools including Hooptime / VCC / Champions Cup and member run tournaments, whereby the same group of players and coaches are within a venue for an extended period of time, on the same day, to play multiple games. Organisers will ensure teams remain separated when not competing and that venue capacities are not exceeded. In the event that a venue does not have sufficient area for teams to wait safely between games outside the court area, consideration should be given to playing competition on every second court, or two of three courts in a three-court venue, to allow for additional safe space. Members will vacate the venue between games to ensure stadium capacity limits are not breached.

DAYTIME & TOURNAMENTS GAME	RED-0	RED-10	ORANGE-20	ORANGE-50	GREEN-100
Indoor Competitions	Banned	Banned	Banned	Max 10 per team	As per competition rules
Basketballs in stadiums	Banned	Banned	Banned	Max 2 per team	Unrestricted
Break between games	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Min 20 minutes	Unrestricted
Coaches	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Max 1 per team	Unrestricted
Court / Referee Supervisors/ BSO	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Max 1 per 2 courts	Unrestricted
Participant Arrival Time	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Max 10-minute prior	Unrestricted
Referees	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Max 2 per game	Unrestricted
Score Table / Stats Officials	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Max 1 per team	Unrestricted
Shaking of hands / High Fives	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Banned	Allowed
Spectators at school events	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	No Spectators	Max 1 per player
Teacher / Chaperones at school events	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	As per Edu Dept requirements	As per Edu Dept requirements
Parents / Guardians at non-school events	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1 per player. Attendees must adhere to social distancing rules.	Spectators permitted up to a limit of 100 people in total for the court. Social Distancing Rules must be adhered to.
Team Manager at non-school events	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Max 2 per team	Max 2 per team
<b>Total Participants (exc. Court Super)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	

DAYTIME & TOURNAMENTS VENUE	RED-0	RED-10	ORANGE-20	ORANGE-50	GREEN-100
Bench seating	Venue closed	Remove where possible	Player Benches only	Player Benches only	Unrestricted
Canteens	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Follow Social Distancing	Unrestricted
Changerooms	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Allowed
Court cleaning	Venue closed	As required	As required	Daily	As Required
COVID-19 Health Signage on Entry	Venue closed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Mandatory	Mandatory
Designated ENTRY & EXIT point	Venue closed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Mandatory	Unrestricted
General seating areas	Venue closed	Remove where possible	Remove where possible	Max 20 seats per court, spaced in accordance with social distancing rules	Unrestricted. Patrons must adhere to social distancing rules
Hand sanitiser on Entry	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Recommended
Hand sanitiser on Score bench	Venue closed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Mandatory Players must utilise this at all breaks and substitutions	Recommended
Infrared temperature testing	Venue closed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Recommended	Not Required
Public water fountains	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Allowed
Referee rooms	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Allowed
Retail/merch stores	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Follow Social Distancing	Unrestricted
Sanitise Laptop, Tablets, Score Bench, Scoreboard Controller and Basketballs	Venue closed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Before and after game	Recommended
Social distancing in areas with lines	Venue closed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations
Toilets	Venue closed	As required	As required	Cleaned daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned Daily
Vending Machines	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Cleaned Daily	Cleaned Daily

# DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Development programs include Aussie Hoops, All Abilities, Active After School and member generated development programs that involve groups of participants occupying a court but not playing in a game. These programs could be conducted either indoors or outdoors with the variables being spectators, parents and guardians. Members are encouraged to establish effective procedures that will ensure adherence to these guidelines when conducted outdoors. This may include supplying each coach with hand sanitiser and sanitising wipes to provide to participants.

DAYTIME & TOURNAMENTS GAME	RED-0	RED-10	ORANGE-20	ORANGE-50	GREEN-100
Indoor Programs	Banned	Max 10 players per court	Max 18 players per court	Max 20 players per court	As required
Outdoor Programs	Banned	Max 10 players per court	Max 18 players per court	Max 20 players per court	As required
Basketballs for training	Not Applicable	Players to supply their own balls. All balls to be sanitised prior to use	Players to supply their own balls. All balls to be sanitised prior to use	Players to supply their own balls. All balls to be sanitised prior to use	Players to supply their own balls. All balls to be sanitised prior to use
Session Length	Not Applicable	Max 30 minutes	Max 30 minutes	Max 60 minutes	As required
Break between sessions	Not Applicable	Min 20 minutes	Min 20 minutes	Min 20 minutes	Unrestricted
Coaches/BSO	Not Applicable	Max 2 per session	Max 2 per session	Max 4 per session	As required
Participant Arrival Time	Not Applicable	Max 10-minute prior	Max 10-minute prior	Max 20-minute prior	Unrestricted
Participant Departure Time	Not Applicable	Max 10-minute post	Max 10-minute post	Max 10-minute post	Unrestricted
Structured Non-Contact Drills	Not Applicable	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Scrimmage	Not Applicable	Banned	As per Govt. regulations	Permitted	Permitted
Shaking of hands / High Fives	Not Applicable	Banned	Banned	Banned	Allowed
Spectators / Parents / Guardians	Not Applicable	No spectators	No spectators	Indoor: Max 1 per participant Outdoor: Follow social distancing rules away from the training group	Up to the maximum capacity, including participants, ensuring Social Distancing Rules are adhered too.
<b>Total attendees</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>44</b>	

<b>INDOOR PROGRAM VENUE</b>	<b>RED-0</b>	<b>RED-10</b>	<b>ORANGE-20</b>	<b>ORANGE-50</b>	<b>GREEN-100</b>
Bench seating	Venue closed	Remove where possible	Remove where possible	Player Benches only	Unrestricted
Canteens	Venue closed	Follow Social Distancing	Follow Social Distancing	Follow Social Distancing	Unrestricted
Cash handling	Venue closed	Avoid where possible	Avoid where possible	Avoid where possible	Allowed
Changerooms	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Permitted
Court cleaning	Venue closed	Daily	Daily	Weekly	As Required
COVID-19 Health Signage on Entry	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
Designated ENTRY & EXIT point	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Unrestricted
General seating areas	Venue closed	Remove where possible	Remove where possible	Patrons must adhere to social distancing rules	Unrestricted
Hand sanitiser on Entry	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Recommended
Hand sanitiser on Score bench	Venue closed	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Recommended
Infrared temperature testing	Venue closed	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Not Required
Public water fountains	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Permitted
Retail/merch stores	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Follow Social Distancing	Follow Social Distancing
Sanitise Score bench	Venue closed	Before and after session	Before and after session	Before and after session	Recommended
Sanitise Scoreboard control	Venue closed	Before and after session	Before and after session	Before and after session	Recommended
Social distancing in areas with lines	Venue closed	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations	As per Gov regulations
Toilets	Venue closed	Cleaned Daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned Daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned Daily, follow social distancing rules	Cleaned Daily
Vending Machines	Venue closed	Closed	Closed	Cleaned Daily	Cleaned Daily

# RESPONSE PLANNING

The following measures are important to minimise further risk and assist in managing the public health response if someone with possible COVID-19 infection enters your premises. All public health advice and instructions must be followed in the event of a confirmed case..

## Maintain attendance records

It is a requirement for businesses to maintain attendance records of people. This will assist Public Health with contact tracing in the event of a positive COVID-19 case in your premises:

- Records can be physical (i.e. secure sign-in book managed by staff) or electronic but at a minimum must include a name and contact information for each patron (e.g. phone number or e-mail)
- Records are not required for people who visit the premises for a short period of time and have minimal face-to-face interaction (e.g. dropping an item off)
- Records must not be used for purposes other than contact tracing (i.e. contact information is not to be used for marketing purposes)

Associations should implement a process consistent with any privacy obligations they have for obtaining and safely maintaining these records of patronage for the purposes of assisting with contact tracing if needed.

## Responding to a COVID-19 incident

If you are aware that someone with a case of COVID-19 has been in your stadium/ premise, ring the COVID-19 Public Hotline 24/7 on 1800 020 080 and follow the advice of health officials.

If someone is confirmed as having COVID-19 or is getting tested for COVID-19, they should already be at home. However, there may be circumstances where a person in your premise is displaying COVID-like symptoms or shares information (e.g. they have been in close contact with someone that has the virus) that causes you to have reasonable concerns about their health and the health of others in your premise.

The person could be staff, player, coach, official or spectator - where this occurs:

### 1. Keep others away from the person

If the person has serious symptoms such as difficulty breathing, call 000 for urgent medical help. Otherwise, you must take steps to prevent the person from potentially

spreading the virus by keeping others away from the person. The measures must be reasonable.

### 2. Seek advice and assess the risks

To determine if it is reasonable to suspect the person may have COVID-19, talk to the person about your concerns and seek government health advice..

### 3. Transport

Ensure the person has safe transport home to a location where they can isolate, or to a medical facility if necessary.

### 4. Clean and disinfect

Follow all public health advice about closing off affected areas and prevent access until they have been cleaned and disinfected. Open outside doors and windows if possible to increase air flow.

### 5. Assisting public health to identify close contacts

Notify the state public health unit by contacting the COVID-19 Public Hotline on 1800 675 398. The state public health unit may ask for your attendance records to identify close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case so that they can contact them and provide them with instructions, for example, in relation to quarantine requirements. Public health officers have a range of powers that may require you to provide information including personal information. In the meantime, for the purposes of undertaking a workplace risk assessment and to assist public health officers, consider who the affected person may have had recent close contact with.

### Review risk assessment

If there is concern about the risk of staff or patrons being exposed to the virus, a risk assessment should be carried out with reference to the latest information available. Employers should develop prevention and control strategies appropriate to the premises, in consultation with others and ensure that all staff are aware of and follow these strategies.

Regularly review your COVID-19 risk management controls, in consultation with your staff and their representatives, and assess and decide whether any changes or additional control measures are required. Consider having regular discussions about safety and health issues.

# MEANINGS & DEFINITIONS

Within these definitions, 'Group A' refers to the team playing or having just played and 'Group B' refers to the team arriving or waiting for 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.

## **Administration Staff, Desk Staff, Court Supervisors and Referees**

All staff and volunteers involved in the running of games - who are either within a venue or interacting with participants - need to have sufficient access to sanitisers, personal protection equipment and instructions on how to keep safe. This may include the use of face masks, face shields or the installation of screens to protect staff.

## **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.

If an infrared thermometer is available, participants over the age of 18 should have their temperature checked on arrival. Stadiums should display clear instructions and signage to inform participants of the Health Risks of COVID-19 and rules of entry into the stadium. Hand sanitiser must be provided at the entry of all stadiums.

## **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 should be sanitised prior to use at the stadium using a single use, disposable anti-bacteria wipe, or by spraying with a disinfectant spray. This policy is subject to individual stadium restrictions, as some stadiums may not allow participants to bring their own ball into the stadium.

## **Biosafety Officer (BSO)**

A BSO must be appointed at each venue/basketball competition 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 must have a minimum of a 20-minute differential between the scheduled length of the game/session and the time allocation for the game/session. E.g. A game that is scheduled to run for 40 minutes excluding any breaks in play, must have a 1-hour allocated time slot. A game that is scheduled to run for 30 minutes excluding any breaks in play, may have a 50-minute time slot allocation. This guideline is designed to allow time for Group A to depart the stadium prior to Group B arriving and for staff to complete sanitisation 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.

## **Cash handling**

Members are encouraged to develop cash free procedures to reduce the chance of transmission between the user and employees. This may include credit card payments for team sheets of game fees, the concept of a single person making payment on behalf of a team, or invoicing of fees to clubs where appropriate.

## **Child Safety**

Members must consider the relevant Child Protection requirements when planning activities.

## **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.

## **Court**

A Court for consideration in this document refers to a basketball playing court, the 2m run-off zone, the circulation space around the basketball playing court, and any seating specific to that playing court area.



## **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.

## **Non-Essential Services**

Changerooms, referee rooms, canteens, public water fountains, general seating areas must remain closed or roped off to the general public in accordance with the relevant reactivation level. Participants should arrive at a stadium ready to compete. Changerooms and Referee Rooms present a significant challenge in adhering to social distancing regulations, therefore these rooms must remain closed. 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 must be 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)
- Use short, sharp whistle blow. No long hard blows.
- 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

If possible, alternate options to the traditional Referee Whistle are recommended to use, such as Hand Whistle or Electronic Whistle.

## **Sanitisation**

Association staff should sanitise scoring laptops or tablets, score benches, bench seating if fixed, scoreboard controllers 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. Hand sanitiser must be available on the score bench for referees & score table officials to use during games. Courts must be cleaned as directed with a minimum of warm water and disinfectant. A staff member should sanitise surfaces such as door handles, taps, seating, during breaks between Group A and Group B.

## **Seating Areas**

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

## **Social Distancing**

Areas where people may gather or queuing may occur should be marked clearly in accordance with the relevant government regulations to encourage participants to follow Social Distancing advice. (e.g. 1.5m spacing)

## **Stadium Entry Signage**

Basketball Victoria will provide members with template 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, and they should be cleaned throughout each day/night. The availability of toilets is a factor that may limit the number of people members can allow into the facility at any given time. For example, if there is only one central toilet block, it may not be appropriate to have three courts running at the same time as it may result in too many people at that central position at one time.

## **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.

# APPENDIX 1

## 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.

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## COVID-19 BIOSAFETY OFFICER

### 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

The BSO;

- 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 the Competitions Manager of the club or association

## APPENDIX 2

### PLAYER AND TEAM AWARENESS GUIDELINES

Basketball Victoria has established a simple message for Players and Coaches regarding preparing for their games and training.

The graphic highlights five key messages. Prepare at home. Shower before and after games. Wash your hands. Enter and Exit the stadium within 10 minutes of your game. Maintain Social Distancing where possible.

# PLAYER AND PARENT INFORMATION



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For more information visit: [dhs.vic.gov.au](https://dhs.vic.gov.au)

# APPENDIX 3

## REFEREE AND GAME OFFICIAL GUIDELINES

Basketball Victoria has established appropriate guidelines for referees and game officials, including score table and statisticians in relations to their participation in the sport. This includes recommendations on social distance when approaching the score bench, showering before and after games at home, arriving in uniform ready to participate etc. These guidelines may be provided as an image to ensure easy distributions for members.

# REFEREE AND OFFICIAL INFORMATION



PREPARE/DRESS  
AT HOME



SHOWER BEFORE AND  
AFTER GAMES



WASH OR SANITISE YOUR  
HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER  
GAMES



ENTER AND EXIT  
THE STADIUM WITHIN 10  
MINUTES OF YOUR GAME



MAINTAIN SOCIAL  
DISTANCING WHERE  
POSSIBLE (1.5M)



OBEY VENUE  
STAFF/COVID SAFETY  
OFFICER



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# APPENDIX 4

## BASKETBALL VICTORIA VENUE SIGNAGE EXAMPLE

# DO NOT ENTER

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:



FEVER



COUGHING



FATIGUE



SHORTNESS OF  
BREATH



SORE THROAT



PLEASE STAY AT HOME IF UNWELL




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# APPENDIX 5

## GAME DAY CHECKLIST

Basketball Victoria has developed a Game Day Checklist template for Members to use in ensuring compliance with the return to sport guidelines. The checklist should be completed every day for every court and signed and returned to management. Checklists should be retained for a minimum of 21 days to assist in Contact Tracing if required.



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### COVID-19 BIOSAFETY OFFICER CHECKLIST

Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue Details: \_\_\_\_\_

BO Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_

End Time: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Venue Preparation Checklist

Requirements	General	Court _____	Court _____	Court _____	Court _____
Court Surface Sanitised	Mandatory				
Hand Sanitiser at Entry	Mandatory				
Hand Sanitiser on Score benches	Mandatory				
General Seating closed or removed	Limited to 20 per court				
Beach seating	Highly preferred				
Score benches	Maximum of 2				
Water Fountains	Closed				
Social Distancing markers for lines	Mandatory				
Change rooms closed	Preferred				
Designated Entry & Exit marked	Mandatory				
COVID-19 Signage Visible at Entry	Mandatory				
Referee Room	Closed				
Viewing Area/lines	Preferred				


Notes, reports or observations during shift

**Biosafety Officer acknowledgement**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Members should retain signed check lists for a minimum of 21 days post event.

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### COVID-19 BIOSAFETY OFFICER CHECKLIST

GAME 1	Requirements	Court _____	Court _____	Court _____	Court _____
Two lines of players	Multiple court				
Two lines of operators	Multiple court				
Beach seating	Preferred				
Light & Scoreboard to be visible at time	Before and after game				
Score sheet and team sheet to be visible	Before and after game				
Teams separated at the 30 release	Max 10 minutes				
GAME 2	Requirements	Court _____	Court _____	Court _____	Court _____
Two lines of players	Multiple court				
Two lines of operators	Multiple court				
Teams enter via other physical barriers deployed	After court is clear				
Beach seating	Preferred				
Light & Scoreboard to be visible at time	Before and after game				
Score sheet and team sheet to be visible	Before and after game 2				
Teams separated at the 30 release	Max 10 minutes				
GAME 3	Requirements	Court _____	Court _____	Court _____	Court _____
Two lines of players	Multiple court				
Two lines of operators	Multiple court				
Teams enter via other physical barriers deployed	After court is clear				
Beach seating	Preferred				
Light & Scoreboard to be visible at time	Before and after game				
Score sheet and team sheet to be visible	Before and after game				
Teams separated at the 30 release	Max 10 minutes				
GAME 4	Requirements	Court _____	Court _____	Court _____	Court _____
Two lines of players	Multiple court				
Two lines of operators	Multiple court				
Teams enter via other physical barriers deployed	After court is clear				
Beach seating	Preferred				
Light & Scoreboard to be visible at time	Before and after game				
Score sheet and team sheet to be visible	Before and after game 2				
Teams separated at the 30 release	Max 10 minutes				
GAME 5	Requirements	Court _____	Court _____	Court _____	Court _____
Two lines of players	Multiple court				
Two lines of operators	Multiple court				
Teams enter via other physical barriers deployed	After court is clear				
Beach seating	Preferred				
Light & Scoreboard to be visible at time	Before and after game				
Score sheet and team sheet to be visible	Before and after game				
Teams separated at the 30 release	Max 10 minutes				

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# APPENDIX 6

## HOW TO GUIDE ON THE SANITISATION OF EQUIPMENT EXAMPLE

# HOW TO SANITISE YOUR BASKETBALL



1. WIPE WITH A SINGLE USE ANTI-BACTERIAL WIPE



2. DISPOSE OF THE WIPE



3. WASH YOUR HANDS

Futher Examples:

### HOW TO SANITISE BENCH/SEATING



1. WIPE WITH A SINGLE USE ANTI-BACTERIAL WIPE



2. DISPOSE OF THE WIPE



3. WASH YOUR HANDS

### HOW TO SANITISE YOUR LAPTOP/TABLET



1. WIPE WITH A SINGLE USE ANTI-BACTERIAL WIPE



2. DISPOSE OF THE WIPE



3. WASH YOUR HANDS



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