

MANLY WARRINGAH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Return to Sport Guidelines

(at 1/2/21)



THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA, THE NSW GOVERNMENT AND BASKETBALL NSW TO ENSURE THAT THE ENTIRE MWBA COMMUNITY CAN RETURN TO REGULAR BASKETBALL ACTIVITIES IN A SAFE MANNER WHILST MINIMISING THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19. THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE REVIEWED REGULARLY TO ENSURE THAT THEY ADHERE TO ALL "RETURN TO SPORT" GUIDELINES AS DIRECTED BY THE GOVERNING BODIES LISTED.



KEY CONSIDERATIONS

As we return to regular basketball activities, we ask that all participants adhere to the following Government guidelines:

- Do not attend basketball if you are feeling unwell and experiencing symptoms such as a cough, sore throat, fever, cold or 'flu-like symptoms, fatigue or shortness of breath - anyone entering an MWBA venue displaying any of these symptoms will be asked to leave immediately, and may face further penalties;
- Do not attend basketball if, in the last 14 days, you have had close contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19 – PLEASE follow NSW Public Health recommendations and get tested for COVID-19 and self-isolate;
- Do not attend basketball if you have attended any of the current NSW COVID-19 Case locations as detailed by NSW Health.



VENUE CONSIDERATIONS

DESIGNATED ENTRY & EXIT

- MWBA will require all participants, officials and staff to enter through the main entrance at all of our venues.
- After participants or officials have finished their game or activity, they will leave the venue via the emergency exit as directed by the referees and MWBA staff.
 - Satellite venues may only have a single entry/exit point, and in that case participants will be directed by the Venue Supervisor.
- If you require extra assistance to exit the venue, please see the Venue Supervisor.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

- Participants are asked to arrive no more than 10 minutes before their game, and leave the venue within 5 minutes of their game finishing. Social distancing must be maintained outside the venue at all times.
- External doors will open 5 minutes prior to the scheduled game time, and will be locked 10 minutes after game start time – only registered players will be permitted entry outside of this time.



ENTRY CONSIDERATIONS

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- For the purposes of contact tracing, every person who enters an MWBA venue MUST register their entry via the Service NSW QR code provided.

Players

- Only registered players whose names are printed on the scoresheet will be permitted entry.
- Players must sign in with the referee on court to meet the Association contact tracing criteria.
- Individuals over the age of 65, or people with a chronic medical condition are recommended not to enter any venue.
- Spectator numbers will be determined using Government guidelines and will be at the discretion of the Association.

BASKETBALLS

- Basketballs are not permitted to be brought into any of our venues. Warm up and game balls will be provided.

SEATING

- Grandstands and general seating are not currently in use.



PARTICIPANT CONSIDERATIONS

VENUE CAPACITY

- The number of people permitted in our venues will be monitored by MWBA Staff regularly to ensure appropriate biosafety management.
- If any team has exceeded their spectator limit, venue staff will ask the extra spectators to leave the venue. Please do not attempt to negotiate this matter, as further sanctions may become applicable to the offending person or team.
- To comply with government guidelines and maintain the required social distancing within the venue, the maximum number of patrons in the venue will not exceed the 4 square metre rule – but may be less at the discretion of the Association and venue management.

COME READY TO PLAY

- Participants are asked to arrive ready to play – no change room facilities will be available, EXCEPT for the 4:20pm game at NBISC for junior players who are coming straight from school. Changerooms are located under the grandstands.
- Participants are asked to bring their own towel and FULL drink bottles. Communal towels and water fountains are not available for use.
- No bibs will be available for use, please ensure you have reversible singlets to avoid colour clashes.



SANITISATION

- Hand sanitiser will be provided and must be used upon entry to the stadium.
- Staff will sanitise surfaces such as seats, benches and handles between games.
- Hand sanitiser will be available on every score table for players, referees and score table officials to use during games. This must be used before the game and at half time – no exceptions.
- Single-use alcohol wipes will be provided for the referees to clean the balls.

BIOSAFETY STAFF

- All MWBA Staff will be trained as Biosafety Officers and will manage the restrictions enforced by the NSW Government and the Association.
- Staff will oversee the flow of participants in the venue, social distancing, numbers of participants in the venue, and the management of basketball hygiene.
- Any non-compliance of these guidelines will see the offender removed from the venue, with the possibility of facing further penalties.



GAME PROTOCOLS – ALL GAMES

IN-PLAY-OUT

- Teams must wait outside until the previous teams have vacated the facility. Please remember to:
 - Adhere to Government social distancing guidelines.
 - Not stand on the road and please be careful of traffic. Use surrounding parkland to gather as a team if necessary.
- Doors will open 5 minutes prior to scheduled game time, and will be locked 10 minutes after the scheduled game time.
- Participants will be allowed to enter in an orderly manner, observing appropriate social distancing.
- Hand sanitiser **MUST** be used on entry.
- Once in the court area, participants will not be permitted to return to the foyer.
- Exit and entry to single-court venues will be managed by the Venue Supervisors.
- The Biosecurity Officer and referees will ensure that teams are signed in and the game will start at the scheduled time.
- Once the game is complete, all participants will be required to leave the venue immediately via the emergency exit as directed by referees and MWBA staff.



GAME PROTOCOLS – ALL GAMES

- While in the venue the players must be aware not to:
 - Spit - including into rubbish bins. This is a safety hazard and offenders will be asked to stop immediately. If this continues, offenders will be asked to leave the venue
 - Wipe the soles of your shoes with your hands – use a disposable wipe or a towel.
 - Take your mouthguard out – players who do so will be asked to sanitise their hands immediately.
 - Shake hands or give high-5's – we know it seems contradictory, but just go with us on this one!

- Players will be asked to:
 - Wipe up their own sweat or other bodily fluids from the playing surface using their own towel if the referee stops the game for a safety hazard.
 - Sanitise their hands at half time.
 - Vacate the venue as soon as their game is finished.
 - Enjoy being back playing basketball!!!!!!