



OFFICIATING GUIDANCE

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Prior to Officiating Fixtures

- All officials should check for symptoms of COVID-19. In line with the current Scottish Governments guidance, if an individual is symptomatic and/or living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection they should remain at home and follow Scottish Government Guidance.
- Officials should maintain strict and frequent hand hygiene measures at all times. Please refer to **basketballscotland's** Shared Equipment Cleaning Guidance in section 10 of **basketballscotland's** GUIDANCE FOR CLUBS AND COACHES
- Use of toilets should adhere to the latest Scottish Government guidance.
- Access to, and use, of changing rooms and showering facilities is permitted (other than in Level 4 areas where indoor facilities should remain closed) if appropriate risk assessment and hygiene measures have been put in place.
- A risk assessment should have been completed by the club. Officials should have an understanding of the risk assessment before officiating in any game.
- Officials should contact the club's COVID Officer prior to arrival to receive information on facility requirements, hygiene, risk assessments and any other relevant information
- Officials should follow the Scottish Government's guidance on taking lateral flow tests (take a rapid lateral flow test twice a week, every 3 or 4 days), paying particular attention to this before participating in fixtures. This guidance can be found [here](#).

Travelling to and from the Venue

- Officials and clubs should follow the Scottish Government's Travel guidance which can be found [here](#).
- Should officials need to travel more than 50 miles to a venue, please contact the officiating organiser for the fixture to ensure expenses can be met.
- Officials travelling to and from the venue should avoid car sharing with people outside of their household. If you have to share a car journey with anyone from another household, you should take the steps and precautions which can be found [here](#).
- Officials should adopt a sensible approach to this and identify the risks associated to travelling on both public and private transport.

At the Venue

- Officials should follow all guidance issued by the club and/or facility in relation to COVID-19 protocols
- The Clubs should make hand washing facilities and/or hand sanitising available for all site users. We also encourage you to take and use your own hand sanitiser.
- Please follow entry and exit, and parking arrangements in venues to ensure physical distancing can be maintained and implemented. Traffic flow systems should be used where possible and appropriate. This will be organised by the clubs.
- Before the start of the game, officials should wear face masks when travelling around the venue.

Physical Distancing

Before/After the Game

- Follow Protection Level maximum bubble sizes within the whole playing group of both teams (including coaches and players). Sizes of bubbles are as follows:
 - No size limit for Level, total daily limit is 1000 people.
 - 100 people for Level 1, total daily limit 1000.
 - 50 people for Level 2, total daily limit 500.
 - 30 people for Level 3, total daily limit 200.
- An exception to the physical distancing rules is allowed during organised sessions. However, 1m physical distancing and rules on household groups should be maintained before and after fixtures **and during breaks in fixtures**.
- The following physical distancing protocols should also be adopted:
 - Warm up in small groups.
 - Table officials must maintain physical distancing throughout.
 - At the end of the match, maintain physical distancing. Avoid elbow taps, fist taps or handshakes.

During the Game

- Table officials must maintain physical distancing.
- Any group discussions should be kept to a minimum.
- We understand that touching the ball for floor officials is part of the game. Officials should keep contact with the ball to a minimum.
- Floor and table officials should apply physical distancing as much as possible.
- Table officials are responsible for the equipment they will be using.
- Floor and table officials may remind teams of COVID regulations if deemed appropriate.
- The sharing of paperwork should be avoided.

Core Guidance

- More than one game can be officiated throughout the day at different venues keeping in mind the Scottish Government's Travel guidance which can be found [here](#).

Sanitisation

- Hand sanitiser should be used during each quarter by all officials.
- Hands should be sanitised before the start of the game.
- During quarter breaks the ball should be sanitised with an anti-bacterial wipe (confirming to BS EN 14476). The home team should appoint someone with the responsibility of sanitising the ball.

After the Game

- All officials should sanitise their hands after the game.
- When traveling around the venue, officials should wear a face mask.
- As stated in **basketball**scotland's GUIDANCE FOR CLUBS AND COACHES, one person should be responsible for cleaning of officiating equipment.