



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 follow Scottish Government Guidance.
- People who are symptomatic, including close contacts, should self-isolate for 10 days as per NHS Scotland guidance. From the 9th August 2021 close contacts 18 years of age or over who have been double vaccinated for more than 14 days or 5 to 17- year-olds, with no symptoms, will be able to take a PCR test and end self-isolation if the result is negative. No one who is self-isolating should attend a sports facility or activity.
- 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.
- Physical distancing is not required but face masks are still mandatory. Officials should wear face coverings indoors, before and after activity or when in non-playing areas of the facility.
- 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](#).
- If you need to share a vehicle with anyone from another household, you should continue to follow the appropriate measures, steps and precautions where possible:
 - if sharing a vehicle with anyone from another household, limit the number of people in the vehicle to as few as possible, ideally no more than 2 (applies to adults and children aged 12 and over)
 - use the biggest vehicle available for car sharing purposes
 - windows in the car should be opened as far as possible taking account of weather conditions to improve ventilation in the space
 - occupants in the car, including the driver, should wear a face covering provided it does not compromise driver safety in any way
 - occupants should perform hand hygiene before entering the vehicle and again on leaving the vehicle
 - occupants should avoid eating in the vehicle
 - passengers in the vehicle should minimise any surfaces touched
 - keep the volume of any music/radio to a minimum to prevent the need to raise voices in the car
 - the longer the journey, the higher the risk; keep journey times to the minimum feasible and do not linger in the vehicle before or after the journey itself
 - where non-household members are car-sharing, the car must be cleaned regularly
- 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.
- 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 Below 0 (BL0), total daily limit is 5000.
 - No size limit for Level 0, total daily limit 1000
 - 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

During the Game

- 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
- 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 **basketballscotland's** GUIDANCE FOR CLUBS AND COACHES, one person should be responsible for cleaning of officiating equipment.