



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 and follow Scottish Government Guidance.
- If an individual is testing positive, symptomatic and/or a close contact with a possible COVID-19 infection they should follow Scottish Government Guidance which can be found [here](#).
- 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
- 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 **basketball**scotland's GUIDANCE FOR CLUBS AND COACHES, one person should be responsible for cleaning of officiating equipment.