

# DESOTO YOUTH BASKETBALL RETURN TO PLAY PROPOSAL – WINTER BASKETBALL 2020-21 SEASON

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## OVERVIEW

### 1. Scope

**i** *Based on current data and knowledge on how the virus spreads, the DeSoto Youth Basketball League has put together sensible and reasonable precautions in an effort to hold a basketball season this Winter. The League has explored ideas in an effort to make fan and player safety a priority. The objective of these provisions is to mitigate the risk of contracting the COVID- 19 virus by being respectful to everyone and still play the game the way it should be played.*

### 2. Requirements and Proposals

**i** *The DeSoto Youth Basketball League respectfully submits the following proposals for basketball play the 2020-21 Winter season.*

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Games will be played on Saturdays or Sundays. They will be held at the DeSoto Recreation Center in DeSoto.
- There will be a fan to player ratio of 2:1 in an effort to reduce larger crowds within the facilities. Each player will be allowed 2 guests to enter into the gymnasium. Each Coach will be allowed two guests.
- Everyone (spectators, coaches, players) will be required to wear masks while entering, exiting, and while inside of the gymnasium. They will also look to minimize in-person contact by maintaining six feet of social distance between other spectators, not including those in their individual household.
- Coaches and spectators must continue to wear masks inside of the gymnasium. Players may remove their masks while warming up and playing.
- Temperature checks are required for everyone who enters the building.

## GAME PLAY

- Start times for all games will be staggered to allow for the sanitation of gyms between games by City Staff.
- The teams for the next scheduled games will not be allowed into the gym until the fans and players from the previous game have exited the building. They will wait outside of the gym or designated area practicing social distancing until the gym monitor allows them inside. Teams just finishing play will exit a marked exit door different from the entry door in order to not cross paths with the new teams entering.

- There will be no postgame handshake or physical interaction between teams after the final buzzer. Teams and fans will gather their personal belongings and exit the gym. Post-game meetings and discussions will be held outside, exercising proper social distancing.
- The scorekeeper and book keeper sitting at the scorer's table will be required to wear a face mask.
- Bleachers will not be pulled out in the gym. Spectators are required to bring their own chairs.
- All game balls will be sanitized after each quarter.

## COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coaches should enforce social distancing with players on the bench
- Assistant coaches will wear masks while seated on the bench. The head coach that is standing will not be required to wear a mask, but will wear a mask if they are seated on the bench.
- Players will have their hands sanitized prior to tip off and entering the game from the bench. Coaches will be required to provide their own hand sanitizer.
- Coaches will be trained on the new procedure at the preseason coach's meeting and will be required to sign off on their understanding.

## PRACTICE GUIDELINES

- Practices will be held at DeSoto ISD elementary schools and the DeSoto Recreation Center. There will be no sharing of gyms. Only one team will be allowed in each gym at a time with the exception of the DeSoto Recreation Center. The DeSoto Recreation Center gyms will be divided and the curtain will be down at all times. No scrimmaging is permitted.
- Practices will be held Monday through Thursday. The available times are 6:15pm-7:15pm, 7:15pm-8:15pm OR 8:15pm-9:15pm.
- Bleachers will not be pulled out in the gym
- Masks are mandatory for coaches and players as they enter, exit, and when they are not actively engaged in practice
- Only TWO adults per team will be allowed to attend practice. Those two adults and players are the only ones who can enter the gym for a practice. No siblings will be allowed during practice unless they are part of the team.
- Before Practice
  - Teams will wait outside until the previous team has cleared the gym. Only two adults and the team may enter the gym.
- After practice
  - Teams will exit through designated exit doors and custodians will begin to disinfect the gym.