



Town of Erie

2020 Guidelines for Returning to Basketball during COVID 19

Guidelines based off of the current Colorado State guidelines for Personal Recreation and Team Sports. Please note, state guidelines may be changed during the course of the season.

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home-in-the-vast-great-outdoors/guidance-by-sector/organized-sports>

There is an inherent risk when participating in any youth sports activity. The Town of Erie Sports Department has created these specific guidelines below in order to best mitigate risk in controllable situations.

Overview:

1. If any coach, staff member, or player is experiencing any signs of illness, they cannot participate, come to the gym and/or must leave the gym if they become ill.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
2. If at any time Erie P&R feels conditions become unsafe for their players, coaches, officials, sports staff, and/or families, we will end the season and look to issue prorated refunds.
3. Please read and adhere to all signage placed at all of our facilities.

Sanitizing/Masks:

1. All coaches, participants and staff members are expected to wear masks at all times during basketball activities, including while actively participating.
2. All participants should avoid touching their faces and should use hand sanitizer after touching faces or shared surfaces.
3. During basketball activities coaches are encouraged to use hand sanitizer for all coaches/players before and after sessions, and throughout each session as needed.
4. The Town of Erie will provide coaches with hand sanitizer and sanitizing products to be used throughout basketball activities.
5. Staff will sanitize bathrooms and high touch areas regularly.
6. Any equipment provided by the Town of Erie will be regularly sanitized before and after use.

Social Distancing:

1. Spectators may not attend basketball activities hosted at the Erie Community Center.
2. Families are asked to drop off participants no earlier than **5 minutes** before their child's scheduled start time.
3. Participants will use the main entrance of the Erie Community Center to enter the building and Sports Staff will escort players to the appropriate side of the gym.

4. At the conclusion of the team session, Sports Staff will escort teams to the designated pick up area. Families will be instructed to pick up their child from the designated area and should exit the building promptly.
5. Carpooling players from a different household is highly discouraged.
6. Coaches are asked to creatively work with players while maintaining social distancing.
7. The Family Locker Rooms will be closed to all youth basketball coaches and participants.
8. Players and coaches should always maintain 6' social distancing while using bleachers or outside the game of play.

Practice and Game Safety:

1. All coaches and players will wear masks during the entire team session, including active participation.
2. All activities will follow the maximum limit of players per court based on current state guidance (currently 25 players) and Erie Community Center capacity limits.
3. Teams will stay as a cohort for the entirety of the season and team sizes will be increased to 15 players per team. North and South gyms will have staggered start times to mitigate the risk of interactions between cohorts.
4. Instead of games against opponents, teams will spend 30 minutes each session practicing and will spend the final 30 minutes using 2 hoops to conduct 3v3 intrasquad games.
5. Coaches should plan practice activities that minimize contact. Focus on skill development using stations and small groups.
6. Players should not bring outside basketballs into the ECC. All basketballs will be provided and regularly sanitized throughout all sessions.
7. Players should not touch each other outside of game play; No high fives, fist bumps or handshakes, etc.
8. Families are encouraged to help coaches with sanitizing hands of participants prior to attending activities.
9. No congregating in team huddles at any time, address the team while everyone is social distancing. Teams should acknowledge one another and officials after the game with a wave and thank you!
10. Teams must use a new sanitized ball after any dead ball situation during 3v3 game play. Teams are encouraged to place sanitized balls on their sideline and be prepared to provide the official with a new sanitized ball at any time.
11. Each player should have their own bottle for water/sports drinks/etc.
12. Food is not allowed in the ECC Gym.