



Town of Erie

2021 Guidelines for Returning to 5U/7U/9U 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/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 sports staff member, spectator 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, 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 staff members, spectators and participants are expected to wear masks at all times while attending basketball activities at the Erie Community Center.
 - a. Sports staff will strategically build in mask breaks and water breaks for participants to catch their breath frequently between drills and activities.
2. All participants should avoid touching their faces and should use hand sanitizer after touching faces or shared surfaces.
3. During basketball activities staff members are encouraged to use hand sanitizer for themselves and provide it to all participants before and after sessions, and throughout each session as needed.
4. The Town of Erie will provide staff members 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. Only one parent/guardian per participant may attend basketball activities hosted at the Erie Community Center.
2. Families are asked to arrive no earlier than **5 minutes** before their child's scheduled start time and only enter the gym when the previous session has fully cleared.

3. Participants and their spectator 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, participants and their spectator are asked to promptly exit the building to give Sports Staff time to sanitize the gym before the next session begins.
5. Carpooling players from a different household is highly discouraged.
6. Staff members will work creatively with players while maintaining social distancing.
7. The Family Locker Rooms will be closed to all youth basketball participants.
8. Players, staff members, and spectators should always maintain 6' social distancing at all times. This includes while using bleachers, walking through the lobby, exiting the facility, during drills, etc.

Practice and Game Safety:

1. All staff members, spectators and participants will need to wear masks while inside the Erie Community Center for basketball activities.
2. All activities will follow the maximum limit of players/spectators per court based on current state guidance (currently 10) and Erie Community Center capacity limits.
3. Teams will stay as a cohort for the entirety of the season and team sizes will be kept at a max of 5 players per team. North and South gyms will have staggered start times to mitigate the risk of interactions between cohorts.
4. All sessions will focus on socially distanced individual skill building and socially distanced competitions.
5. Staff members will 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 at all during sessions. No high fives, fist bumps or handshakes, etc.
8. Families are encouraged to help staff members with sanitizing hands of participants prior to attending activities.
9. Sports staff members will always address the team while maintaining social distancing and there won't be any team huddles allowed.
10. Each player should have their own bottle for water/sports drinks/etc.
11. Food is not allowed in the ECC Gym.