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# 2021 NHIBT COVID19 EVENT GUIDELINES



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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The growing impact of COVID-19 has understandably caught organizations, individuals and anyone involved in sports by surprise. In an effort to continually nurture and cultivate the relationships with our beloved Hellenic Youth the Greek Orthodox Athletic League (NHIBT) has constructed COVID-19 (the Coronavirus) protocol with collaboration and feedback from stakeholders that include, but not limited to, board members, coaches, volunteers, clergy, players, and families.

The NHIBT board of directors, clergy, and supporters of the basketball community take the health, safety and well-being of our event participants, attendees, and family seriously. The NHIBT board and clergy continue to monitor national, regional, local government alerts, and health organization reports, including updates from the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

This document contains proposed NHIBT COVID19 Event Guidelines for the 2021 NHIBT Tournament. NHIBT will continue to track developments and will re-evaluate policies and implement new procedures as circumstances change. We want to assure the communities we serve that our focus is on the health and safety of our participants.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO KEEP IN MIND

There are several actions youth sports organizations can take to help lower the risk of COVID-19 exposure during competition and practice. Therefore, risk of spread can be different, depending on the type of activity. Basketball is currently considered a medium risk sport under the State of Illinois and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidance.

The level of play allowed is dictated by current public health conditions. This includes all youth and adult recreational sports, including, but not limited to, travel clubs, private leagues and clubs, recreational leagues and centers, and park district sports programs.

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) issued their 2020-2021 Basketball Consideration Document. This document is attached to this document. It can also be viewed online at the following website / address:

<https://www.ihsa.org/Resources/COVID-19#3085147-basketball>

This document and its guidelines are considered the governing rules of the NHIBT and associated basketball activities. The NHIBT document and the guidance outlines contained in the document is supplemental information that expands, clarifies, and/or augments the IHSA guidance. Things of note when referencing the IHSA document.

- Modified season dates are to be reviewed, provided by the NHIBT with appropriate feedback from participants.
- Tasks identified in the Tournaments at one Host Site section are to be conducted and enforced by the NHIBT site representative.
- Game officials are to implement the guidelines identified in the Requirements and Consideration for Officials section. This includes guidelines identified in Other Considerations section.

- This document contains disinfecting and cleaning protocols. Includes the location of sanitation materials.

It is an enormous task for us to prepare for this. There is no easy way to go about this. We do believe the Hellenic Basketball Community is up to it. We look forward to making sure that we do the best we possibly can. During this pandemic we all pray that everyone is granted hope, strength, and healing for our families, friends, neighbors, church, and nation.

## PROPOSED GUIDELINES

### GENERAL OVERVIEW GUIDANCE

The following general protocols need to be followed at any location that is hosting a NHIBT basketball game. It is the responsibility of each site representative and participant to understand the plan, execute the plan, and enforce the plan with the support of the NHIBT. This includes the following:

General Overview Task	Task Description
GO1	Identify a COVID Safety Task Force that will be responsible for executing the NHIBT guidelines and providing communication between stakeholders of NHIBT and the facility.
GO2	Affirm the facility that it has received a minimum Preparedness Level 3.  Affirm if using a rented and/or facility other than a Parish facility it will follow the NHIBT guidelines.
GO3	Verify all teams, participants, and spectators, will receive these procedures and protocols upon registration.
GO4	Hand sanitizer and additional PPE will be available at the check-in table.
GO5	Provide COVID-19 Symptoms Checklist for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators to review, complete, sign and file. It should be a goal of every participant to complete, execute, and submit files electronically.
GO6	Review check-in areas. Understand queuing lines need to form during the check-in process. Marking should be posted on the ground so that appropriate social distancing can be maintained to the greatest extent possible.
GO7	All in-game materials (balls, scoreboards, scorebooks, etc.) will be brought by the designated host representative and sanitized before and after each game.
GO8	Only one game ball will be used per game. Host representative will provide the game ball to the official prior to the game.
GO9	Determine capacity of the facility with social distancing (6'-0" minimum) requirements. Smaller gymnasiums / facilities might restrict spectators. If needed, use sign-up forms and/or APPS to have individuals register. Coordinate with incoming teams. Review current municipal and health department guidelines for limiting number of personnel in facility / area.
GO10	Only participants, players, spectators, coaches, and game officials are allowed to be in the main gymnasium area. Players and others waiting to participate in later games are not allowed to be in the court or space that the game is taking place.

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GO11	Review all exits and entries in the main gym. Designate one-way traffic pathways. After the completion of a game all spectators and participants are to leave the designated exit and not enter through the path of participants of the next game. Teams move out in an orderly and efficient fashion.
GO12	All scoreboard operators are REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES in the building during the event.
GO13	Concessions are not allowed.
GO14	<p>Everyone associated with a NHIBT event should be familiar with the IDPH information and guidance on COVID19 virus. Website resources for reference are, but not limited to, the following:</p> <p><a href="https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus/symptoms-treatment">https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus/symptoms-treatment</a></p> <p><a href="https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus/faq">https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus/faq</a></p>
GO15	<p>Everyone associated with a NHIBT event should be familiar with the CDC information regarding at risk individuals. Website resources for reference are, but not limited to, the following:</p> <p><a href="https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/p0625-update-expands-covid-19.html">https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/p0625-update-expands-covid-19.html</a></p>

We recommend that each representative provide signage that contains all guidelines for everyone to view and reference. This will provide additional clarity on roles and responsibilities.

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## SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

The following protocols need to be followed at any location that is hosting a NHIBT basketball game by the spectators. It is the responsibility of each representative and participant to understand the plan, execute the plan, and enforce the plan. This includes the following:

<b>Spectator Guidelines</b>	<b>Guideline Description</b>
SG1	Should not attempt to enter the court area until 10 minutes before the game.
SG2	All spectators will fill out a pregame COVID-19 Symptoms Checklist before each game and be required to sign in before each game.
SG3	<p>Temperatures of all participants and team spectators (coaches, players, parents, fans) will be taken at the facility vestibule before entering the court or main game area.</p> <p>According to the NHS a high temperature for an adult is typically considered to be 38C (100.4F) or anything above that amount. An additional temperature screening can be taken 5 minutes after failing the first one. Individual should wait away from others and isolate themselves to the greatest extent possible. Failing a second temperature screening. Anyone with a high temperature will not be admitted and should leave immediately.</p>
SG4	All spectators are REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES in the building during the event.
SG5	All spectators are to OBEY ALL SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES from other attendees at all times. Unless from the same household.
SG6	All spectators must leave promptly after the game unless they have a child that is participating in the next game.
SG7	Any spectators that are exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms should not attend the games.
SG8	Spectators are limited to household members or guardians of athletes participating in the game.

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## PLAYER GUIDELINES

The following protocols need to be followed at any location that is hosting a NHIBT basketball game by the players. It is the responsibility of each representative and participant to understand the plan, execute the plan, and enforce the plan. This includes the following:

<b>Player Guidelines</b>	<b>Guideline Description</b>
PG1	Should not attempt to enter the court area until designated representatives allow them to do so. Fifteen minutes of warming-up time will be provided prior to the game start.
PG1	All players will fill out a pregame COVID-19 Symptoms Checklist before each game and be required to sign in before each game
PG2	<p>Temperatures of all participants and team spectators (coaches, players, parents, fans) will be taken at the facility vestibule before entering the court or main game area.</p> <p>According to the NHS a high temperature for an adult is typically considered to be 38C (100.4F) or anything above that amount. An additional temperature screening can be taken 5 minutes after failing the first one. Individual should wait away from others and isolate themselves to the greatest extent possible. Failing a second temperature screening. Anyone with a high temperature will not be admitted and should leave immediately.</p>
PG3	Coaches, players, and referees are required to wear masks before and after games (including bathroom breaks). Masks are not required by players when playing/warming-up.
PG4	At the end of the game, there will be no handshake between teams
PG5	All players must leave promptly after the game.
PG6	Players on the bench should wear face coverings.
PG7	Players should be responsible for their own supplies such as a water bottle. Players that bring in items are to clean up and dispose of items appropriately after the game.
PG8	Any player that is exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms should not attend the games.

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## COACHES GUIDELINES

The following protocols need to be followed at any location that is hosting a NHIBT basketball game by the coaches. It is the responsibility of each hosting representative and participant to understand the plan, execute the plan, and enforce the plan. This includes the following:

Coach Guidelines	Guideline Description
CG1	Should not attempt to enter the court area until designated representatives allow them to do so. Fifteen minutes of warming-up time will be provided prior to the game start.  A maximum of two (2) coaches are allowed per game.
CG2	All coaches will fill out a pregame COVID-19 Symptoms Checklist before each game and be required to sign in before each game
CG3	Temperatures of all participants and team spectators (coaches, players, parents, fans) will be taken at the facility vestibule before entering the court or main game area.  According to the NHS a high temperature for an adult is typically considered to be 38C (100.4F) or anything above that amount. An additional temperature screening can be taken 5 minutes after failing the first one. Individual should wait away from others and isolate themselves to the greatest extent possible. Failing a second temperature screening. Anyone with a high temperature will not be admitted and should leave immediately.
CG4	All coaches are required to provide all participants names and numbers to the official scorekeeper on a form or separate sheet of paper. Only scorebook keeper can handle scorebook.
CG5	All coaches are REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES in the building during the event.
CG6	At the end of the game, there will be no handshake between teams
CG7	All coaches must leave promptly after the game unless they have a child or coaching the next game. Coaches should be responsible for their own supplies such as a water bottle. Coaches that bring in items are to clean up and dispose of items appropriately after the game.
CG8	Any coach that is exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms should not attend the games.

We recommend that each representative to provide signage that contains all guidelines for everyone to view and reference. This will provide additional clarity on roles and responsibilities.

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## GAME OFFICIALS GUIDELINES

The following protocols need to be followed at any location that is hosting a NHIBT basketball game by the game officials. It is the responsibility of each participant and representative to understand the plan, execute the plan, and enforce the plan. This includes the following:

Game Official Guidelines	Guideline Description
O1	Should not attempt to enter the court area until designated representatives allow them to do so. Fifteen minutes of warming-up time will be provided prior to the game start.
O2	All game officials will fill out a pregame COVID-19 Symptoms Checklist before each game and be required to sign in before each game
O3	<p>Temperatures of all participants and team spectators (coaches, players, parents, fans) will be taken at the facility vestibule before entering the court or main game area.</p> <p>According to the NHS a high temperature for an adult is typically considered to be 38C (100.4F) or anything above that amount. An additional temperature screening can be taken 5 minutes after failing the first one. Individual should wait away from others and isolate themselves to the greatest extent possible. Failing a second temperature screening. Anyone with a high temperature will not be admitted and should leave immediately.</p>
O4	<p>All scorebook officials, are REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES in the building during the event.</p> <p>Using of electronic whistles are to be used to signal game information to the group.</p>
O5	At the end of the game, there will be no handshake between teams
O6	All game officials must leave promptly after their LAST officiated game.
O7	Any official that is exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms should not attend the games.
O8	All game officials are required to follow the guidelines established by the IHSA when in the building and during the event.

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## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

These guidelines are to work in conjunction with ISHA guidance. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure they adhere to the rules. If there is an issue, of someone not following protocols, bring it to the attention of the NHIBT representative to address the situation.

Any incidents should be documented and sent to the NHIBT board for review and possibly take additional steps in addressing the situation or implement a resolution of corrective action. Feedback is critical and essential to review and adjust any of the guidelines that have been identified. We are all in it together, and only with everyone's assistance can we overcome these conditions. If there are any questions, we ask you to contact the NHIBT board at:

- Email: [nhibt.inc@gmail.com](mailto:nhibt.inc@gmail.com) or call via mobile Mr. Frank Korbos @ 708 691 8500 OR Mr Dean Manasses @ 312 671 7173

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Note that all protocols identified in this document are SUBJECT TO CHANGE, up to the day of the event, based on state guidelines.

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