

NDHSAA Basketball Update

December 2, 2020



Facial Coverings

*Face coverings (cloth face mask, neck gaiter, paper or disposable mask, or religious face covering) must be worn to cover the nose and mouth completely and consist of two layers at all times by all individuals in the gym (players, coaches, team personnel, officials, scorer's table personnel, fans, etc.) per North Dakota State Health Officer Order 2020-08.

****Exceptions to this order apply for players and officials during game play and in-between whistles. The exception would also apply to players in practice when the level of exertion makes it difficult to wear a face covering.***

COVID Protocol Reminders

*Physical distancing must be maintained during pregame meeting with coaches

*No handshakes during pregame introductions or captains and coaches meeting

*No postgame handshakes between teams or officials

*A complete list of NFHS Basketball Rules Alterations due to COVID-19 can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1De0nmzxJMjP02wwLzoaTQu5ZaR9Pd7HElIxbLV9wNfo/edit>

Protocols for Officials

*Officials must have a black facial mask in their pocket at all times or a double-layered black gaiter around their neck. Officials are required to wear either when:

-Entering/exiting the court, ice, mat

-During pre-game/pre-match

-During timeouts

-During other downtimes (upon arrival to the facility, during intermissions, after the contest(s) until leaving the facility)

-Inside the locker room if not physically distanced

*Officials will not be expected to monitor physical distancing; each person is responsible

*Physical distancing by officials from coaches, trainers, table workers, and other personnel is required

*Electronic whistles or whistles embedded in a mask are permitted

*Officials should bring their own food and water, etc.

Calendar

*Currently NDHSAA high school basketball games are allowed to resume on Monday, December 14

*Any future calendar or tournament format adjustments will be communicated to NDHSAA basketball athletic directors

Best of luck to everyone with the start of the 2020-21 season!