

2020-21 NATIONAL FEDERATION  
BASKETBALL RULES BOOK

**CLIP AND PLACE ON THE INSIDE COVER OF YOUR RULES BOOK**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION 2020-21 COVID RELATED**

- a. NFHS Basketball Rules Considerations
- (1) Pregame Protocol (2019-2020 NFHS Officials Manual, page 16, 1.8; NFHS Basketball Rule Book – 3-4-5)
    - (a) Limit attendees to the referee and the head coach from each team with each coach standing on the center circle on each side of the division line.
    - (b) All individuals maintain a social distance of 6 feet or greater at the center circle.
    - (c) Suspend handshakes prior to and following the Pregame Conference.
  - (2) Team Benches (1-13-1)
    - (a) Social distancing should be practiced when possible. Below are some suggestions.
      - Limit the number of bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet or greater.
      - Place team benches opposite the spectator seating.
      - Additional chairs or rows may be added to allow bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet or greater.
      - Create separation between the team bench and spectator seating behind the bench.
      - Limit contact between players when substituting.
      - Personnel not in the game should adhere to any required local/state face covering requirements.
  - (3) Officials Table (2-1-3)
    - (a) The host should sanitize the table before the game and at half time.
    - (b) Place officials table sufficiently away from the sideline to allow for additional space for substitutes.
    - (c) Limit seats at the table to essential personnel which includes home team scorer and timer with a recommend distance of 6 feet or greater between individuals. Other personnel (visiting scorer, statisticians, media, etc.) may not be deemed essential personnel and consider an alternate location for them.
    - (d) Table personnel should adhere to any required local/state face covering requirements.
- b. Basketball Rules Interpretations

*WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin*

---

**NATIONAL FEDERATION 2020-21 COVID RELATED - Page 2**

- (1) Equipment and Accessories (4-1)
  - (a) Basketball
    - Ball given to officials in the locker room, where it is sanitized as recommended by the ball manufacturer and not used for warm-ups.
    - The host school should ensure that the ball is sanitized during time-outs and between quarters.
    - Sanitizer should be provided by the host team at the table.
  - (b) Cloth face coverings are permissible for players.
  - (c) Consider requiring coaching staff and other bench personnel to wear face coverings while on the bench.
- (2) Officials Uniform and Equipment (5-3)
  - (a) By state association adoption, long-sleeved shirts are permissible. (5-1-3)
  - (b) Officials should not be required to wear jackets during pre-game court/player observation.
  - (c) Electronic whistles are permissible (supplies are limited).
    - Choose a whistle whose tone will carry inside.
    - Check the market for choices
  - (d) Cloth face coverings are permissible.
  - (e) Gloves are permissible.

