

Mankato Basketball Association (MBA) COVID-19 Preparedness Plan: The health and safety of our players, coaches, and families is our number one priority. The MBA has put together a Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and has instituted safety measures consistent with CDC and MDH guidelines. The following guidelines and procedures will be followed during the 2020-2021 basketball season. These procedures outlined below will be utilized at all MBA practices for the season.

Mask Requirement: All coaches, players, board members or anyone entering the practice facility must wear a mask at all times, including during practice sessions.

Facilities/Grouping: The MBA has been notified of reduced capacity limits for its facilities and will keep the number of people within those limitations. Due to these new limitations, parents will not be allowed to stay and watch practice and will only be permitted in the practice facility briefly for drop off and pick up if necessary. Each team will be assigned a specific practice court for each scheduled practice. Each court will have, in addition to the practice area, an assigned staging area in which players and coaches can wait while maintaining a minimum distance of 6 feet from each other and a minimum distance of 12 feet from any other teams who are practicing or waiting in their respective staging area for practice to begin. Players must wait in the staging area for their assigned practice court or in their vehicles or outside the building until the scheduled practice time at which point a coach will usher them to their assigned practice court. Players will not be able to enter the building early and congregate in entryways and hallways. Groups of players will be kept to 15 or less per practice court or staging area. Players and coaches will be required to use hand sanitizer AFTER they are ready for practice, but BEFORE touching any of the basketballs or equipment.

Equipment: Coaches will be responsible for sanitizing all equipment (basketballs, pads, cones, etc.) use by their team after each practice session. Every effort will be made to limit, as much as possible, the sharing of equipment. Each player MUST provide their own labeled water bottle. We will NOT be utilizing the facilities water fountains. Social Distancing will be required during water breaks.

Contact Tracing and Reporting: MBA will require coaches to submit a list of all players and coaches participating at each practice session or any other team related activities for purposes of tracing any contacts by person who might become infected with COVID-19. Player and their families are required to report all cases of COVID-19 to MBA and MBA will provide notice of such cases and contact tracing information to MDH or other appropriate governmental authority. In addition, MBA will report any know cases and related contact tracing information to the Minnesota Youth Basketball Alliance or Minnesota Youth Athletic Services.

NOTE: All players and coaches must have a signed MBA COVID Acknowledgement Form and Waiver on file in order to participate in any MBA activities or the traveling basketball season.

We want to thank you for your flexibility and patience as we navigate what will be an unusual season for our players, coaches and families. With the uncertainty of how things will progress in the future, we will continue to monitor the recommendations of the CDC and MDH and will make any adjustments to the above procedures if necessary.

For any questions or concerns regarding the above procedure please contact: Dan Godfrey, President, MBA, dwgodfrey11@yahoo.com, (507) 381-2963. We are excited to get back to practicing and continue teaching the game of basketball! Thank you!

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