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Activity Protocol COVID-19 Basketball Game

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Framework and recommendations for games

Maximum number of 8 spectators

Procedure and guidelines for postponed or canceled games in the league series

Introduction

This document has been produced with the aim that we at the Swedish Basketball Federation do our utmost to limit spread of infection during the season's upcoming games.

We all have a responsibility in this, regardless of our role or function. The conditions in different municipalities and gyms across the country differ very much, which means that cooperation and planning will be crucial for good implementation.

“Asymptomatic and healthy when we arrive, Asymptomatic and healthy when we leave” are the keywords for this endeavor. The measures and recommendations in the document follow decisions and recommendations from Swedish authorities.

Symptoms referred to:

- cough
- fever
- respiratory problems
- common cold
- nasal congestion
- sore throat
- headache
- nausea
- pain in muscles and joints.

In order to achieve the highest accuracy in this work, a consultation meeting has taken place together with our Basketball District Association, the Men's and Women's Series Associations, a number of league associations and close dialogue with our federal physician. The content of this protocol is an adaptation of the checklist established in June 2020 and has been supplemented and adapted on an ongoing basis as advice and restrictions have been changed by authorities.

We are highly aware that new decisions can be made during the current financial year, and it is SBBF's ambition to be prepared for this and update the protocol as soon as possible so that it serves as support to our member associations.

The document contains a number of recommendations for measures that mean that individuals and people in specific roles need to do their part to ensure the activity is perceived as safe by everyone involved.

Corona safe

In this document, the term “Corona safe” is used.

It means that greetings such as “high-fives”, handshakes, “fist-bumps” or elbow bumps, which involve physical contact, should not be used.

The roles are distributed as follows:

- Players alt. Custodian
- Coach / Team Leader
- Referee
- Organizer

GAME

General advice that applies to all people who plan to attend the game:

- Stay home when you experience the slightest symptom or otherwise feel unwell.
- If you have taken a test that confirms that you have Covid-19, you should stay at home until you feel significantly better, have been fever-free for two days or at least seven days since you became ill.
- If you are staying with someone who has been diagnosed with Covid-19, stay home for at least 7 days. (Count from the day the person took the test)
- Travel safely to and from the game and avoid public transport.
- On arrival at the arena / gym, wash your hands thoroughly. With soap or hand disinfectant.
- Greet and cheer on each other in a Corona safe way*.
- Keep distance.
- After the game, leave the arena / gym as quickly as possible.
- Stay informed about special recommendations from the Public Health Agency and the regional infection control physician.

Players

Before the game

- If possible, get changed before arriving to and away from the arena / gym
- Bring your own water bottle.
- Team rituals takes place in a Corona safe way*.
- Warming up takes place in a Corona safe way*.

During the game

- Wash your hands thoroughly at half time. Preferably with soap or hand disinfectant.
- Do not share towels or other equipment with others.
- Be Corona safe towards your teammates. When motivating each other, or similar.
- Players with mouthguards maintain extra good hand hygiene.
- Drink from your own water bottle

After the game

- Thank your opponents, referees and officials for the game in a Corona safe* way.
- Preferably, perform cool-down or other recovery exercises at home or at a place other than in the arena / gym.
- If possible, get changed and shower in a place other than the gym / arena.
- Do not share a towel or other equipment in the locker room.

Coach/Team Leader

Before the game

- Make sure that the staff and players who come to join the activity are healthy and free from symptoms.
- Make sure that the team waits for the specified entrance time to enter the arena / gym.
- Use the specified entry for your team.
- Conduct tactics or motivation in a way that avoids crowding the players.
- 20 minutes before tipoff, at the referees' signal, participate in "Corona Check" where joint coordination and assessment is made that the game can be played without risk of contagion.

During the game

- Wash your hands thoroughly at half time. Preferably with soap or hand disinfectant.

After the game

- Thank your opponents, referees and officials for the game in a Corona safe* way.
- Plan for cool down / stretching in a place other than the arena / gym.
- Gather the team to review the game in a place other than the arena.

Referees

Before the game

- Notify organizer in case of unexpected absence
- Get changed at home or in another place than the gym / arena.
- If the use of referee-rooms is necessary, keep your distance from referee colleagues.
- 20 minutes before tip-off, give a signal and gather Head Coaches for a "Corona Check" where joint coordination and an assessment takes place that the game can be played without risk of contagion.
- Avoid physical contact with players prior to tipoff.

During the game

- Keep your distance from your fellow referee / fellow referees.
- Wash your hands thoroughly at half time. Preferably with soap or hand disinfectant.
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact that is not a natural part of the assignment.
- Do not share equipment with others.

After the game

- Thank the teams and officials-table for the match in a Corona safe* way.
- If possible, shower and get changed at a different location.

Organizer

Before the game

- Make a written risk assessment prior to the activity using FHM's (Federal Health Agency) risk assessment tool ([LINK](#))
- Get in contact with local police and register your sports event. Make sure the contact is documented in writing ([LINK](#))
- Contact your municipality and inquire about their possible plans for expanded hygiene routines, etc.
- People who belong to a risk group, should not participate as officials. ([LINK](#))
- Before the activity, plan for, and inform the person in question about, different times for admission of each teams, referees and other officials. Alternatively, make sure there are different entrances for the different parties.
- Give all people who are to be present during the activity the opportunity to wash / disinfect their hands immediately upon arrival to the arena / gym. The same opportunity must be provided when leaving the arena / gym.
- Make sure there is clear signage in the arena for advice to avoid physical contact, maintain good hand hygiene and stay home in case of disease symptoms.
- Plan for and make sure that there is time and sufficient space for the teams to warm up.
- Add the time for the "Corona Check" in the run-down. 20 minutes before tipoff.
- Ensure that a maximum of 8 spectators stay in the arena / gym during the game. If this cannot be ensured, the game must take place without an audience.
- Ensure that the audience keeps their distance from players throughout the event.
- Plan for any ticket sales to take place without unnecessary physical contact. For example, by pre-purchase or web-based solution.
- Mark distances (on floors, walls, stands or similar) to reduce crowding at toilets, entrances and stands. An arm's length distance.
- If the arena / gym does not have stands, carry out the game without an audience.
- Make a plan for how you will run the food stand and cafeteria in a safe way without crowding, e.g. more food stands, marking of distances, etc.
- In each team bench area, there must be a maximum of 16 seats for players, coaches, assistant coaches and the team officials.
- Equip the substitution site in such a way as to avoid crowding. If necessary, use the short side or first row on the stand.
- Equip the officials' tables in such a way as to avoid crowding.
- Make sure to keep changing rooms, referee rooms and shower rooms clean.
- Make sure to keep toilets open and have them cleaned regularly
- Ensure that toilets provide soap and hand disinfectant.
- Make sure that the hand disinfectant bottle is available for each team at the substitution site.
- Make sure that the hand disinfectant bottle is at the officials' table
- Make sure that disinfectant is available for cleaning equipment
- Make sure that the media representatives in the arena follow FHM's recommendations.

During the game

- If possible, the teams and referees, have separate entrances and exits from the playing field. Alternatively, ensure that they do not come and leave at the same time.

After the game

- Clean officials' tables and equipment.
- Make an evaluation of the completed event.
- Fix any shortcomings for future events.

PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES – National Leagues

The following two chapters describe the process of games that may be postponed or canceled due to COVID-19. The basic premise is that as many games as possible should be played according to plan,

Chapter 1

Workflow in case of illness with COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms in teams within the national leagues season 20/21.

1. The players / leaders who show symptoms are to be immediately isolated from the rest of the team.
2. The medical officer of the team is to be contacted by the club for assessment of the player(s).
3. In the event of a suspected case of COVID-19, the club's sports director or club director should contact the Head of Competition at SBBF - Olle Lundén.
4. SBBF's Head of Competition can, if several cases occur in one team, initiate a rescheduling or cancelling of a game. Documentation for decisions is prepared by the Head of Competition, the decision is made by the Competitions Committee according to Chapter 2 "Guidelines for illness in teams within the league series season 20/21".
5. A decision requires a statement from the medical officer with information such as:
 - When did the illness occur?
 - Has COVID-19 been confirmed?
 - Have tests been performed, if so when is the result expected?
 - What are the players / leaders symptoms?
 - How many players / leaders show symptoms?
 - Assessment of the risk of infection spreading?
6. Any contact with regional infection control takes place after consultation between the club and SBBF.
7. In the event of a postponed game, the clubs concerned agree on an alternative game day together with the interest group and SBBF. The Competition Committee decides on a new playing date.
8. If the Head of Competition has started a case regarding postponement or cancellation of a game, but the Competition Committee comes to the conclusion that the game should be played as planned, it is up to each club to communicate regarding any illness of players or leaders. Should the game, however, be postponed or canceled, SBBF will communicate the decision via proper channels at the same time as it is forwarded to relevant clubs and interest groups.

Chapter 2

Guidelines for sickness in teams within national leagues season 20/21.

These guidelines can be revised during the season based on changed infection status and government decisions.

Each case is unique and needs separate examination, but these guidelines should serve as an aid in decision-making.

When making decisions, the utmost consideration will be in order for a physicians or other knowledgeable personnel's knowledgeable statement regarding the case.

1. In case of three or more either confirmed cases or illnesses with strong suspicion of COVID-19 in players and leaders of a club team, as well as a medical opinion, the Competition Committee has the possibility to postpone or cancel a game. In urgent cases, SBBF's Head of Competition may, on advice from the Competition Committee, decide to postpone or cancel a game. In cases where an opinion with advice against competition due to the risk of spreading infection comes from the region's infection control physician, authority, or the like, this shall serve as a guide for the committee's decision making.
2. If a competitive game is postponed, a new playing date must be decided promptly and the new date must be within 4 weeks (28 days) from the regular playing date. Games must always be carried out before the stated final date for the series, qualifying round or play-off round. The Competition Committee decides on a new playing date after obtaining comments from the relevant interest group and SBBF's competition department.
3. If a new playing date according to item 2 cannot be determined due to lack of time or other reason, a decision regarding the game and the teams will be made in accordance with the Competition Regulations, Chapter 5, Section 4 Canceled game.
4. Should a postponed or canceled game cause extra costs – such as rent for the gym/arena, travel or accommodation – for the teams, each team is responsible for covering its own costs.

Appendix 1

4 § Canceled game

A club whose team causes a game to be canceled or suspended without a valid reason can be excluded from the competition. In the event of exclusion, the security fund is due for payment and all results are based on the series table. Managing bodies can, however, allow continued participation in the competition for special reasons.

The club whose team causes a game to be canceled shall be penalized with forfeiture of the match 0-20 or 20-0 and a penalty fee determined by the Competition Committee. It is the responsibility of both clubs to contact the administrative body for approval before the game can be canceled. If the referees are not present at the designated start of the game, the association or administration must be contacted to take action / notify before a team can leave the field.