

South Central Calhoun Community Schools
Winter Sports – Basketball COVID-19 Return to Play Guidelines/Protocol

Health Assessment

Players are expected to check their temperatures prior to attending practice. Players may not attend practice if they have a temperature exceeding 100.4 degrees. Spectators and activity workers are expected to assess their personal health prior to attendance at a winter sports activity. **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND A GAME IF FEELING ILL!!**

Spectator Attendance Requirement

As per Governor Reynold's recent 11/10/2020 proclamation, spectator attendance at basketball games at both the middle school and high school level will be limited to **TWO (2)** spectators per player. **Each player will receive two (2) spectator pass cards with the SCC logo on one side and the players name and what level of winter sports of activity the pass is good for, printed on the back. These passes will need to be presented along with either the SCC Activity Pass or cash for admission to all winter games. Families with athletes at both the middle school and high school level WILL NOT be able to use all passes received for one activity. Two passes allowed per activity.**

Face Coverings/Masks

Face coverings are a **requirement** for all students, staff, spectators and workers at school and activities. Athletes participating in basketball at both middle school and high school levels will be required to wear face-coverings during practice, **when not involved in** scrimmage and/or intense practice drill work. In games, players will be required to wear face coverings/masks on the bench when in a substitute role. If an athlete chooses to wear a face covering/mask in a game, they are allowed to do so. Coaches will be required to wear face coverings/masks in practice and during games.

Team Bench

Bench personnel will be limited to coaches and players. Three rows of bleachers will be reserved for coaches to social distance players while on the bench and two rows behind both home and visitor bench will be blocked off from spectator seating. Players will be required to have three items on the bench during games: water bottle, hand sanitizer, and face covering/mask. Players will be responsible for handling these items, not the coaching staff(s).

Locker room – Pre-game/Halftime/Postgame

Players and coaches will be required to wear face coverings/masks when in locker room during pre-game, halftime, and post-game. Locker rooms will be sanitized by custodial staff prior to and after occupancy on game nights and sanitized on practice days in accord with custodial sanitization schedules.

Pre-game/Post-game Protocol

Pre-game meetings with officials will have limited attendees. A referee and the head coach from each team only. No players. Meeting will take place around the center circle to provide social distancing. Masks required and no handshakes. Starting line-ups will be introduced a team at a time. Starting players will line up on respective freethrow lines and step forward when introduced. No team tunnels when introduced. When game concludes, appropriate sportsmanlike gestures will be exchanged when leaving the floor. No handshakes.

Pre-game/Halftime Warm-ups/Basketballs

There will be a second game ball available on game nights for both girls and boys games. If a ball comes into contact with spectators, the officials will exchange that ball for sanitized ball with school representative located near the court. There will be separate warm-up ball racks provided for each team with 8-10 sanitized basketballs made available for both pre-game and halftime to each team. Following the girl's halftime warm-up, girls basketballs will be exchanged with boys basketballs and readied for the boys game. All basketballs used on a game night will be sanitized at the conclusion of the night. Disinfecting wipes will be used and not spray so as to not oversaturate and cause damage to the basketballs.

Official Score table(s)

At the middle school facility, both new and old score tables will be used to provide adequate social distance for score table personnel. Home team official scorebook, scoreboard operator, and clock operator will be at main score table. Visiting scorebook and other necessary visiting team personnel will utilize the second score table located behind the main score table. At the high school facility, a second table may be added to the main score table if social distance space is not adequate. Score tables will be sanitized prior to games, at halftime, and at conclusion of games. Officials at score table will be required to wear masks.

Hand Sanitizer

Players and coaches responsible for having access to their own sanitizer. There will be a bottle of sanitizer located at the end of each team bench nearest to score table on game nights. Players will sanitize hands after warm-ups, at quarter and halftime breaks, and as players enter game, or come to bench.

Practice

Teams are encouraged to work out in “Pods”. A pod is currently defined as members of a particular level of the team practicing, i.e., Varsity Team, JV/JVR Team, Middle School Team. Coaches will be required to keep attendance at every practice in case COVID-19 tracing is necessary.

Training Rooms

All individuals in training rooms will be required to wear masks. Visiting team will not have access to home training room. When we travel, any taping that needs to be done will be done prior to leaving by bus for the game. Training tables, whirlpools, etc., will be sanitized following use. Players will be asked to take all practice equipment home with them following each practice.

Officials

Cloth face coverings are permissible, but not required for officials. Officials have been encouraged to provide basketball for throw-in from 6’ social distance when they can. Jump ball will take place at all levels. Officials are at games to officiate and will not be required to monitor COVID-19 protocol.

Transportation – Practices/Games

Transportation to games will be requested by the respective coaching staffs to meet the needs of their individual teams in order to provide proper social distance. Parents are permitted to transport players to and from games, but must notify coaching staff ahead of time. Players traveling with parents will be required to have their son/daughter at the respective venue at the same time as those traveling by bus. High school players will be need to secure their own respective transportation to practice gyms in the district. Middle school players, when using a separate practice/game facility will be transported by school-provided transportation.

Spectators Information/Admission/Post Game Expectation

Regular admission will be charged at all home high school and middle school level games. SCC Activity passes will be accepted at all home events. Varsity Level – Adults \$5, Students \$3. JV/JVR/MS Levels – Adults \$3, Students \$2.

UPON CONCLUSION OF GAMES, WE ASK ALL SPECTATORS TO NOT CONGREGATE ON THE PLAYING FLOOR AND EXIT THE FACILITY AS DIRECTLY AS POSSIBLE.

Coaches, at all levels will be required to communicate all information in this document to players and parents in their respective programs. Mr. Knapp will provide visiting teams/schools with information of what is expected when those teams come to play games at SCC. This plan is an attempt to be proactive as winter sports seasons begin. There will be some situations that we will need to react to as they develop. The overall goal is to make sure student athletes are provided every opportunity to play their respective sports, as well as being mindful of the safety needs of all involved.