

COVID-19 Gym Rules for Indoor Sports

As we continue to provide recreation and sports services, please ensure that participants, coaches, officials, staff and spectators are abiding by all guidelines created by Madison County Parks, referencing CDC and the Governor's Orders when pertaining to COVID-19. If for any reasons, rules are not enforced the respective sports program will be cancelled immediately by the County Parks and Recreation Director. Note that the parks department has the authority to add rules based on what is best for the well-being of our participants, coaches, officials, staff, spectators.

For gym play, the following rules will apply with no exceptions:

1. All spectators entering the building must sign a waiver at the door. Waivers must be created by the Parks Board President responsible for his or her park. Hand Sanitizer will be available for those to use upon entering the building.
2. While entering the facility, ALL spectators must ensure that masks are always on unless eating foods or drinking beverages. After eating or drinking is done, all masks must be on. If caught without a mask, a Park Board Member or Recreation staff member has complete authority to ask the spectator to exit the building. I would suggest given a warning first.
3. Players entering the building must have a mask on but can release the mask once warm-ups and game play starts. Players can play without a mask!! However, when on the bench it is the responsibility of the player to wear a mask. It will also be the responsibility of the coach to ensure that players are wearing masks while on the bench and interacting with other players on the bench. We will ensure that chairs are spread out for player's safety.
4. Coaches entering the building will always be required to wear a mask, especially when interacting with players, officials, parents etc. Coaches can take a second or two to breathe while in the form of coaching but after a breather or two, it will be expected for them to continue wearing a mask for the safety of all.
5. Officials entering the building will be required to have a mask on up until game play. At the start of half time or break officials will be required to wear a mask. After half time at the start of game play, officials can remove their mask. If for any reason the official is expected to communicate with a coach face to face less than 6ft, he or she must ensure that they are protected by wearing a mask.
6. All score keepers, ball boys, volunteers must always have masks on as well.
7. Concession workers should always wear masks and gloves when serving participants. Also ensure that proper hand sanitizer is handy.
8. Spectators sitting on the bleachers, should use their immediate discretion for sitting near other spectators.

Note we are in hard times and it is vital that rules are being enforced for indoor sports. Rules are non-negotiable!! We will give warnings to ALL (including players, coaches, officials, spectators) but after (1) warning the authority appointee on site can ask you to exit the building if rules are not followed.