

# Return to Play Protocols

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This document provides guidance around how referees should educate and conduct themselves as EBOA members in preparation for a return to competition in a changed environment. This protocol is basically a return to pre-covid format with a few alterations.

Actions fall into two categories: Requirements and Recommendations.

- Requirements **must** be followed by the members.
- Recommendations **should** be followed by the members.

Please note these protocols are subject to change in the future but are expected to be in place until the end of August 2021.

If you have concerns or questions with this protocol, please contact Kerron Lewis, [president.eboa@gmail.com](mailto:president.eboa@gmail.com) or 780-977-2679.

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## REQUIREMENTS

- Follow local health authority restrictions. Do not leave home or agree to officiate if you are feeling unwell or have any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or have been close contact with someone who tested positive. Notify your respective assignor and the Director of Assigning as soon as possible.
- Change rooms may not be available at most facilities. Come dressed for your games (Note: shorts are permitted during summer competition). Change your footwear after you have entered the facility.
- Follow any and all facility-specific rules/restrictions. This may include wearing a mask in some situations.
- Ensure you coordinate where you will meet your partner at the site.
- All games will follow the FIBA rules and mechanics. No modification.
- Designated chairs will be available for officials.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- You are encouraged to enter the facility no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of any assignment and leave promptly following your game(s).
- Carry your own personal sanitizing equipment (hand sanitizer, wipes etc).
- Physical contact between EBOA members is not recommended.
- Whistle pouches are available for members to use at their discretion.
- A designated table official should sanitize the ball to have it ready to be switched back in at the next time-out or interval of play. The game organizer should supply the cleaning and sanitizing tools for the balls.
- Referees are encouraged to use their voices instead of the whistle to communicate in a dead ball period.
- Have fun! We should all be excited to get out on the floor and referee.

# EBOA ASSIGNING PRINCIPLES

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- No EBOA member will be penalized, sanctioned or down-graded for choosing not to officiate in the COVID-19 environment, or for restricting when and where they are willing to officiate.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** EBOA members are reminded that they are not permitted to officiate games that have not been assigned by the Association. This is a strict, long-standing policy, and is a serious potential breach of our Code of Conduct.

## LEGAL DISCLAIMER

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The information included in this guide is current for the time of publishing and is aligned with the current recommendations from provincial, national and international bodies, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and Public Health Canada. However, recommendations may change depending on local, provincial, national and global COVID-19 situation reports; local resources should also be consulted for up-to-date information. Where anything in this guide conflicts with applicable law and recommendations from local public health authorities, members must comply with applicable law and that public health advice and adapt their approach.

As new information is made available, efforts will be made to update and revise this document, and to circulate revisions to members. The information and recommendations outlined within this guide should be used to develop individual plans that evaluate the unique risks that each officiating environment presents. This document is to supplement and not replace the information outlined by public health authorities.

Individuals, in consultation with a medical professional, are also required to assess and evaluate their own personal risk.