



Safety of Referees
September 23, 2021

Before the Game

1. Only accept games from your assignor that have been sanctioned by Basketball BC as this provides your insurance coverage.
2. If the competition requires waivers or releases, read them prior to arriving at the gym.
3. Only pack what you will actually need for your game.
4. Know where to park and what entrance you will access for the game.
5. Ensure that your uniform is clean.
6. Bring your own towel and water bottle.
7. Try to maintain social distancing where possible and limit contact with others.
8. Be safe and have fun!

**Note: Masks are currently required in all indoor, public spaces. Please abide by any specific facility or competition requirements in regard to face coverings.

Game safety Modifications for COVID-19

1. Elimination of the jump ball is no longer recommended. Games may begin with a typical jump ball tip-off between two teams.
2. Referees can still make small adjustments to mechanics and procedures in an effort to reduce the number of whistles in the game, that would typically be blown in close proximity to players such as:
 - eliminate the whistle at the bench to activate teams out of a time-out
 - no whistle to start the game, after quarter breaks or a time-out
 - no whistle before a frontcourt end line throw-in
 - eliminate extraneous whistles
 - use the bounce pass mechanic, from 1-3 metres, for all throw-ins
3. In addition, referees are encouraged to use their voices instead of the whistle to communicate in a dead ball period.
4. When you need to use your whistle, keep it sharp, clear, and crisp but not long.

After the Game:

1. Referees should clean their hands with hydroalcoholic gel / hand sanitizer or wash their hands for at least 20-30 seconds with warm water and soap.
2. Leave the facility promptly, take any possessions and garbage you create with you.
3. Respect physical distancing guidelines after the game.

4. Thank your partner and exit from the parking lot as soon as possible.
5. Ensure your whistle is cleaned and sanitized as soon as possible after the game and avoid carrying it in a manner that it may cross-infect or be cross-infected by other possessions. Following the completion of the game, the whistle should be placed in a clean container and washed at home.
6. Ensure your officiating gear is cleaned, sanitized, laundered and ready for your next assignment. Do this soon after your arrival home to prevent any germs from festering in your gear.