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Safety of Referees
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Before the Game

1. Only accept games from your assignor that have been sanctioned by Basketball BC as this provides your insurance coverage. Failure to comply could affect your membership status and future game assignments.
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. Travel by yourself—no car-pooling.
8. Try to maintain social distancing where possible and limit contact with others.
9. Be safe and have fun!

Game safety modifications for COVID-19

1. Elimination of the jump ball is recommended by the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC). For example: One team (home/visitor) will be given the ball for a backcourt throw-in at the throw-inline to start the game. This will start the alternating possession sequence.
2. Referees can 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. However, should 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. Shower at home immediately after the game. Even if a locker room is available, avoid using public facilities and go home and shower.
6. Carry a separate 'laundry bag' to put any clothing or other equipment in that you used while on site.

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7. 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.
8. 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.

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