

# WACONIA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

## COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the WBA have a COVID-19 plan and protocol in place for the 2020-2021 season?

The WBA has worked closely with the Waconia School District to adopt a COVID-19 plan and protocol for the 2020-2021 season that follows all CDC and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines for safely returning to play for youth sports. The current COVID-19 plan and protocol can be found on our website.

2. Will travel basketball tournaments be held?

At this time, we are uncertain whether the traditional travel basketball tournaments will be conducted for the 2020-2021 season. The MYAS and various AAU organizations have successfully held multiple tournaments within the state of Minnesota during the months of July and August; however, the traditional travel basketball tournaments will highly depend upon the evolving state of the pandemic and each local school district's policies for gym rentals. We know that the tournaments successfully conducted this summer are different than what we have grown accustomed to, including limited fan attendance allowed, strict guidelines for entry and exit of gyms to allow teams and fans not competing against one another to social distance, and the elimination of most concessions.

3. If travel basketball tournaments are not held, what will the season look like?

We strongly believe that maintaining a strong basketball community is important for the well-being of our youth. Therefore, if basketball tournaments are not able to be held, we would still provide opportunities for teams to practice (likely twice per week), provided we are still able to rent gym space. We have also begun initial exploratory discussions with other basketball associations about forming a travel basketball league that would allow our teams to compete in a safe manner against teams from outside our association.

4. Will fans be allowed at travel basketball games?

At this time, we are uncertain whether any fans will be allowed at travel basketball games. Fan attendance at travel basketball games will be heavily dependent upon the policies and procedures required by each school district for gym rental. Like most everything else associated with this pandemic, these restrictions are liable to change for the better or worse at any given time.

We have been in communication with other associations and preliminary discussions show that there will be limited fans/spectators and this will be based on the location requirements. Wristbands will more than likely be sold to teams in advance and distributed to teams. (Again, this is what we've seen, but not the case for all associations.)

5. If the season is cancelled or cancelled partially into the season, what is the MVBA's refund policy?

See [COVID-19 Cancellation & Refund Policy](#) on our website for more information.

6. What if I have a more specific question that has not been addressed above?

While we have tried to anticipate the most common questions, we realize that we have not answered all questions or concerns that you may have regarding the 2020-2021 basketball season. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the WBA Board at [board@waconiabasketball](mailto:board@waconiabasketball). We will plan to continuously update our FAQ document as information changes or new questions are asked.