

**RAAA Basketball  
Frequently Asked Questions  
2020-2021 Basketball Season**

- **Does RAAA Basketball have a COVID-19 plan and protocol in place for the 2020-2021 season?**

The RAAA Basketball leadership has worked with the School District and Rockford Community Center 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.

- **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 be highly depend upon the evolving state of the pandemic and each local school district's policies for gym rentals. We anticipate tournaments to look 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.

- **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 if tournaments are not an option.

- **Will fans be allowed at basketball games?**

At this time, we are uncertain whether any fans will be allowed at travel or in-house 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.

- **If the season is cancelled or cancelled partially into the season, what is the refund policy?**

Due to the uncertainty regarding our ability to guarantee a full or partial travel basketball season this year, the RAAA Basketball Board has adopted the following refund policy for the 2020-2021 season:

- Full Season Cancellation: Full refund of registration minus a \$10 transaction fee.
- Partial Season Cancellation:
  - If the season is cancelled with 5 weeks to go, 25% of the registration fees will be refunded.

- **Will Rockford host the Rockford Showcase tournaments this year?**

As of today, yes, we are planning to host our Rockford Girls Showcase on December 5-6 and Boys Showcase on December 12-13. We are working with our administration and facilities team to outline specific safety protocol including things like

- Limited number of people per area/per court at any given time slot during competition, which means spectators will be limited per team
- Teams will be escorted in/out as a group with no congregating in building
- All participants and spectators (players, coaches, officials, staff, spectators and game personnel) will be required to wear face coverings.
- Team personnel and officials are allowed to remove face coverings once on the court.
- On-court competition will remain the same.
- No handshake lines after games
- Game ball will be sanitized before, during and at the completion of the game.
- Huddles during pre-game, halftime, and timeouts should be property
- The bench area will be sanitized before and after during each game.
- All attendees must maintain six feet distance, whenever possible from anyone outside their household
- Participants should enter and leave the facility in a timely fashion and not congregate outside or inside facility. Following competition, they must leave facility immediately.
- Team meetings may not occur in the facility.
- No concessions will be served
- Each team must keep an accurate log of opponents including opposing coaches contact information. In the case of someone getting infected this document will be necessary for Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to perform contact tracing.
- Teams will be asked to conduct a screening assessment prior to arriving at the facility and we might also implement temperature checks at the door prior to entering.

One of the biggest factors for moving forward with our tournament was the ability to provide our Rockford kids the opportunity to play at home. As you can imagine, this year will not be a big money maker for the program; however, we are fortunate to be in a position where we have RAAA board members, coaches and volunteers willing to pivot and create and the best and safest experience we can for our Rockets, given the circumstances. We look forward to you helping us support the protocols and program during these unprecedented times.

- **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 reach out to a RAAA Basketball board member. We will plan to continuously update our FAQ document as information changes or new questions are asked.