



Winter SEC COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures

Covid-19 screening. All SEC student athletes must be Covid-19 screened once per day (including weekends). All screenings are the responsibility of member schools prior to a team arriving at said game or scrimmage.

Emergency Action Plan. Refer to [NJSIAA positive/exposure chart](#) for winter participation. All scenarios are addressed on this chart.

SEC Covid-19 reporting to opponents.

If a student athlete or coach tests positive, the school shall report to any opponent that the team member played in within two days of the symptoms or tests positive, along with the next opponent on their schedule.

Reporting school must keep the individual anonymous. The reporting school should contact the Local Health Department or Pandemic Response Team, so they may start contact tracing.

There will be no penalty if a team chooses to cancel after being notified a positive case was confirmed.

Game Officials Should arrive and come ready to officiate. When officials arrive on site, the home Site Director will require all officials to complete the approved daily symptoms form. The home Site Director or Athletic Trainer will administer a temperature check. Both of these items will be completed before officials are allowed contact with any coaches or players.

Currently, all SEC competition will have no spectators. This is to be revisited if the executive order is lifted or changes. If such change occurs, a host school may not allow the host school to have **their** parents, without extending that to their opponent.

Face Coverings. Coaches are required to wear face coverings unless coach's health is at risk. All students on the bench that are not participating must wear face covering (gators allowed but masked recommended). Student Athletes that are engaging in the sport do not need to wear a face covering (bowling is the exception). Once the athlete is on the bench, he or she must don face covering.

Locker rooms. Locker room can not be used for pregame, half-time and post game needs.

Maintaining level of play. Head coaches should attempt to keep all student athletes on one team for the season. Crossing student athletes between levels is prohibited, unless needs arise for roster necessities. Athletic Director should be consulted. NJSIAA addressed this and this is allowed.

Multi-Team/Multi-Game/Invitational Events: Currently, all competition will be limited to two teams only, but this is subject to change. The NJ DOH is aware of the nature of certain competition specific to our winter sports (i.e., basketball holiday tournaments, wrestling quad meets, and invitational meets) and will continue to monitor and advise as to what may or may not be permissible; however, we expect that decisions on expanding the scope of participants and/or teams for events will not be made until closer to the start of the season, or even during the season.

Roster. SEC urges all schools to limit their travel rosters. It is strongly advised to have teams leave the game site if possible and not stay and sit in the stands. If such teams must stay because of transportation issues, they must socially distance themselves and wear masks.

Managers. No more than two managers per team

Teams. It is recommended that the home team, dismiss their student athletes after their game to decrease number of people in the gym.

Hydration. Sharing of water bottles is prohibited. Student athletes should bring to games and practices personal water bottles. Water stations are allowed, and it is recommended that a student manager wearing face covering and gloves be assigned to the station.

Sanitization. It is the responsibility of the host school to provide a clean and sanitary environment to include benches, restrooms, timer console and any highly touched equipment with a product that is CDC and EPA approved for Covid-19 virus. It is encouraged for all student athletes and coaches to regularly wash hands as often as possible.

Bench. SEC Home site is responsible for setting up the bench areas to ensure that social distancing and CDC protocols are enforced.

Scorer table. Home site should set up the scorer's table following correct social distancing protocols 8 feet if possible. All representatives must always wear mask.

Cheerleading. Teams will NOT be permitted at away games.

Pregame/Post game handshakes are prohibited.

Additional Game Day Procedures Boys and Girls Basketball

Bench

SEC Home site is responsible for setting up the bench area to ensure that social distancing and CDC protocols are enforced. No players are permitted to stand on the court. Managers must wear mask.

Roster

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Pregame meeting

One captain from each team and *one* coach will meet with officials. Coaches will place themselves on opposite sides of the divisional line maintaining 6 feet. Suspend all pregame/post instruction handshakes.

Balls

Home team should clean ball by manufacturers recommendations [click here](#) and provided to the officials prior to the game in their locker room. Teams should travel with their own balls for warm ups. Home team shall provide two sanitized game balls at scorer table. Game ball should be sanitized at the half.

Substitutions

Coach shall tell the scorers table that he/she wants to substitute. Student athlete should enter the game from bench, placing mask on chair/on bench.

NJSIAA Gym Set up Recommendations

NJSIAA Covid-19 social distancing gym plan [click here](#)

Post-Game

NO Post game Handshake

Rule Modifications

See NJSIAA document [here](#)

Player/Coach behavior

At no point should a player ever approach an official.

SEC will not tolerate any behavior by a coach or player that may jeopardize the health of our officials and other player

Any behavior by a coach or player that is considered non-compliant with social distance guidelines may be ejected from the game consistent with the rules of that sport

Further escalations of this behavior will require a written report by home team to the Controversies, Ethics and Sportsmanship Committee

Relevant Winter Resources:

NJSIAA Covid-19 Winter Guidelines (in-depth)

https://www.njsiaa.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-01/covid-19-winter-guidelines_0.pdf

New Jersey Department of Health Guidance for Sports Activity (updated 1/12/21)

[covid_guidanceforsportsactivities.pdf \(njsiaa.org\)](https://www.njsiaa.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-01/covid-guidanceforsportsactivities.pdf)

Wilson Basketball Cleaning and sanitizing recommendations

https://www.njsiaa.org/sites/default/files/documents/2020-10/wilson-ball-cleaning-recommendations_0.pdf

NSCA Guidance on Safe Return to Training For Athletes NJSIAA

[nsca-covid-19-rtt.pdf \(njsiaa.org\)](https://www.njsiaa.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-01/nsca-covid-19-rtt.pdf)

[njscc-guidelines.pdf \(njsiaa.org\)](https://www.njsiaa.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-01/njscc-guidelines.pdf)

Covid – 19 Protocol for Officials

<https://www.njsiaa.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-01/covid-19-winter-officials-protocols.pdf>