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**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

**Parents/Guardians/Supervising Adults**:   
Every adult who is responsible for providing care for children in these settings must be aware of these facts and be willing to comply with the infection control measures that are in place in order to protect all EAA members. Adults should monitor the health of their children and not allow them to participate in activities if they are feeling ill and/or exhibit any symptom of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle/body aches, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting).

**Player Or Staff Has Close Contact With An Individual with COVID-19 Symptoms:**   
Anyone with close contact with a person (within six feet for more than 15 minutes) who isn’t masked and exhibits symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 should be sent home. The individual with close contact should quarantine and stay away from team activities for 10 days, self-monitor for 14 days and be symptom-free before returning to any EAA activity.

If everyone is masked during the close contact, the individual who exhibits symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home and the remainder of the individuals will self-monitor for symptoms.

**If COVID-19 Symptoms Are Exhibited During An Event:**   
If a coach, player or staff member exhibits symptoms during an event, they should be immediately sent home or to a healthcare facility depending on the severity of the symptoms. They should not be allowed to return to activity until they have met the CDC criteria to discontinue isolation (see below).

Parents/Guardians/Supervising Adults need to contact their primary care physician and promptly seek COVID-19 testing and report results to the coach and EAA Program Director given the implications for other children, families and staff.

**Coach/Player/Parent/Staff/Volunteer Members Return to Play:**   
If a member has been diagnosed with COVID-19 they must isolate at home and will not be allowed to return to participation until all three of the following criteria are met:

* At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
* The individual has improvement in symptoms
* The individual is fever free without the use of medications for at least 24 hours

**Notification:**   
Parents immediately notify the coach and EAA contact (see below) of any lab confirmed case of COVID- 19 while complying with state, privacy/confidentiality laws and with the *Americans With Disabilities Act*. EAA will work with the coach, team and local health officials regarding close contact COVID-19 cases.

Require those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home, self-monitor for symptoms and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

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**Cleaning / Disinfecting Surfaces**:   
Any areas, surfaces, or shared objects used must be cleaned and disinfected immediately.

**Multiple Infections:** If more multiple positive COVID-19 tests on a team or across multiple teams, EAA will work with state and local health care officials regarding appropriate decisions on continued operation of the sports league.

**\*EAA reserves the right to make adjustments according to state and local health guidelines.**

**Gym Utilization and Practice Protocols**

* **Attendees:**
  + Practices:
    - It is recommended that **only players and coaches** are allowed in the facilities during practices; however, one parent is permitted to escort their child to and from the gym and can remain during practice at their discretion.
  + Games:
    - **Two (2) or fewer immediate household members** per player are allowed inside the facility during Futures basketball games and Saturday Kindergarten sessions. This rule also applies to select basketball scrimmages/games held at Thrive Space.
* **Social Distancing:**
  + Space in the elementary gyms is limited - please be mindful of the attendee guidelines.
  + During practices/games players, coaches and parents must maintain six feet of distance whenever possible.
* **Masks:**
  + Players, coaches, and spectators must wear masks at ALL times while inside of EPS facilities or Thrive Space.
* **Hand Sanitizer:** 
  + Players and coaches must use hand sanitizer before entering the facility and when leaving the gym. All coaches will be provided with approved hand sanitizer and disinfecting spray.
* **Team Transition:**
  + Coaches and players cannot enter the gym until the group before them has left.
  + Transition periods will be built into the schedules to accommodate and ensure compliance.
  + Teams will enter through one set of doors and exit through another set of doors when possible. Specific instructions will be given to coaches for each facility.
* **Hydration:**
  + Players must bring their own water bottle and cannot use school water fountains or sinks. Players may not share their water with anyone else
* **Equipment:**
  + The use of scrimmage vests/pinnies is permitted but may not be shared between players and **must be washed after every session.**
  + Only coaches will place and pick up cones and any other equipment used. Coaches will sanitize equipment after each use.

**EAA FUTURES BASKETBALL CLEANING PROPOSAL**

**Site Supervisor**

* A site supervisor who has been interviewed and passed a background check will be assigned to each EAA Futures site.
* The site supervisor will set up a limited number of chairs along the sidelines.
* The site supervisor will meet the teams at the door to allow one athlete and no more than two spectators into the facility.
* Following each game the site supervisor will direct the teams to exit the building through a different set of doors if possible.
* Once everyone is out of the building, the site supervisor and/or referee will disinfect all surfaces (chairs, scoreboard, basketballs, etc).
* When the site supervisor is ready for the next teams to enter the building, he/she will go to the entrance doors and wave the next set of teams into the building (coaches, players, and two spectators per player).

**EAA REGISTRSTION WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY – READ BEFORE ACKNOWLEDGE**

AGREEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE: In exchange for being permitted by Elkhorn Athletic Association, Inc. (“EAA”) to participate in activities at EAA fields or other facilities used by the organization, I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damage for personal injury, death or property damage which I may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me, as a result of my, or the identified Participant’s, participation in activities at said fields or facilities.

I understand that this Waiver of Liability is intended to address all of the risks of any kind associated with my participation in any aspect of EAA activities, including, particularly, such risks created by actions, inaction, carelessness, or negligence on the part of EAA or its directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, successors, or assigns. I assume all risks, known and unknown, foreseeable and unforeseeable, in any way connected with my participation in EAA activities. I accept personal responsibility for any liability, injury, loss, or damage in any way connected with my participation in EAA activities.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless EAA and their directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, successors, and assigns from all claims, and the cost of defending any Claim I might make, or that might be made on my behalf, that is in any way connected with or arising out of my participation in EAA activities, whether or not caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other misconduct of EAA or any of the individuals mentioned above. This Waiver of Liability shall be binding upon my relatives, personal representatives, heirs, beneficiaries, next of kin, or assigns and shall inure to the benefit of EAA and their successors and assigns.

Participation includes possible exposure to, and illness from, infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19.  While preventative measures and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist. I acknowledge, voluntarily accept, and assume all risks related to an injury or illness related to these or other infectious diseases as a result of my participation in EAA activities, and understand and agree that this Waiver and Release of Liability includes such Claims.

I understand that by participating in EAA activities photo images may be taken of me and/or the Participant by EAA, and I am consenting to the use of these photo images by EAA for the organization’s publications and websites.

CONSENT OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (If Participant is a minor) I am the parent or legal guardian of the Participant listed above.  I hereby consent that the Participant may participate in activities at this, or any other EAA facility or field and I hereby execute this Waiver of Liability on his/her behalf.  I hereby affirmatively state that said Participant is physically able to participate in said activity.

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless EAA, its directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, successors, or assigns from any loss, liability, damage, cost or expense that they may incur as a result of the Participant’s death, injury, property damage, or other claims or damages that said Participant may sustain while engaging in activities at any EAA facility or field.

The undersigned further agrees to (a) maintain reasonable accident and liability insurance while the player is participating in EAA activities, and (b) hold harmless the Releases from all liability, loss or damage resulting from failure to maintain such insurance.