



## **PROGRAM SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR GVBL**

### **GVCO Guidelines for COVID-19 Safety**

GVCO prioritizes the health and safety of our community. We are following guidance for recreational and youth sports from the CDC, state and local governments, as well as school facilities we may be renting, in modifying policies and protocols to facilitate a healthy and comfortable experience for participants and staff to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus. Individual programs have specific policies related to their programs posted on websites and included in program information. As always, we rely on everyone's cooperation in keeping the whole community safe and need your help in assessing your or your child's risks and staying home when appropriate.

GVCO believes in the value of recreation and exercise in promoting individual health and the benefits of our programs in strengthening our community.

### **GVBL Winter League 2020-21 Guidelines for COVID-19**

GVBL Program COVID Point Person: Keith Walsh, GVCO Executive Director (cell) 610-716-7332 or [execdirector@gvco.org](mailto:execdirector@gvco.org).

*If you have any questions or issues please reach out to the GVBL Program COVID point person.*

#### **SCREENING:**

- In trying to create a safe and healthy environment for all those involved with our GVBL youth sports programming, we will be asking everyone to be very conscientious and diligent at helping to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. To that end we will be asking the parents/guardians to provide a brief screening questionnaire to GVBL prior to each week their son/daughter participates in a scheduled game/practice. The screening documentation will be available through our [www.gvco.org](http://www.gvco.org) website through a simple Google form, [GVCO COVID Screening Questionnaire](#).

You will be receiving reminder message from GVBL prior to each week to help the organization in its efforts to provide the proper environment for all involved. GVBL will require that the form be fully completed each week prior to games/practices in order for your child to participate. GVBL understands that this will create a slight inconvenience through the course of the season; however, a constant, conscientious effort by all involved will allow the program to effectively attain the safest, healthy environment possible.





#### PLAYERS:

- Please arrive 5-10 minutes prior to your game time to allow ample time for any game prior to yours to have the proper amount of time to leave the court area.
- Only players will be allowed on the court and players should allow for the proper social distancing prior to and after your game time. ONLY PLAYERS, COACHES, REFEREES and GVCO STAFF WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE COURT.
- Avoid gathering in small or large groups prior to or after your game time.
- Please bring your own water bottle(s) clearly marked with your name on it. Please do not share your water bottle with anyone else.
- Players should wear a protective mask prior to and after the game. Players will not be required to wear a mask during the game whether playing on the court or sitting on the bench.
- While not on the court, please create social distancing while on the bench, during timeouts or halftime.
- Please avoid chewing gum. Please avoid shaking hands and “high fives”.
- Please do NOT bring your own ball. Only GVBL balls will be allowed in the gym.
- Players are asked to leave the facility right after your game and to not stay to watch any of the next game so the next group of teams/parents will be able to enter for their game while maintaining proper occupancy and social distancing requirements of the facility.

#### COACHES:

- There will be only two coaches allowed on court/sideline during a game.
- Coaches must wear a mask while coaching. While coaching, we are asking coaches to stand “away” from the bench during game time in order to create the proper social distancing. Coaches may temporarily pull down their masks while coaching from a safe distance from the bench.
- Whenever addressing the players, please have your mask on. Please try to avoid creating a tight huddle of players prior to the game, during time outs, halftime and after the game.
- **THERE WILL BE NO POST GAME “HANDSHAKE LINES”**...however GVBL still encourages the players and coaches to acknowledge the usual postgame sportsmanship from the proper social distance.

#### REFEREES:

- Referees may enter the court area and should allow for the proper social distancing prior to and after your games.
- Referees should wear a protective mask prior to and after the games. Referees will not be required to wear a mask during the game or when on the court.
- Please avoid chewing gum, shaking hands and “high fives”.
- Referees will maintain control of GVBL game day balls that will be provided at the site.





#### GVCO STAFF:

- GVCO Staff may enter the court area and should allow for the proper social distancing prior to, during and after the game times.
- GVCO Staff should wear a protective mask prior to and after the games, and when others are within social distancing range.
- GVCO Staff will notify parent(s) listed on registration with a link to complete the questionnaire. GVCO Staff will maintain the list of completed screening questionnaires and eligible participants per game.
- Staff should avoid chewing gum, shaking hands and “high fives”.

#### PARENTS:

- Prior to players being eligible to play each game, parents will need to complete the [GVCO COVID Screening Questionnaire](#).
- Parents/guardians/players will need to notify GVBL Program COVID point person, Keith Walsh, 610-716-7332, if exposed or sickened, and follow recommendations for [What to Do When Someone Gets Sick](#). Games/practices may be canceled for quarantine and testing.
- Parent/guardian should arrive with players 5-10 minutes prior to game time. **ONLY ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE GAME THEIR CHILD IS PLAYING.** The purpose is to maintain the proper occupancy and social distancing restrictions imposed by state regulations.
- Parents should wear a protective mask, maintain proper social distancing and avoid gathering in large or small groups before, during and after games.
- Parents are not permitted on the court. If crossing to the opposite end of the court, please use the sideline opposite the bench. **ONLY PLAYERS, COACHES, REFEREES and GVCO STAFF WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE COURT.**
- Parents along with their child are asked to leave the facility right after your game and to not stay to watch any of the next game so the next group of teams/parents will be able to enter for their game while maintaining proper occupancy requirements of the facility.

#### ADDITIONAL DETAIL FOR WINTER BASKETBALL:

- Teams will be limited to 9 players with 2 coaches per team and **there will only be 1 parent/guardian per player admitted to games. No parents will be allowed to attend practices.**
- Occupancy and social distancing requirements for the facility will be maintained by limiting the number of people in the facility for each game and scheduling extra time between games for exiting the facility before next team arrives.
- Teams and parent/guardians will follow the guidelines for separate entrance/exit for the facility and for each court. Facility directions will be posted on the GVCO website, as well as court names and designations for each game on the schedule.
- Only 4 GVBL provided game day balls per court. One will be the game ball.





- **Masks will be required for everyone.**
- Pre-game sanitizing procedures will be done between games. Hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and trash will be kept at or near the scorer's table.

More information regarding GVCO COVID Response is available on our [website](#) and in the [GVCO COVID-19 Program Packet](#)

*Thank you to everyone for helping us make the GVCO Winter League healthy and fun!*

