

## **2021 GEICO High School Basketball Nationals (March 31 – April 3)**

### **Safety Rules & Guidelines**

*The safety rules detailed below have been instituted by Paragon Marketing Group (“PMG”) for the 2021 GEICO High School Basketball Nationals tournament (“Event”). All rules for players, coaches, spectators, media, and staff must be followed to attend and participate in this Event. We look forward to playing ball and providing a safe environment!*

**The 2021 GEICO Nationals tournament is a closed event and tickets are not available to the general public.**

#### **SPECTATORS**

1. Only spectators who have been provided with SPECTATOR credentials by PMG (limit of 40 per team allowed entry for their specific team games only) will be allowed to enter the venue. All spectators will have their temperature checked prior to entering the gym each day of the tournament. Any temperature reading for a participant of 100.4 F or greater will result in that individual not being allowed to enter the venue; the individual will need to leave the premises immediately and not return to the venue.
2. Spectators will only be allowed to sit in designated areas marked at the venue. All spectators must adhere to six-foot physical distancing while attending the Event.
3. Spectators are only allowed to be in the venue for games in which their team is participating. Spectators are expected to exit the venue promptly after their team’s game is over to make space for spectators of the next game.
4. Separate entry / exits for players and spectators will be marked by signs in the venue and gym.
5. Individuals should not congregate in common areas. Team meals will be eaten off-site.
6. Media access will be very limited. All media requests must be approved in advance by PMG (no later than March 26). With prior approval through PMG, any interview scheduled with players/coaches will be conducted physically distanced.

#### **FACE COVERINGS & HYGEINE**

1. Face Coverings are required to be admitted into the venue and must be worn by all in attendance, including spectators, staff and media. Players must wear face coverings at all times when not on the court. Head Coach, assistant coaches and non-rostered players or managers must also wear a face covering at all times.
2. Players, coaches and spectators should wash/sanitize hands regularly. Hand sanitizer stations will be available at the venue.

#### **VENUE & SANITATION**

1. Teams will be required to clean their bench area of all trash, hydration items, towels and personal items after each game.
2. Event staff will disinfect bench areas (chairs, tables, etc.) between games. No players or coaches from the ensuing game may enter the bench area until this is done.
3. Team benches will be spaced in rows to distance player seating. Spectators are not permitted near team bench areas. Parents and family members of each team will be the only spectators permitted to sit in the bleachers distanced behind the team benches.
4. Locker rooms will be accessible to teams, coaches, and team staff only and for the sole purpose of accessing restrooms located inside the locker room. Restrooms will be regularly cleaned and disinfected. Teams should plan to dress and shower at the hotel.
5. Teams are encouraged to carry sanitizer and wipes. No sharing of equipment is allowed and players should keep their personal equipment separate from others.

### **HYDRATION**

1. Gatorade is an official sponsor of the Event and will be providing individually labeled ready-to-drink bottles of Gatorade Thirst Quencher as well as individual squeeze bottles distributed to each player by a gloved, masked Event staff member. Individual squeeze bottles are to be filled-up by players for their own personal use only.
2. Community/team coolers will not be permitted.

### **GAME OPERATIONS**

1. Pre and/or post game handshakes between players and/or coaches of opposing teams will not be allowed.
2. Official game basketballs and warm-up basketballs will be sanitized between all games.
3. Event staff can provide hand sanitizer and extra masks to teams upon request.

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***It is the responsibility of everyone in attendance to adhere to the rules and guidelines listed above. Failure to adhere to these rules could result in removal from the Event and disqualification from further participation.***

***Any instances not listed above relating to decisions regarding health / safety practices and individual participation in the Event will be at the discretion of PMG.***