

#TOGETHERWEAREBASKETBALL

PRE-GAME PROCESS TO OPPOSE RACISM

Basketball England is committed to supporting equality, tackling discrimination and celebrating the diversity within our sport.

We respect the right for individuals to 'take a knee' ahead of senior NBL fixtures in the 2020/21 season, as a symbol of tackling racial inequality and injustice.

Participation is voluntary and the choice of the individual.

The process is as follows:

Prior to the opening jump ball, the referees and starting fives for each team will move to the playing court. The starting fives will stand on their own free throw lines. The referees will go to their starting positions.

All other members of the game (coaches, substitutes, team managers, table officials, statisticians, spectators and other personnel) should remain at their respective positions for the game respecting any social distancing guidelines.

If an announcer is present a short message can be read out. We have included a potential announcement that could be used below. Additionally, this message should be made available to participants prior to the game.

The crew chief will then blow their whistle which will invite people to 'take a knee' and show their support.

After 10 seconds, the crew chief will blow their whistle for a second time and the game can then begin with the jump ball.

Example video [HERE](#)

Should any player, team member or official not wish to take part, Basketball England respects their right to do so.

We ask that those players/staff either remain standing in their usual position on court or stand at the free throw line if on court ready to begin the game.

Example message:

"[INSERT TEAM NAMES HERE] stand with players, coaches, officials and the whole basketball community against racism.

"Our game stands for equality and inclusivity and to show that Black Lives Matter we invite you, should you be able, to 'take a knee'.

Together we are basketball."

[After 10 seconds]

"Thank you for your support."

