



# RETURN OF SPECTATORS FOR 'ELITE' FIXTURES - GUIDANCE

The Government has confirmed that from the 2 December 2020, 'Elite' indoor sporting events and fixtures in Tier 1 and 2 areas will be able to host spectators.

A maximum of 1,000 supporters or 50% of the venue's capacity – whichever is lower – will be allowed access.

This is positive news for the sport and will provide clubs the opportunity to re-engage with fans and to reignite the ecosystem of the sport.

However, we must be mindful that the virus is still present and, with this in mind, Basketball England has outlined a clear set of principles which must be observed by NBL/WNBL Division 1 clubs admitting spectators:

- The club must be 'Elite' (NBL1/WNBL1) and in Tier 1/2 area in England. Clubs in Tier 3 areas and non-elite level clubs are not permitted to have spectators in attendance at games. For clubs in Scotland or Wales, please seek further advice and guidance from Basketball Scotland and Basketball Wales.
- A clear separation must be observed between the players, coaches and officials (what happens on the court) and spectators. The two groups should not come into contact at any stage in the game's delivery.
- Paper tickets and programmes should not be produced – digital alternatives should be used
- Spectator symptom self-checking process must be in place on point of ticket purchase/allocation. Spectators must be advised not to attend if they have a high temperature, a dry cough or have lost their sense of taste/smell
- Staggered arrival times and exit plan must be used to avoid large numbers of people congregating in car parks
- Clearly marked one-way systems must be used in venues, including access to changing rooms and toilets
- Separate entry and exit points with mandatory hand sanitisation

- Masks must be worn at all times and spectators are not permitted to shout/chant.
- Seating plans must be devised by the clubs to ensure social distancing can be observed
- Venue QR codes set up (if not already in place), all spectators must sign in
- No cafe/bars/food outlets unless outside in open air with appropriate 2m spacing and mitigation strategies
- Spectators should be advised to refrain from social gatherings and informal get together before and after games
- No spectator engagement activities such as raffles or on court activities can take place

Prior to allowing spectators back into your venues clubs must produce a 'Spectator plan' which covers the above guidance

This must be submitted to [support@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:support@basketballengland.co.uk) for approval.



## SPECTATOR PLAN – TEMPLATE

<b>CLUB NAME</b>	
<b>CONTACT NAME/EMAIL</b>	
<b>COVID-19 OFFICER NAME/EMAIL</b>	
<b>LEAGUE</b>	NBL Division 1/WNBL Division 1

1. Overview – Please provide a summary of the Spectator plans that have been devised.

2. Please insert venue map which clearly shows a separation from the players/coaches and officials, all entry/exit points, and the one-way system that you will have in place.

3. Please detail how your club will ensure that spectators avoid congregating before or after a fixture

#### 4. Declaration and Sign-off

By completing this form, we (the club) can confirm that we have followed all governmental and Basketball England advice and guidance and are prepared and ready to welcome spectators back into our home venue.

<b>CLUB CHAIRPERSON</b>	
<b>COVID-19 OFFICER</b>	
<b>VENUE MANAGER</b>	