

BASKETBALL ENGLAND SPECTATOR GUIDANCE

FROM 17TH MAY

Following the change of the **Return To Play Guidance that was implemented from 17 May 2021**, spectators are now permitted to return for organised outdoor and indoor sporting activities.

The Government has released specific and detailed guidance for venue operators in relation to the return of spectators.

This position will be reassessed on 21 June at the earliest.

Basketball England has put together this guidance document to:

- Assist clubs in formalising plans with their venue operators
- Provide clear guidance on the steps that must be taken to ensure spectators can return safely
- Ensure that on court activities and spectators are kept separate and do not come into contact with one another

Sport England have provided the below guidance in relation to spectators:

Spectators are permitted both indoors and outdoors, but they should maintain social distancing and must adhere to social gathering limits - groups of up to 30 outdoors and groups of up to six people/made up of two households indoors. Multiple groups of spectators are permitted.

Spectators are allowed indoors, but the total number of all participants, coaches, officials and spectators must be aligned with the ventilation rates permitted by the particular venue. During Step 3, there should not be more than 1,000 spectators indoors at any venue.

The full detail can be found [here](#).



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In line with the Government and Sport England's guidance we propose the below approach be taken by our member clubs and organisations:

- 1) Your COVID-19 officer is required to lead on the return of spectators for your club
- 2) Speak with your venue operator to seek clarification on the maximum capacity limits that are in place because of the latest government guidance.
- 3) If your venue is unsure, the below depiction may help:
 - A standard one-court basketball hall is 7,000 square feet
 - The accepted ventilation rate is one person per 100 square feet
 - For a standard one-court basketball court you can therefore have up to 70 people in the hall which includes all players, coaches, officials and spectators.Game Day Guidance for players and staff roles and numbers can be found [here](#)
- 4) Spectators must be in bubbles of six (two households max), multiple bubbles permitted
- 5) Spectators must wear face coverings, be socially distanced from other bubbles and not enter the court at any time
- 6) Spectators must adhere to venue protocols including one-way systems, hygiene considerations etc

Once plans have been confirmed with your venues, the detail must be included in your training/competition risk assessments. Templates can be found [here](#).

We strongly encourage all basketball partners to adopt a slow and methodical approach to the return of spectators. If you require any further support, please contact: support@basketballengland.co.uk

