California Interscholastic Federation



2020-21 Badminton Guidelines & Covid-19 ModifiCations

Foundational Statement

The following guidelines and modifications were created to allow for the safe participation of student-athletes during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The following guidelines follow best practices and recommendations from the CIF, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), and will continue to remain within the scope of all state public health orders.

MODERATE

General Guidelines

- Masks should be worn at all times by all individuals participating in the activity, even with heavy exertion as tolerated.
- Social distancing measures shall be in place at all times other than when engaged in competition.

Event Limitations

- 24 matches permitted during the season.
- Adhere to local county guidelines.

Pre-Game Conference

- Limit attendees to the official and the head coach from each team.
- All individuals maintain a social distance of 6-feet or greater.
- Suspend handshakes prior to and following the Pre-game Conference.

Pre/Post-Game Ceremony

Replace handshakes before and after the match with a social distance acknowledgment of the team's choosing.

Game Shuttlecock/Birdie Sanitation

- Athletes can provide their own shuttlecock/birdie and retrieve their own implements.
- If athletes cannot provide their own implements, then it is recommended that implements be sanitized between each use.
- Display signage reminders when possible.

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Equipment & Accessories

- Limit the use of coaching equipment such as target cones.
- Encourage players to use their racquet/foot to return shuttlecocks.
- Disinfect the nylon birdies before and after using them.
- Cloth face coverings are required to be worn at all times by all attendees present.
- Gloves are permissible.
- Players shall utilize their own equipment bin for all personal gear on the sideline.

Water Bottles & Hydration Stations

- Team members shall not share water bottles.
- Hydration stations may be utilized but shall be touched only by a single appointed monitor.

Officials' Uniform & Equipment

- By state association adoption, long-sleeved shirts are permissible. (5-1-3)
- Wash hands frequently. Bring personal hand sanitizer.
- Do not share equipment.
- Follow social distancing guidelines.
- Consider using electronic whistle.
- Officiating personnel may always wear permissible face coverings.
- Gloves are permissible.