



Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club

Role of Team COVID-19 Officer

(This is a live document and is subject to change in line with Government updates)

A. Introduction

Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club aims to create the safest and most enjoyable environment for children and young people to play and enjoy basketball. In order to ensure compliance with COVID-19 guidelines, a **Team COVID-19 Officer** will be appointed by each team for each team.

The role of the **Team COVID-19 Officer** is to monitor the Letterkenny Blaze “Return to Train Guidelines” before, during and after each team training session. The **Team COVID-19 Officer** must be present at all team training sessions. It is recommended that this role will be allocated to an existing underage team coach as they will be familiar with the players and perhaps any additional needs that may have been made known to the club by the child’s / young person’s parent/guardian. Equally the child/young person will also be familiar with a team coach. In addition, the **Team COVID-19 Officer** must have up to date Garda Vetting and completed Safeguarding 1 Training.

The **Team COVID-19 Officer** shall not bear the sole responsibility for ensuring all hygiene and public health measures are followed – this responsibility will be shared by all.

B. Roles and Responsibilities

The **Team COVID 19 Officer** will:

1. Before training commences, complete the **Sport Ireland Section B - COVID-19 Officer Online e-Learning Course** (modules 13-15 on the e-learning course specific to the role of a COVID Officer) and send the Certificate of Completion to the Lead COVID Officer (email to blazecovidofficer@gmail.com).
2. Remain up to date with all COVID-19 advice/protocols.
3. Attend Letterkenny Blaze Team COVID-19 Officer Meetings for updates on health and safety requirements when necessary.
4. Advise and encourage session attendees to comply with the Club’s COVID guidelines which are available on the Club website.
 - Examples include- ensure that only essential personnel access the training session; ensure that social distancing is adhered to where possible; ensure contact is kept to a minimum; ensure players remain in their pods; ensure no congregating at the venue.
5. Collect and store the COVID Compliance Consent Form for each player. Only on receipt of the COVID Compliance Consent Form, can a player attend and participate in training.

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6. Complete screening of all players, coaches, junior coaches and parent supervisor for each training session, in accordance with the Club COVID guidelines.
7. Be aware of the fact that by a player/coach/junior coach/parent supervisor arriving at the club training session, they are confirming that they have been screened prior to arrival and that they are not showing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and are not feeling unwell in any way.
8. Provide an age appropriate introduction at the beginning of each session for the first few weeks to include all precautions that will be implemented throughout the session.
9. Collect and store all Attendance Records for each session. This is important in the event that contact tracing or other intervention is required.
10. Ensure the regular cleaning and sanitising of all touch points and equipment after each session involving your team. This may be shared between the coaches, the Team COVID Officer or by a Parent Supervisor who is recorded on the attendance record. Training facility and equipment must be returned to pre-session cleaning standards.
11. Communicate to the Lead COVID Officer any concerns raised by members regarding club/facility protocols and/or incidents of non-compliance.
12. Communicate and distribute necessary safety information and protocols to all players, coaches and parent supervisors throughout the season.
13. Communicate any concerns that you have during the session to ensure issues can be addressed quickly.
14. Should a player, coach, parent supervisor test positive for COVID 19 within 48 hours

C. How to manage a participant with COVID-19 symptoms?

1. If a participant becomes unwell during a training session, they should be isolated from other participants, returned home as soon as possible and advised to contact their GP for further guidance.
2. Ideally the **Team COVID-19 Officer** should take charge of the management of any persons with COVID-19 symptoms.
3. The **Team COVID 19 Officer** should try to maintain at least 2 metres from the person with symptoms and should wear a face covering and wash their hands regularly.
4. Immediately separate the person displaying or complaining of COVID-19 related symptoms from others. They should be asked to proceed to the isolation area.
5. Provide the person with a facemask and ask to wear if possible.
6. Provide the unwell person with tissues (from Team FIRST AID kit) and hand sanitizer and ensure that all tissues are disposed of in a waste bag that can be tied and marked as separate from other waste.
7. All disposable PPE and any waste should be disposed of appropriately.
8. If they are well enough to go home, arrange for them to be transported home by a family member, as soon as possible and advise them to inform their GP by phone of their symptoms.

D. If COVID-19 symptoms are reported after the training session:

1. All participants (players, coaches and parent supervisor) in the training session have a responsibility to notify the Team COVID-19 Officer should they get symptoms of COVID-19 within 48 hours of the training session.
2. Anyone with symptoms should call their GP.
3. The **Team COVID Officer** must contact all individuals that attended the training session in question to advise that an individual within that group has reported symptoms.
4. The name of the infected individual will not be disclosed to protect anonymity.
5. If the participant is referred for a test and the test is negative then the player must not return to activities until he/she is symptom free for at least 48hrs, only then can they return to activities.
6. The team may return to activities if the test is negative without the tested player, but must watch for any symptoms that may be related to the COVID virus. Report if any.
7. If the test is **Positive** then the player will be given advice from the doctor or Health care professional and should follow this advice. The HSE or the Public health medical advice team will give advice to the other people that were in close contact with the person.