

ROPSSAA Return to Play – September 21, 2021

Masks should always be worn for all forms of indoor physical activity where they can be worn safely (e.g., does not interfere with vision, or risk of choking) based on the activity and as much physical distancing as possible should be maintained between individuals.

Masks should be replaced frequently if they are damp, moist, compromised, or damaged. Windows and doors should be opened when feasible to support increased ventilation during indoor physical activity.

While masks/distance may not be possible during practice/competition for some sports, coaches and athletes must wear masks (and use distance) when not directly participating in the activity for example, in change rooms and during other gatherings such as team meetings, sitting on team bench, watching other games, etc.

Other protective elements including symptom screening, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette must always be maintained. Further note: Masks are mandatory to wear in our school gyms and washrooms, when not competing on the court, during the school day.

Brampton Christian Academy Protocols

The following protocols have been developed based on guidance from the Ministry of Education, OPHEA/OPSASSE, the Peel District School Board, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel Public Health.

Entry into School

- To minimize contact with our K – 12 students in the school, all participants must enter the competition gyms through side doors around the back of the school. Participants can be dropped off on the north side of the school by the busses and can then walk around to the back of the school where they can enter the gyms. Gym A will be entered on the left, and Gym B will be entered on the right. A map will be provided.
- The OFSAA schedule is built in a manner that encourages the limiting of congregating. Previous games should be complete before the next set of teams arrive. If they do arrive before the completion of a game, teams are encouraged to remain in vehicles or wait outside depending on the weather.

Head Coach

- Always wear a medical grade mask and eye protections when it is possible to be less than 2m from unmasked students.
- Coaches must wear PPE provided by the school board and the Ministry of Education.
- Verify that each participants (all coaches and players) have successfully completed the COVID-19 self-assessment and be symptom free prior to entering Brampton Christian Academy. A QR Code will be posted on the outside of the gym doors for self - assessment by athletes and coaches prior to entering the school.

- Maintain an attendance record for each game of all participants that must be shared with the administration/convenor. A sample sign in sheet will be provided to all schools. The ROPSSAA game sheets will be used to record attendance of coaches and players present at the game
- Keep records of transportation cohorts if using taxis/carpooling or bus seating plans
- Supervise all participants to ensure COVID-19 protocols are adhered to - including hand sanitizing on arrival to practice/games, physical distancing, no unnecessary touching between athletes etc. (high fives, pre and post-game huddles etc.).
- If yourself/anyone notifies you that they have tested positive, please contact your principal/vice principal immediately along with the tournament convenor.
- Each coach must complete a COVID-19 self-assessment and be symptom-free prior to arriving at the field/gym <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Players

- Each participant must complete a COVID-19 self-assessment, pass the assessment and be symptom-free prior to arriving at the gym. A QR Code will be posted on the outside of the doors leading to the gym. Players must present the passed screening to the coach or designate.
- Follow all directions of coaches.
- Arrive dressed and ready for practice/games. Changerooms will not be available. Washrooms in the gym will be open. As per our school policy, the number of players who visit the washroom at any one time will be limited to three.
- Water bottles will be provided by the OFSAA committee, however, athletes are encouraged to bring their own water bottle(s) with their name on it.
- Athletes will not be required to wear masks while participating in the warm up or in the game. Athletes must always wear a mask on the bench, while in the washrooms and post game.
- Maintain physical distance from others as directed, especially while eating or drinking with masks off and don't participate in unnecessary physical contact with others e.g. high fives, pre-game huddles.
- Sanitize hands upon arrival to the field/gym and after breaks. Sanitizer will be made available at all entrance doors and in the bench area.
- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms that arise during play, please notify a coach and immediately proceed to the designated isolation room which will be on the stage.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 you need to contact the coach/school immediately.
- No congregating in school facilities after the conclusion of games/practices. Teams are to leave their respective gyms immediately after the conclusion of games.

Sport Specific

- Captains will not shake hands and physical distancing will occur between players and officials.
- Teams will not shake hands after the game – consider a brief team cheer as acknowledgement instead.
- Teams will minimize time on the court following the game and leave the facility in a timely fashion, allowing incoming teams to enter on time.

Officials

- All officials must complete the Ministry's COVID-19 self-assessment and be symptom free prior to arriving at the gym. A QR Code will be posted on the outside of the doors leading to the gym. • Wear a medical mask while on school premises and not actively officiating.
- Record your attendance with the host school (name, contact information) for contact tracing purposes.

Parents and Spectators

- There will be no spectators/parents present in Brampton Christian Academy at any time.
- There will be no seating provided for spectators. Bleachers will not be opened.

Equipment

- Teams are to bring their own volleyballs and carts. These are not to be shared with other teams.
- The three ball system will be used, allowing for game balls to be wiped between points.
- Equipment and high touched areas will be sanitized before and after each game and will be stored clean and disinfected. This will include score table, benches, referee stands and game equipment.
- Cleaning and disinfectant products provided by the school will be used.
- Focus should be on regular hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette to reduce the risk of infection related to shared materials, particularly when regular cleaning of shared objects is not feasible.

Transportation

- While we cannot enforce transportation protocols it is recommended that teams avoid carpooling when possible. If carpooling, open windows and always wear masks.
- The same students must travel together to and from events. Records must be kept of which students travelled in which group. Open windows to ensure air flow.
- Busses/busettes can be used at full capacity. Masks must always be worn. Students must be assigned seats. Open windows to ensure air flow.

Team Social Events

- Socializing with other teams will not take place inside the school and is strongly discouraged outside of school buildings.

Positive Test Reporting

- If a member of a team reports a positive case Brampton Christian Academy is to be notified, and in addition teams are to refer to their school Board policy regarding case reporting among students and staff. Joanna Ratz will be the designated championship staff member in charge of QR Code record keeping and positive case reports.
- The school reporting the positive test is responsible for notifying the other participating school(s) and ROPSSAA of the positive test.
- Officials must report a positive test to Peel Public Health and their Assignor.
- It is strongly recommended that each team have the necessary contact tracing information prepared and on file prior to games commencing to make the process of notification as efficient as possible.

Note for Participants

An individual can be considered a participant in the tournament if they are listed as a member of the team. This means that they are listed on and have signed the Rules of Behaviour form. Only 18 individuals, including players and coaches can be listed. It should be further noted that anyone on the Rules of Behaviour form has to be approved by the school's principal. Anyone not on this form will not be allowed inside Brampton Christian Academy.

Brampton Christian Academy Site Plan



