**2020 AAU MLK GRAND PRIX Guidelines**

 **JANUARY 16-17, 2020**

We wanted to get some information out to all teams in our MLK Grand Prix. We will follow CDC Protocol when you arrive at the Tournament facilities. If you have been around anyone with the COVID Virus DO NOT COME TO THIS EVENT.

1. All person entering the facility will always be required to wear face covering (masks), except when players are playing on the court and standing on slide lines. ***Coaches will be required to wear masks when coaching. THIS IS MANATORY.***
2. ***Teams will be in charge of their parents. If a parent is not wearing a face covering the team can be pulled of the court.***
3. Spectators will enter and exit at two separate places.
4. When teams are done playing, they must exit the facility ASAP.
5. We will temperature check all people entering the facility. If you have a higher than normal temperature you will not be allowed to enter the facility.
6. Each person entering the facility is aware of the COVID-19 virus and taking the responsibility.
7. All athletes and coaches will need to be AAU registered to participate in the event. Coaches Check in and Provide a AAU roster to get your admission band.
8. **All spectators will only be allowed to enter the facility 45 minutes before your team is scheduled to play. We would like to limit to 2 per athlete and Three coaches per team.**
9. We will have staggered start times to help with crowds. Results will be on AES.

 10.We will have hand sanitizer throughout the facility and on each score table. Please bring your own as well to maintain a safe environment.

 11.Please maintain the 6 - foot social distance throughout the facility.

 12. Please bring your own Water.

13. Teams will not switch side at the end of the games. Teams will not shack hands after games or before the games.

14.Please bring your own pens and pencils to keep score.

15.We will be changing out the ball after each match and will sanitize each ball.

16. We will have a Entrance and a different exit for all players and spectators.

17. Please bring your own balls for your warmup. We will provide balls and Top refs. Coaches will be required to referee down.

18.Check in 1 hr before you play AT EACH FACILITY and BRING A AAU ROSTER.

19.Coaches and Director are responsibly to get this information to all players, coaches, and spectators.

We will be getting more info out at a later date.

**S and S Events, Inc.**

**COVID-19 Policies, Procedures and Guidelines**

**General Protocols and Guidelines:**

Any individual with higher risk of COVID should not attend any events hosted by S&S or

Events unless given approval from a medical professional.

We recommend that all high-risk individuals stay home regardless and utilize streaming capabilities when available.

At all S&S events, individuals will be screened, and a contactless temperature check will be performed prior to entry to the building.

Athletes will be required to wear a face mask at all times, with the exception of warm-ups and competition.

Coaches and spectators will be required to wear masks at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS.

We ask that all spectators, coaches and athletes respect the personal space of others and do their best to remain 6ft apart at all times.

**S&S Events Changes to Game Play:**

All S&S events for the year are using a schedule specifically tailored and created to minimize contact and spread of germs.

Tournament Play:

Each match will play 25-25-15 per usual. Or 3 sets to 25.

Start time may be staggered.

There will be no tie breaker matches played. Tie breakers will be decided as first by match percentage. If still tied, it will be decided by set percentage. If still in a tie, it will be decided by point percentage. If still tied, it will finally be decided by a coin flip.

Teams will NOT be switching sides between each set to minimize potential spread of germs.

When coming out of the game, athletes will be required to sanitize their hands and put their mask back on while on the team bench. Hand sanitizer will be available on each court.

Rosters will be limited.

Spectators will be limited

Communal water stations will not be provided this year in an effort to reduce points of contact and potential spread.

Different entrance and exit doors.

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**Athlete and Coaches Guidelines (attending S&S Events)**

Athletes & Coaches with a higher risk of COVID should not participate in athletic activities or attend any athletic events.

All athletes and coaches should stay home when appropriate.

Stay home if you have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.

Athletes and Coaches who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 should also stay home and monitor their health.

CDC’s criteria can help inform return to work/school/recreational policies:

If they have been sick with COVID-19

If they have recently had a close contact with person with COVID-19

Athletes will be required to wear masks at all times, with the exception of warm-up and game play.

If athletes must leave the court for any reason, they are required to wear a mask. (Example: going to the bathroom)

Recognize signs and symptoms in athletes.

Any athlete or coach who feels sick should immediately report this to their coach, staff member or trainer on site.

**Officials and/or Referees**

All officials will be screened prior to entering the building each day

Officials will be required to wear masks while officiating and throughout their time at the event

**Spectator Guidelines (attending S&S Events)**

Spectators are required to wear masks through the full extent of their stay in the facility.

Spectators with a higher risk of COVID-19 should not participate or attend any S&S events. Some of these risks are listed below (this is based off of CDC recommendations and is not an all-inclusive list)

People who are immunocompromised

Older Adults

People with Asthma

People with HIV

People with Liver Disease

People who are pregnant and/or breastfeeding

Spectators should stay home if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.

If you feel as if you have been exposed to COVID-19, we require you not to attend the event.

Spectators that have had contact with a person with COVID-19 and haven’t quarantined for a minimum of 14 days, are asked to stay home and monitor their health.

If you feel sick with COVID-19 symptoms, we ask that you report this to a staff member immediately. You will then be entered into S&S Events protocol.

**Further Details & Questions**

Plan was based on CDC Guidelines.

Additional cleaning measures will be taking place during every event including sanitizing courts, game balls, benches, work tables and other common areas between morning and afternoon waves of play and between each match.

We will have additional staff at each event to ensure safety protocols are being followed to the CDC and state regulations and guidelines.

Any questions with regards to this plan should be addressed to: orlvb@aol.com

\*All guidelines are subject to change as local and state officials put out new procedures and guidance.