



**To: MIAA Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors**  
**From: Tara Bennett, MIAA Director of Communications**  
**Re: December 9, 2020 Revised MA EEA Guidelines**  
**Date: December 11, 2020**

The MA Energy and Environmental Affairs Office (EEA) provided today a revision to the recently released WORKPLACE SAFETY and REOPENING STANDARDS FOR BUSINESSES and OTHER ENTITIES PROVIDING YOUTH and ADULT AMATEUR SPORTS ACTIVITIES, Phase III Step 1 document. These updates go into effect December 13, 2020.

Here is a summary of the updates which should provide additional and needed clarity to our Membership:

➤ **Indoor Competition**

- Capacity limits is reduced to **40% of the maximum occupancy** for the indoor facility. The capacity limitation does include the presence of players, coaches, referees, facility workers. Spectators are limited to 2 adults/guardians and siblings of a participating player.
- No more than 25 players on any surface/playing area for team/group sports.
  - For Basketball, courts are not considered “larger playing surfaces” per EEA guidance. Therefore, no more than 25 total players or participants can be on a single court at any one time.
  - For Ice Hockey, the rink is considered a “larger playing surface” and permitted to have 50 total players or participants on the surface at one time but can never have more than 25 on one half of the ice, separated by 14 feet, at the same time.
- Spectators must adhere to six feet social distancing and wear face coverings.

➤ **Outdoor Competition**

- Capacity limits is reduced to no more than 50 people excluding players, coaches, referees or facility/activity workers for all communities.
- Spectators must adhere to six feet social distancing and wear face coverings.

**Additional clarifications** regarding guidance about participation if an athlete, coach or participant tests positive for COVID-19 and limits for total participants in Basketball and Ice Hockey may be found in the updated [MIAA Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Athletics in 2020-2021](#).

Below are links to the following informational documents:

[Updated EEA Guidelines – December 9, 2020](#)

[MIAA Frequently Asked Questions Document – Updated 12/11/20](#)

[Massachusetts Department of Public Health Guidance](#)

[MIAA COVID-19 Task Force Website](#)

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